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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### jersey

*n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

*synonym*: shirt, sweater, top

(1) **jersey** material, (2) fabric of the **jersey**

I always wear my favorite basketball player's **jersey** to the games.

### relative

*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

*synonym*: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

### cast

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

*synonym*: throw, project, select

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

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

### sightseeing

*n.* the activity of visiting places of interest in a particular location or region as a tourist, often by walking or taking

a guided tour

*synonym*: touring, visiting, exploring

(1) **sightseeing** tour, (2) **sightseeing** district

We went **sightseeing** in Paris and saw all the famous landmarks.

## sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

*synonym*: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

## downstairs

*adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

*synonym*: below

(1) creep **downstairs**, (2) escort him **downstairs**

Please get the desk **downstairs**.

## inn

n. a small hotel or lodging establishment typically located in a rural area, often serving food and drink as well as lodging

*synonym*: tavern, hostel, lodge

(1) **inn's** lounge, (2) seaside **inn**

We stayed at a cozy **inn** during our road trip.

## blackface

n. (considered offensive) a form of theatrical makeup used to portray a negative and stereotypical caricature of black people, often involving the use of darkening makeup on the face

*synonym*: dark makeup, minstrelsy, blacking

(1) **blackface** makeup, (2) **blackface** performance

The use of **blackface** in entertainment is widely regarded as offensive and inappropriate.

## confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality  
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## introduction

*n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

*synonym*: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

## minstrel

*n.* historically, a medieval poet, musician, or performer who traveled from place to place, often entertaining audiences with music, song, and poetry; a performer or entertainer who performs traditional or folk music, storytelling, or other forms of performance art

*synonym*: balladeer, troubadour, bard

(1) **minstrel** show, (2) traveling **minstrel**

The king often hired a **minstrel** to entertain him and his court with music and stories.

## origin

*n.* the first existence or beginning of something

*synonym*: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

## incident

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

*synonym*: event, occurrence, accident

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

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

## cork

*n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper

*synonym*

: stopper, bung, plug

(1) **cork** a bottle, (2) **cork** flooring

She used a **cork** board to display her favorite photographs.

## exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

*synonym*: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

## tight

*adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

*synonym*: closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

## coil

v. to wind something in a spiral or helical shape; to create a coil or coil-like shape; to group or organize something closely together in a circular or spiral pattern

*synonym*: twist, wind, loop

(1) **coil** wire, (2) **coil** an arm

She carefully **coiled** the rope so that it wouldn't tangle.

## wig

n. a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume

*synonym*: hairpiece, toupee, hair system

(1) curly **wig**, (2) blonde **wig**

She decided to wear a pink **wig** to the costume party.

## typical

*adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

*synonym*: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

## parody

*n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

*synonym* : spoof, satire, lampoon

(1) **parody** imitation, (2) comedic **parody**

The movie was a **parody** of classic horror films.

## intersperse

*v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals

*synonym* : scatter, distribute, insert

(1) **intersperse** his speech, (2) **intersperse** exclamation marks

The author **interspersed** anecdotes throughout the book to break up the text and make it more engaging.

## stump

*v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

*synonym* : mix up

(1) the riddle **stumped** everybody, (2) we are **stumped** with the problem

He is **stumped** with the question.

## interlude

*n.* a period of time between two events or periods of activity, often marked by a pause or break; a brief entertainment or performance between two larger acts or events

*synonym* : interval, break, pause

(1) musical **interlude**, (2) brief **interlude**

The **interlude** between acts allowed the audience to stretch their legs and chat.

## skit

*n.* a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance

*synonym* : sketch, parody, routine

(1) comedy **skit**, (2) political **skit**

The comedy group performed a hilarious **skit** about life in quarantine.

## roster

*n.* a list of people's names, often who are available to do a job

*synonym*: listing, enrollment, registration

(1) **roster** index, (2) **roster** of cabinet

The club has notable celebrities on the **roster**.

## recurring

*adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly

*synonym*: periodic, constant, frequent

(1) **recurring** payments, (2) **recurring** decimals

A **recurring** back pain interfered with his concentration.

## interlocutor

*n.* a person who participates in a conversation or dialogue; a person who speaks or converses with another

*synonym*: mediator, negotiator, go-between

(1) speak with an **interlocutor**, (2) find an **interlocutor**

She was my **interlocutor**, facilitating the conversation between the two sides.

## emcee

*n.* (a short for MC, a master of ceremonies) who introduces speakers, performers, or entertainers and keeps the event moving smoothly; (verb) to act as the master of ceremonies or a host of an event, typically by introducing performers, speakers, or other participants and helping to keep the event organized and flowing smoothly

*synonym*: host, presenter, master of ceremonies

(1) talented **emcee**, (2) **emcee** a wedding

The radio show **emcee** interviewed the celebrity guest about their latest project

## clown

*n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences

*synonym*: jester, harlequin, comedian

(1) a **clown** act, (2) act as a **clown**

She dressed up as a Halloween **clown** with a rainbow wig and oversized red nose.

## slave

*n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

*synonym*: captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

## maternal

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child

*synonym*: motherly, maternalistic, maternal-like

(1) on the **maternal** side, (2) **maternal** care

She had a very **maternal** instinct towards her newborn baby.

## hypersexualized

*adj.* characterized by the excessive or exaggerated focus on or depiction of sexual activity, often for commercial or entertainment purposes

*synonym*: oversexualized, sexualized, eroticized

(1) **hypersexualized** culture, (2) **hypersexualized** marketing

The fashion industry has been criticized for **hypersexualized** women's bodies in advertisements.

## wench

*n.* (considered offensive and is generally not used in modern English) a young woman or girl, usually of low social status

*synonym*: girl, woman

(1) **wench** costume, (2) serving **wench**

The pirate ship had a **wench** who cooked meals for the crew and helped with the sails.

## arrogant

*adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

*synonym*: haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**  
He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

## dandy

*n.* a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good

*synonym*: fop, dapper, (adjective) excellent

(1) in a **dandy** manner, (2) fine and **dandy**  
He was a positive **dandy** and always dressed in the finest clothing.

## zip

*n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

*synonym*: fastener, postcode, slide

(1) **zip** code, (2) **zip** file  
She put her phone in the **zip** pocket of her backpack.

## brutal

*adj.* harsh or cruel

*synonym*: harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty  
The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

## antic

*adj.* ludicrously strange and unusual; playful or amusing

*synonym*: comical, whimsical, capricious

(1) **antic** disposition, (2) comedic **antic**  
The children's **antics** made everyone laugh.

## illiterate

*adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

*synonym*: unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**  
Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable



to read or write.

## superior

*adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others  
*synonym* : better, greater, exceptional

(1) **superior** performance, (2) provide **superior** customer service

The new smartphone model is **superior** to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

## simplicity

*n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

*synonym* : easiness, plainness, modesty

(1) a life of **simplicity**, (2) refined **simplicity**

He liked the car because of the **simplicity** of the design.

## buffoon

*n.* a foolish or clumsy person, especially one who amuses others by making funny faces or behaving in a silly way

*synonym* : clown, jester, fool

(1) **buffoon** comedian, (2) **buffoon** character

The court jester was a famous **buffoon** at the king's parties.

## capture

*v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

*synonym* : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

## imaginary

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

*synonym* : fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

## wildfire

*n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

*synonym* : blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**  
The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

## entertainment

*n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people  
*synonym*: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**  
The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

## applaud

*v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands  
*synonym*: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra  
I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

## humor

*n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body  
*synonym*: comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**  
My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

## entertain

*v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling  
*synonym*: amuse, delight, engage

(1) **entertain** a guest, (2) let me **entertain** you with music  
He refused to **entertain** our proposal.

## humanize

*v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans  
*synonym*: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room  
The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

## ridicule

*n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

*synonym*: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

## abolitionist

*n.* a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust

*synonym*: antislavery activist, emancipator, liberator

(1) slavery **abolitionist**, (2) women's rights **abolitionist**

Harriet Tubman was a well-known **abolitionist** who fought for the freedom of enslaved people.

## filthy

*adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene

*synonym*: dirty, grimy, soiled

(1) **filthy** streets, (2) **filthy** language

The hotel room was **filthy** with dirty sheets and stained carpets.

## scum

*n.* a layer of unwanted or unclean material that forms on the surface of a liquid or a solid, often containing dirt, oil, or other debris, also used figuratively to describe undesirable people or groups

*synonym*: dregs, slime, filth

(1) bathtub **scum**, (2) **scum** of the earth

The **scum** on the pond's surface made seeing the fish swimming below difficult.

## complexion

*n.* the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face

*synonym*: appearance, color, hue

(1) **complexion** cream, (2) dull **complexion**  
Her skincare routine paid off, as her **complexion** was glowing and healthy-looking.

## deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

*synonym*: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

## forge

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

*synonym*: create, build, establish

(1) **forge** an alliance, (2) **forge** iron

She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

## appropriate

*adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

*synonym*: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

## mask

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

*synonym*: disguise, camouflage, conceal

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

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

## mock

v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

*synonym*: gibe (or jibe), make fun of, laugh at

(1) **mock** his accent, (2) **mock** at his misfortune

It is impolite to **mock** fun of an international student's English mistakes.

## embrace

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

*synonym* : grasp, hold tightly, accept

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

The woods **embrace** the house.

## communal

*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

*synonym* : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

**Communal** elections were held in several European countries.

## instruction

*n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

*synonym* : education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

## routine

*n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

*synonym* : habit, custom, procedure

(1) **routine** business, (2) a built-in diagnostic **routine**

She studies gardening on a **routine** basis.

## costume

*n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

*synonym* : attire, garb, outfit

(1) **costume** party, (2) **costume** change

She wore a beautiful **costume** for the play.

## politician

*n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

*synonym* : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**  
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

## fraternal

*adj.* relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)

*synonym* : brotherly, congenial, biovular

(1) **fraternal** twins, (2) a **fraternal** association  
He recommended that they take out **fraternal** life insurance.

## tradition

*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

*synonym* : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**  
It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

## indelible

*adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot

*synonym* : enduring, lasting, unforgettable

(1) an **indelible** ink, (2) an **indelible** disgrace  
She left an **indelible** mark on our country's literature.

## imprint

*v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

*synonym* : impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory  
He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

## psyche

*n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit

*synonym* : mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

## racial

*adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

*synonym*: ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

## 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.

## circulate

*v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

*synonym*: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

## vaudeville

*n.* a type of variety show that was popular in the late 19th and early 20th century, featuring a mix of comedy, music, dance, and other forms of entertainment; often characterized by a series of short acts or sketches performed by different performers

*synonym*: variety show, burlesque, comedy

(1) **vaudeville** comedian, (2) classic **vaudeville**

The **vaudeville** show had the audience in stitches with its comedic acts.

## reinforcement

*n.* the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support

*synonym*: strengthening, support, underpinning

(1) social **reinforcement**, (2) **reinforcement** of beliefs

The wall was strengthened with the **reinforcement** of heavy steel beams.

## supremacy

*n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

*synonym*: dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

## inferiority

*n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

*synonym*: lower status, low self-esteem, inadequacy

(1) **inferiority** complex, (2) **inferiority** mindset

The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of **inferiority** about their work.

## headline

*n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

*synonym*: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

## haunt

*v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

*synonym*: stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

## survey

*n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

*synonym*: study, examination, poll



(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**  
That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

## conduct

*v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity  
*synonym*: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research  
Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

## 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.

## 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.

## slavery

*n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

*synonym*: bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

## segregation

*n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

*synonym*: isolation, separation, discrimination

(1) racial **segregation**, (2) **segregation** of power

**Segregation** based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.

## continually

*adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

*synonym*: repeatedly, frequently, constantly

(1) **continually** access information, (2) **continually** changing world

Her tongue runs on **continually**.

## reappear

*v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

*synonym*: come again, repeat, re-emerge

(1) **reappear** on the surface, (2) **reappear** throughout this book

Cancer has **reappeared** at the same site.

## echo

*n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

*synonym*: reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

## suffer

*v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

*synonym*: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

## grotesque

*adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

*synonym*: bizarre, deformed, monstrous

(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance

The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.

## **persistent**

*adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

*synonym* : tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

## **racism**

*n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

*synonym* : prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

## **prejudice**

*n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

*synonym* : bias, preconception, predisposition

(1) deep-rooted **prejudice**, (2) color **prejudice**

This community is free of social **prejudice**.

## **breed**

*v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

*synonym* : raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

## **infiltrate**

*v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

*synonym* : penetrate, sneak in, invade

(1) **infiltrate** the bloodstream, (2) **infiltrate** a community

The spy was able to **infiltrate** the enemy's headquarters

undetected.

## ingrained

*adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

*synonym*: inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

## subjugate

*v.* to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority

*synonym*: conquer, subdue, enslave

(1) **subjugate** the enemy, (2) **subjugate** my ego

The conqueror sought to **subjugate** the defeated country.

## embody

*v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

*synonym*: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

## perpetuate

*v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time

*synonym*: eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

## continuum

*n.* a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts

*synonym*: continuation, continuity

(1) a space-time **continuum**, (2) the **continuum** of events

Our life is a **continuum** of experience in which events pass from the future through the present to the past.

## aggression

*n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior

*synonym*: hostility, assertiveness, antagonism

(1) **aggression** by a hostile country, (2) naked **aggression**  
The dog's **aggression** made it difficult for its owners to take it for a walk.

## psychic

*adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes

*synonym*: intuitive, clairvoyant, extrasensory

(1) **psychic** intuition, (2) **psychic** reading

She claimed to have **psychic** powers and could predict the future.

## 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**.

## heal

*v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again

*synonym*: recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind

It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

## impersonation

*n.* the act of deliberately imitating or pretending to be someone else, often for comedic or deceptive purposes

*synonym*: imitation, caricature, portrayal

(1) criminal **impersonation**, (2) **impersonation** act

His **impersonation** of the popular actor at the party was spot-on.

## 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?

## representation

*n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons

made in appealing or protesting

*synonym*: delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

## develop

*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

## expansive

*adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

*synonym*: large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

## narrative

*n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

*synonym*: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

## complexity

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

*synonym*: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

## recognize

*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

*synonym* : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

## symbol

*n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

*synonym* : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

## reinforce

*v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

*synonym* : strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

## racist

*adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

*synonym* : discriminatory, prejudiced, bigoted

(1) far-right **racist**, (2) **racist** attitudes

The **racist** comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

## ideology

*n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

*synonym* : credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**

Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

## 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.

## bias

*n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

*synonym*: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

## responsible

*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

*synonym*: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

## dismantle

*v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

*synonym*: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

## oppress

*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym*: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force  
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.



## humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

*synonym*: shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. act as a cl__n                | <i>n.</i> a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences                         |
| 2. ha__t my conscience           | <i>v.</i> to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent                         |
| 3. sn__k out of danger           | <i>v.</i> to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily   |
| 4. research on anti-ra___m       | <i>n.</i> prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized |
| 5. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand   |
| 6. h__l the hurt mind            | <i>v.</i> to make a wound or injury to become well again  |
| 7. comedic pa___y                | <i>n.</i> a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work  |
| 8. institution of sl_____y       | <i>n.</i> the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work   |

ANSWERS: 1. clown, 2. haunt, 3. sneak, 4. racism, 5. confuse, 6. heal, 7. parody, 8. slavery

9. ha\_\_t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
10. re\_\_\_e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
11. the id\_\_\_\_gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
12. racial or\_\_\_n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
13. c\_\_t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
14. ps\_\_\_\_c intuition *adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes
15. slavery abo\_\_\_\_ist *n.* a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust
16. in a da\_\_y manner *n.* a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good
17. a fr\_\_\_\_al association *adj.* relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)

ANSWERS: 9. haunt, 10. refuse, 11. ideology, 12. origin, 13. cast, 14. psychic, 15. abolitionist, 16. dandy, 17. fraternal

18. m\_\_k at his misfortune      *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
19. vitreous hu\_\_r      *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
20. fi\_\_\_y streets      *adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
21. grow ar\_\_\_\_\_nt      *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
22. ro\_\_\_r index      *n.* a list of people's names, often who are available to do a job
23. de\_\_\_\_\_p a strategy      *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
24. creep dow\_\_\_\_\_rs      *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
25. ri\_\_\_\_\_le at his expense      *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
26. on the ma\_\_\_\_\_al side      *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child

ANSWERS: 18. mock, 19. humor, 20. filthy, 21. arrogant, 22. roster, 23. develop, 24. downstairs, 25. ridicule, 26. maternal

27. fabric of the je\_\_\_y *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
28. na\_\_\_\_\_ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
29. di\_\_\_\_\_le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
30. student on a ti\_\_t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
31. per\_\_\_\_\_nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
32. sardonic hu\_\_r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
33. follow his ins\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
34. ra\_\_\_l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
35. 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
36. the riddle st\_\_ped everybody *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

ANSWERS: 27. jersey, 28. narrative, 29. dismantle, 30. tight, 31. persistent, 32. humor, 33. instruction, 34. racial, 35. stereotype, 36. stump

37. serving we\_\_h *n.* (considered offensive and is generally not used in modern English) a young woman or girl, usually of low social status
38. provide su\_\_\_\_or customer service *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
39. a sl\_\_e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
40. re\_\_\_\_ar on the surface *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
41. re\_\_\_\_ng payments *adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
42. h\_\_l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
43. traveling mi\_\_\_\_el *n.* historically, a medieval poet, musician, or performer who traveled from place to place, often entertaining audiences with music, song, and poetry; a performer or entertainer who performs traditional or folk music, storytelling, or other forms of performance art
44. gr\_\_\_\_ue appearance *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
45. c\_\_t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

ANSWERS: 37. wench, 38. superior, 39. slave, 40. reappear, 41. recurring, 42. heal, 43. minstrel, 44. grotesque, 45. cast

46. 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
47. fo\_\_e iron *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
48. ap\_\_\_\_d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
49. sound e\_\_o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
50. com\_\_\_\_\_on cream *n.* the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face
51. 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
52. with an ex\_\_\_\_\_ve spirit *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
53. z\_p file *n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

ANSWERS: 46. appeal, 47. forge, 48. applaud, 49. echo, 50. complexion, 51. stereotype, 52. expansive, 53. zip

54. ra\_\_\_t attitudes *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
55. re\_\_\_\_\_ng decimals *adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
56. have a b\_\_s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
57. hyp\_\_\_\_\_zed marketing *adj.* characterized by the excessive or exaggerated focus on or depiction of sexual activity, often for commercial or entertainment purposes
58. a corrupt pol\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
59. co\_\_\_\_\_e change *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
60. su\_\_\_\_\_or performance *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
61. an app\_\_\_\_\_te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
62. res\_\_\_\_\_le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
63. int\_\_\_\_\_se exclamation marks *v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals

ANSWERS: 54. racist, 55. recurring, 56. bias, 57. hypersexualized, 58. politician, 59. costume, 60. superior, 61. appropriate, 62. responsible, 63. intersperse



64. far-right ra\_\_\_t *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
65. i\_n's lounge *n.* a small hotel or lodging establishment typically located in a rural area, often serving food and drink as well as lodging
66. deep ps\_\_\_e *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
67. banner he\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
68. comedy s\_\_t *n.* a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance
69. con\_\_\_\_\_ly access information *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
70. re\_\_\_e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
71. a ti\_\_t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
72. color pr\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
73. sig\_\_\_\_\_ng tour *n.* the activity of visiting places of interest in a particular location or region as a tourist, often by walking or taking a guided tour

ANSWERS: 64. racist, 65. inn, 66. psyche, 67. headline, 68. skit, 69. continually, 70. refuse, 71. tight, 72. prejudice, 73. sightseeing

74. im\_\_\_\_t a memory      *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
75. he\_\_\_\_ne article      *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
76. the e\_\_o of a person's footsteps      *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
77. comedic an\_\_c      *adj.* ludicrously strange and unusual; playful or amusing
78. int\_\_\_\_se his speech      *v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
79. em\_\_e a wedding      *n.* (a short for MC, a master of ceremonies) who introduces speakers, performers, or entertainers and keeps the event moving smoothly; (verb) to act as the master of ceremonies or a host of an event, typically by introducing performers, speakers, or other participants and helping to keep the event organized and flowing smoothly
80. inf\_\_\_\_ty mindset      *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

ANSWERS: 74. imprint, 75. headline, 76. echo, 77. antic, 78. intersperse, 79. emcee, 80. inferiority

81. 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
82. fairly ty\_\_\_\_\_l symptoms      *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
83. z\_p code      *n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently
84. brief in\_\_\_\_\_de      *n.* a period of time between two events or periods of activity, often marked by a pause or break; a brief entertainment or performance between two larger acts or events
85. di\_\_\_\_\_le a system      *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
86. as\_\_\_s a tax of 10 pounds      *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
87. deep-rooted pr\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

ANSWERS: 81. impersonate, 82. typical, 83. zip, 84. interlude, 85. dismantle, 86. assess, 87. prejudice

88. c\_\_l wire *v.* to wind something in a spiral or helical shape; to create a coil or coil-like shape; to group or organize something closely together in a circular or spiral pattern
89. naked agg\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior
90. fr\_\_\_\_\_al twins *adj.* relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)
91. as\_\_\_s the quality *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
92. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
93. sy\_\_\_l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
94. a comprehensive su\_\_\_y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
95. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
96. ps\_\_\_\_\_c reading *adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes
97. je\_\_\_y material *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
98. refined sim\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

ANSWERS: 88. coil, 89. aggression, 90. fraternal, 91. assess, 92. complexity, 93. symbol, 94. survey, 95. complexity, 96. psychic, 97. jersey, 98. simplicity

99. c\_\_k flooring *n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
100. op\_\_\_\_\_s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
101. ill\_\_\_\_\_te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
102. personal na\_\_\_\_\_ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
103. seg\_\_\_\_\_on of power *n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
104. the co\_\_\_\_\_um of events *n.* a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts
105. women's rights abo\_\_\_\_\_ist *n.* a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust
106. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion act *n.* the act of deliberately imitating or pretending to be someone else, often for comedic or deceptive purposes

ANSWERS: 99. cork, 100. oppress, 101. illiterate, 102. narrative, 103. segregation, 104. continuum, 105. abolitionist, 106. impersonation

107. re\_\_\_\_\_ze achievement      *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
108. rei\_\_\_\_\_ent of beliefs      *n.* the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support
109. have gr\_\_\_\_\_ue design      *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
110. co\_\_\_\_\_nt a global warming      *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
111. sl\_\_\_\_\_y labor      *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
112. inf\_\_\_\_\_te a community      *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
113. vau\_\_\_\_\_le comedian      *n.* a type of variety show that was popular in the late 19th and early 20th century, featuring a mix of comedy, music, dance, and other forms of entertainment; often characterized by a series of short acts or sketches performed by different performers
114. a race for su\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

ANSWERS: 107. recognize, 108. reinforcement, 109. grotesque, 110. confront, 111. slavery, 112. infiltrate, 113. vaudeville, 114. supremacy

115. em\_\_\_\_\_e an opportunity      *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
116. political id\_\_\_\_\_gy      *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
117. in\_\_\_\_\_ed prejudice      *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
118. su\_\_\_\_\_cy of a country      *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
119. inf\_\_\_\_\_te the bloodstream      *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
120. app\_\_\_\_\_te behavior      *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
121. su\_\_\_\_\_te my ego      *v.* to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority
122. exa\_\_\_\_\_te in degree      *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
123. ps\_\_\_e healing      *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
124. fo\_\_e an alliance      *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 115. embrace, 116. ideology, 117. ingrained, 118. supremacy, 119. infiltrate, 120. appropriate, 121. subjugate, 122. exaggerate, 123. psyche, 124. forge

125. criminal imp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of deliberately imitating or pretending to be someone else, often for comedic or deceptive purposes
126. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
127. hu\_\_\_\_\_ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
128. agg\_\_\_\_\_on by a hostile country *n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior
129. against tr\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
130. su\_\_\_\_r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
131. public ri\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
132. social rei\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support
133. sy\_\_\_\_l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 125. impersonation, 126. expansive, 127. humanize, 128. aggression, 129. tradition, 130. suffer, 131. ridicule, 132. reinforcement, 133. symbol



134. DNA im\_\_\_\_t
- v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
135. br\_\_\_l honesty
- adj.* harsh or cruel
136. c\_\_\_l an arm
- v. to wind something in a spiral or helical shape; to create a coil or coil-like shape; to group or organize something closely together in a circular or spiral pattern
137. mi\_\_\_\_\_el show
- n.* historically, a medieval poet, musician, or performer who traveled from place to place, often entertaining audiences with music, song, and poetry; a performer or entertainer who performs traditional or folk music, storytelling, or other forms of performance art
138. re\_\_\_\_\_ce the military
- v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
139. hu\_\_\_\_\_ze a room
- v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
140. arson-caused wi\_\_\_\_\_re
- n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

ANSWERS: 134. imprint, 135. brutal, 136. coil, 137. minstrel, 138. reinforce, 139. humanize, 140. wildfire

141. in\_\_\_\_\_ed habit *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
142. de\_\_\_\_\_p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
143. binary rep\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
144. self-int\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
145. speak with an int\_\_\_\_\_tor *n.* a person who participates in a conversation or dialogue; a person who speaks or converses with another
146. su\_\_\_\_\_te the enemy *v.* to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority
147. an oxygen m\_\_k *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
148. pa\_\_\_y imitation *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
149. im\_\_\_\_\_ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind

ANSWERS: 141. ingrained, 142. develop, 143. representation, 144. introduction, 145. interlocutor, 146. subjugate, 147. mask, 148. parody, 149. imaginary

150. op\_\_\_\_\_s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
151. co\_\_\_\_\_al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
152. classic vaue\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a type of variety show that was popular in the late 19th and early 20th century, featuring a mix of comedy, music, dance, and other forms of entertainment; often characterized by a series of short acts or sketches performed by different performers
153. a pol\_\_\_\_\_an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
154. m\_\_k body odor *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
155. a built-in diagnostic ro\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
156. ca\_\_\_\_\_e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
157. sig\_\_\_\_\_ng district *n.* the activity of visiting places of interest in a particular location or region as a tourist, often by walking or taking a guided tour
158. racial seg\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

ANSWERS: 150. oppress, 151. communal, 152. vaudeville, 153. politician, 154. mask, 155. routine, 156. capture, 157. sightseeing, 158. segregation

159. inf\_\_\_\_\_ty complex *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
160. 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
161. security in\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
162. br\_\_\_d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
163. bl\_\_\_\_\_ce makeup *n.* (considered offensive) a form of theatrical makeup used to portray a negative and stereotypical caricature of black people, often involving the use of darkening makeup on the face
164. per\_\_\_\_\_te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
165. co\_\_\_\_\_t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
166. m\_\_\_k his accent *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
167. em\_\_\_y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
168. co\_\_\_\_\_e party *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

ANSWERS: 159. inferiority, 160. appeal, 161. incident, 162. breed, 163. blackface, 164. perpetuate, 165. conduct, 166. mock, 167. embody, 168. costume

169. bathtub s\_\_m *n.* a layer of unwanted or unclean material that forms on the surface of a liquid or a solid, often containing dirt, oil, or other debris, also used figuratively to describe undesirable people or groups
170. systemic ra\_\_\_m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
171. co\_\_\_\_\_t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
172. ma\_\_\_\_\_al care *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child
173. a tr\_\_\_\_\_on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
174. int\_\_\_\_\_ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
175. seaside i\_n *n.* a small hotel or lodging establishment typically located in a rural area, often serving food and drink as well as lodging
176. individual ins\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

ANSWERS: 169. scum, 170. racism, 171. conduct, 172. maternal, 173. tradition, 174. introduction, 175. inn, 176. instruction

177. blonde w\_g *n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
178. exa\_\_\_\_\_te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
179. recent su\_\_\_y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
180. talented em\_\_\_e *n.* (a short for MC, a master of ceremonies) who introduces speakers, performers, or entertainers and keeps the event moving smoothly; (verb) to act as the master of ceremonies or a host of an event, typically by introducing performers, speakers, or other participants and helping to keep the event organized and flowing smoothly
181. ci\_\_\_\_\_te a rumor *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
182. bu\_\_\_\_\_n character *n.* a foolish or clumsy person, especially one who amuses others by making funny faces or behaving in a silly way
183. bl\_\_\_\_\_ce performance *n.* (considered offensive) a form of theatrical makeup used to portray a negative and stereotypical caricature of black people, often involving the use of darkening makeup on the face

ANSWERS: 177. wig, 178. exaggerate, 179. survey, 180. emcee, 181. circulate, 182. buffoon, 183. blackface

184. br\_\_\_l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
185. s\_\_m of the earth *n.* a layer of unwanted or unclean material that forms on the surface of a liquid or a solid, often containing dirt, oil, or other debris, also used figuratively to describe undesirable people or groups
186. co\_\_\_\_\_al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
187. res\_\_\_\_\_le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
188. traffic in\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
189. sales rep\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
190. re\_\_\_\_\_ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
191. im\_\_\_\_\_ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
192. an in\_\_\_\_\_le disgrace *adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
193. fi\_\_\_y language *adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
194. ty\_\_\_\_\_l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 184. brutal, 185. scum, 186. communal, 187. responsible, 188. incident, 189. representation, 190. reinforce, 191. imaginary, 192. indelible, 193. filthy, 194. typical

195. c\_\_k a bottle *n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
196. computer-ill\_\_\_\_\_te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
197. an ar\_\_\_\_\_nt attitude *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
198. an\_\_c disposition *adj.* ludicrously strange and unusual; playful or amusing
199. su\_\_\_r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
200. a space-time co\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts
201. hu\_\_\_\_\_te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
202. musical in\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* a period of time between two events or periods of activity, often marked by a pause or break; a brief entertainment or performance between two larger acts or events
203. find an int\_\_\_\_\_tor *n.* a person who participates in a conversation or dialogue; a person who speaks or converses with another

ANSWERS: 195. cork, 196. illiterate, 197. arrogant, 198. antic, 199. suffer, 200. continuum, 201. humiliate, 202. interlude, 203. interlocutor





215. escort him dow\_\_\_\_\_rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
216. ci\_\_\_\_\_te an agenda before the meeting *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
217. ca\_\_\_\_\_e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
218. con\_\_\_\_\_ly changing world *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
219. en\_\_\_\_\_in a guest *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
220. let me en\_\_\_\_\_in you with music *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
221. per\_\_\_\_\_nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
222. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
223. fine and da\_\_y *n.* a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good
224. d\_\_y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
225. political s\_\_t *n.* a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance

ANSWERS: 215. downstairs, 216. circulate, 217. capture, 218. continually, 219. entertain, 220. entertain, 221. persistent, 222. confuse, 223. dandy, 224. deny, 225. skit

226. a sl\_\_e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
227. hu\_\_\_\_\_te the heckler in the audience *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
228. a remote re\_\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
229. sn\_\_k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
230. em\_\_\_y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
231. ra\_\_\_l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
232. br\_\_d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
233. Doppler sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
234. re\_\_\_\_\_ar throughout this book *v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time
235. we are st\_\_ped with the problem *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

ANSWERS: 226. slave, 227. humiliate, 228. relative, 229. sneak, 230. embody, 231. racial, 232. breed, 233. shift, 234. reappear, 235. stump

236. hour of ent\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
237. ro\_\_\_\_\_e business *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
238. wi\_\_\_\_\_re spread *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
239. a life of sim\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
240. re\_\_\_\_\_ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
241. ap\_\_\_\_\_d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
242. re\_\_\_\_\_ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
243. bu\_\_\_\_\_n comedian *n.* a foolish or clumsy person, especially one who amuses others by making funny faces or behaving in a silly way
244. an elegant ent\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
245. hyp\_\_\_\_\_zed culture *adj.* characterized by the excessive or exaggerated focus on or depiction of sexual activity, often for commercial or entertainment purposes

ANSWERS: 236. entertainment, 237. routine, 238. wildfire, 239. simplicity, 240. relative, 241. applaud, 242. recognize, 243. buffoon, 244. entertainment, 245. hypersexualized

246. imp\_\_\_\_\_te a government official     *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
247. curly w\_g     *n.*     a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
248. major paradigm sh\_\_t     *n.*     a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 246. impersonate, 247. wig, 248. shift

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He liked the car because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the design.  
*n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
2. She had a very \_\_\_\_\_ instinct towards her newborn baby.  
*adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child
3. A minor \_\_\_\_\_ conflict later led to a civil war.  
*adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
4. Her tongue runs on \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
5. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
6. Despite attending school, he remained \_\_\_\_\_ and unable to read or write.  
*adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
7. The charity event aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.  
*v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.  
*n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

ANSWERS: 1. simplicity, 2. maternal, 3. racial, 4. continually, 5. ideology, 6. illiterate, 7. humanize, 8. narrative

9. She carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the rope so that it wouldn't tangle.

- v.* to wind something in a spiral or helical shape; to create a coil or coil-like shape; to group or organize something closely together in a circular or spiral pattern

10. The \_\_\_\_\_ show had the audience in stitches with its comedic acts.

- n.* a type of variety show that was popular in the late 19th and early 20th century, featuring a mix of comedy, music, dance, and other forms of entertainment; often characterized by a series of short acts or sketches performed by different performers

11. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.

- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

12. He refused to \_\_\_\_\_ our proposal.

- v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling

13. The old building had to be \_\_\_\_\_ because it was structurally unsound.

- v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

14. The children's \_\_\_\_\_ made everyone laugh.

- adj.* ludicrously strange and unusual; playful or amusing

15. The company's new products \_\_\_\_\_ the values of innovation and sustainability.

- v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

16. This community is free of social \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

ANSWERS: 9. coiled, 10. vaudeville, 11. Communal, 12. entertain, 13. dismantled, 14. antics, 15. embody, 16. prejudice

17. The movie was a \_\_\_\_\_ of classic horror films.  
*n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.  
*n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
19. The wall was strengthened with the \_\_\_\_\_ of heavy steel beams.  
*n.* the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support
20. There are various hypotheses concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.  
*n.* the first existence or beginning of something
21. Our life is a \_\_\_\_\_ of experience in which events pass from the future through the present to the past.  
*n.* a series of similar items in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts
22. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
23. I always wear my favorite basketball player's \_\_\_\_\_ to the games.  
*n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
24. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.  
*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 17. parody, 18. politician, 19. reinforcement, 20. origin, 21. continuum, 22. relatives, 23. jersey, 24. tradition



25. She's a \_\_\_\_\_ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.  
*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
26. Police will \_\_\_\_\_ random breath testing for drunk driving.  
*v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
27. I was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the moment on film.  
*v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
28. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.  
*v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
29. The radio show \_\_\_\_\_ interviewed the celebrity guest about their latest project  
*n.* (a short for MC, a master of ceremonies) who introduces speakers, performers, or entertainers and keeps the event moving smoothly; (verb) to act as the master of ceremonies or a host of an event, typically by introducing performers, speakers, or other participants and helping to keep the event organized and flowing smoothly
30. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he thought he was always right.  
*adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
31. It would be \_\_\_\_\_ to dress nicely for the wedding.  
*adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

ANSWERS: 25. responsible, 26. conduct, 27. capture, 28. forge, 29. emcee, 30. arrogant, 31. appropriate

32. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

33. Our company needs to \_\_\_\_\_ the business impact of climate change.

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

34. The therapist helped her understand the workings of her \_\_\_\_\_ and how to cope with her anxiety.

*n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit

35. She studies gardening on a \_\_\_\_\_ basis.

*n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

36. 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

37. He finally decided to \_\_\_\_\_ problems directly.

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

38. The \_\_\_\_\_ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

*n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

39. It will take time for her mental scars to \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again

ANSWERS: 32. confused, 33. assess, 34. psyche, 35. routine, 36. stereotypes, 37. confront, 38. ridicule, 39. heal

40. She researched gender \_\_\_\_\_ in politics.

- n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

41. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the corruption.

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

42. This animal \_\_\_\_\_ in northern latitudes.

- v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

43. The comedy group performed a hilarious \_\_\_\_\_ about life in quarantine.

- n.* a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance

44. Despite the setbacks, he remained \_\_\_\_\_ in his pursuit of his dreams.

- adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

45. Cancer has \_\_\_\_\_ at the same site.

- v.* to show up again or return after not being heard of or seen for a period of time

46. We went \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris and saw all the famous landmarks.

- n.* the activity of visiting places of interest in a particular location or region as a tourist, often by walking or taking a guided tour

47. She claimed to have \_\_\_\_\_ powers and could predict the future.

- adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes

ANSWERS: 40. bias, 41. mask, 42. breeds, 43. skit, 44. persistent, 45. reappeared, 46. sightseeing, 47. psychic

48. My initial reaction was to \_\_\_\_\_.

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

49. He recommended that they take out \_\_\_\_\_ life insurance.

*adj.* relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)

50. The \_\_\_\_\_ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

*adj.* harsh or cruel

51. Her fear of dogs was \_\_\_\_\_ after a traumatic experience in childhood.

*adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

52. The use of \_\_\_\_\_ in entertainment is widely regarded as offensive and inappropriate.

*n.* (considered offensive) a form of theatrical makeup used to portray a negative and stereotypical caricature of black people, often involving the use of darkening makeup on the face

53. The new smartphone model is \_\_\_\_\_ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

*adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

54. His \_\_\_\_\_ of the popular actor at the party was spot-on.

*n.* the act of deliberately imitating or pretending to be someone else, often for comedic or deceptive purposes

55. The court jester was a famous \_\_\_\_\_ at the king's parties.

*n.* a foolish or clumsy person, especially one who amuses others by making funny faces or behaving in a silly way

ANSWERS: 48. refuse, 49. fraternal, 50. brutal, 51. ingrained, 52. blackface, 53. superior, 54. impersonation, 55. buffoon

56. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.  
*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
57. The king often hired a \_\_\_\_\_ to entertain him and his court with music and stories.  
*n.* historically, a medieval poet, musician, or performer who traveled from place to place, often entertaining audiences with music, song, and poetry; a performer or entertainer who performs traditional or folk music, storytelling, or other forms of performance art
58. It is impolite to \_\_\_\_\_ fun of an international student's English mistakes.  
*v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
59. She wore a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ for the play.  
*n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
60. I enthusiastically \_\_\_\_\_ my rival's achievement.  
*v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
61. The \_\_\_\_\_ sculpture made me feel uneasy.  
*adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
62. The author \_\_\_\_\_ anecdotes throughout the book to break up the text and make it more engaging.  
*v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
63. \_\_\_\_\_ based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.  
*n.* the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

ANSWERS: 56. complexity, 57. minstrel, 58. mock, 59. costume, 60. applaud, 61. grotesque, 62. interspersed, 63. Segregation

64. Could you help me \_\_\_\_\_ some furniture?

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

65. The boss \_\_\_\_\_ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

*v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

66. Historically, many countries have often \_\_\_\_\_ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

67. This accident \_\_\_\_\_ a dark shadow over their lives.

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

68. The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ about their work.

*n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

69. The \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

*n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

70. This artwork is \_\_\_\_\_ of her work.

*adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

71. The fan \_\_\_\_\_ the air in the room quickly.

*v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

ANSWERS: 64. shift, 65. humiliated, 66. oppressed, 67. cast, 68. inferiority, 69. wildfire, 70. typical, 71. circulates

72. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
73. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
74. 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
75. The children tried to \_\_\_\_\_ out and eat the candy.
- v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
76. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
77. The empire's military power ensured its \_\_\_\_\_ over the neighboring states.
- n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
78. The abolition of \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.
- n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

ANSWERS: 72. recognize, 73. introduction, 74. impersonate, 75. sneak, 76. develop, 77. supremacy, 78. slavery

79. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

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

80. The \_\_\_\_\_ comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

*adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

81. She used a \_\_\_\_\_ board to display her favorite photographs.

*n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper

82. The pirate ship had a \_\_\_\_\_ who cooked meals for the crew and helped with the sails.

*n.* (considered offensive and is generally not used in modern English) a young woman or girl, usually of low social status

83. He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ his brand logo on the product.

*v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

84. That \_\_\_\_\_ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

*n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 79. incident, 80. racist, 81. cork, 82. wench, 83. imprint, 84. survey



85. She \_\_\_\_\_ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.
- v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
86. We should \_\_\_\_\_ the troops at the front line.
- v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
87. Harriet Tubman was a well-known \_\_\_\_\_ who fought for the freedom of enslaved people.
- n.* a person who advocates for the abolition (the act of doing away with something) of slavery or some other practice considered unjust
88. The older man \_\_\_\_\_ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
89. The hotel room was \_\_\_\_\_ with dirty sheets and stained carpets.
- adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
90. She dressed up as a Halloween \_\_\_\_\_ with a rainbow wig and oversized red nose.
- n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
91. My wife seems to be in ill \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
92. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the \_\_\_\_\_ present in the community.
- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

ANSWERS: 85. exaggerated, 86. reinforce, 87. abolitionist, 88. suffers, 89. filthy, 90.

clown, 91. humor, 92. racism

93. The fashion industry has been criticized for \_\_\_\_\_ women's bodies in advertisements.

*adj.* characterized by the excessive or exaggerated focus on or depiction of sexual activity, often for commercial or entertainment purposes

94. She put her phone in the \_\_\_\_ pocket of her backpack.

*n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

95. The conqueror sought to \_\_\_\_\_ the defeated country.

*v.* to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority

96. 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

97. The spy was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy's headquarters undetected.

*v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

98. We stayed at a cozy \_\_\_\_ during our road trip.

*n.* a small hotel or lodging establishment typically located in a rural area, often serving food and drink as well as lodging

99. Little children tend to have \_\_\_\_\_ friends.

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

ANSWERS: 93. hypersexualized, 94. zip, 95. subjugate, 96. appeal, 97. infiltrate, 98. inn, 99. imaginary

100. He was a positive \_\_\_\_\_ and always dressed in the finest clothing.  
*n.* a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good
101. The engagement of the two golf players became \_\_\_\_\_ news.  
*n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
102. Her skincare routine paid off, as her \_\_\_\_\_ was glowing and healthy-looking.  
*n.* the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face
103. A \_\_\_\_\_ back pain interfered with his concentration.  
*adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
104. A thunderous boom \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the valley.  
*n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
105. The woods \_\_\_\_\_ the house.  
*v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
106. They needed further \_\_\_\_\_ to perform their duties efficiently.  
*n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
107. Please get the desk \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
108. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to \_\_\_\_\_ the performer long after the show ended.  
*v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

ANSWERS: 100. dandy, 101. headline, 102. complexion, 103. recurring, 104. echoed, 105. embrace, 106. instruction, 107. downstairs, 108. haunt

109. He is \_\_\_\_\_ with the question.

- v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

110. The dog's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for its owners to take it for a walk.

- n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior

111. He is still \_\_\_\_\_ stealing the money from the cash register.

- v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

112. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

113. The hotel is famous for its \_\_\_\_\_ including the casino.

- n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

114. She left an \_\_\_\_\_ mark on our country's literature.

- adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot

115. The club has notable celebrities on the \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a list of people's names, often who are available to do a job

116. The dragon is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ of bravery.

- n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

117. That work \_\_\_\_\_ his fame.

- v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time

ANSWERS: 109. stumped, 110. aggression, 111. denying, 112. representation, 113. entertainment, 114. indelible, 115. roster, 116. symbol, 117. perpetuates

118. The \_\_\_\_\_ between acts allowed the audience to stretch their legs and chat.
- n.* a period of time between two events or periods of activity, often marked by a pause or break; a brief entertainment or performance between two larger acts or events
119. You should work hard but not be a \_\_\_\_\_ to it.
- n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
120. She was my \_\_\_\_\_ facilitating the conversation between the two sides.
- n.* a person who participates in a conversation or dialogue; a person who speaks or converses with another
121. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the pond's surface made seeing the fish swimming below difficult.
- n.* a layer of unwanted or unclean material that forms on the surface of a liquid or a solid, often containing dirt, oil, or other debris, also used figuratively to describe undesirable people or groups
122. The company has an \_\_\_\_\_ network of offices and locations around the world.
- adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
123. She decided to wear a pink \_\_\_\_\_ to the costume party.
- n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
124. The national election was held amid \_\_\_\_\_ security.
- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

ANSWERS: 118. interlude, 119. slave, 120. interlocutor, 121. scum, 122. expansive, 123. wig, 124. tight

ANSWERS: