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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### democracy

*n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

*synonym*: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

**Democracy** often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

### nowadays

*adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

*synonym*: currently, presently, today

(1) young people **nowadays**, (2) not to be seen **nowadays**

People can clone a sheep **nowadays**.

### division

*n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

*synonym*: branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

### downplay

*v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something

*synonym*: minimize, downsize, play down

(1) **downplay** my ability, (2) **downplay** mistakes

The company tried to **downplay** the significance of the issue.

## encourage

*v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

*synonym* : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

## assault

*n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

*synonym* : assault, attack, raid

(1) **assault** aircraft, (2) victim of sexual **assault**

We got caught up in an **assault** case.

## overturn

*v.* to turn something upside down; to upset

*synonym* : flip over, upset, topple

(1) **overturn** a decision, (2) **overturn** a table

The court **overturned** the original verdict.

## elect

*v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

*synonym* : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

## bunch

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

*synonym* : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

## retreat

*n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

*synonym* : escape, withdrawal, vacation

(1) **retreat** deeper into their territory, (2) **retreat** in a mountain region

Many people go on a **retreat** to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

## process

*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

## ballot

*n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election

*synonym* : vote, poll, election

(1) the final **ballot**, (2) **ballot** booth

The **ballot** for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.

## legislative

*adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature

*synonym* : legislative, parliamentary, statutory

(1) **legislative** process, (2) **legislative** power

The **legislative** branch of government creates and passes laws.

## debate

*n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

*synonym* : argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic

in politics.

## judicial

*adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment  
*synonym* : legal, juridical, judicatory

(1) **judicial** review, (2) **judicial** police

The **judicial** system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

## worrisome

*adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm

*synonym* : concerning, troubling, bothersome

(1) **worrisome** issue, (2) **worrisome** development

The **worrisome** news about the impending storm caused many people to evacuate.

## old-fashioned

*adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern

*synonym* : antiquated, ancient, outdated

(1) an **old-fashioned** person, (2) **old-fashioned** in appearance

My father is **old-fashioned** in his thinking.

## government

*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

*synonym* : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

## 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.

## liberty

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

*synonym* : freedom, autonomy, independence

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

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

## overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym* : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## disparity

*n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

*synonym* : difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

## wealth

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

*synonym* : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

## unfair

*adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

*synonym* : wrongful, biased, dishonest

(1) **unfair** employment practices, (2) have an **unfair** advantage

In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making **unfair** decisions.

## nation

*n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

*synonym* : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

## commitment

*n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

*synonym* : burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

## economy

*n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

*synonym* : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

## evident

*adj.* apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment

*synonym* : apparent, noticeable, obvious

(1) **evident** to all, (2) plainly **evident**

With **evident** joy, he signed his name.

## deserve

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

*synonym* : merit, earn, justify

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

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

## pursue

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

*synonym* : seek, hunt, chase

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

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

## settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

*synonym* : inhabit, occupy, decide

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

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

## suppose

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

*synonym* : guess, assume, presume

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

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

## grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

*synonym* : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

## patriot

n. a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

*synonym* : nationalist, loyalist

(1) blind **patriot**, (2) zealous **patriot**

He is more of a hypocrite than a **patriot**, to be honest.

## grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

## 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**.

### overcrowded

*adj.* containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable

*synonym*: packed, congested, jammed

(1) **overcrowded** refugee camp, (2) **overcrowded** with passengers

The school district is facing a problem with **overcrowded** classrooms.

### underresourced

*adj.* lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission

*synonym*: underfunded, deprived, resource-poor

(1) **underresourced** community, (2) **underresourced** nonprofits

The **underresourced** school needed help to provide basic supplies for its students.

### violent

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

*synonym*: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

### permit

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

*synonym*: allow, authorize, concede

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

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



## temporary

*adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long

*synonym* : provisional, short-term, interim

(1) a **temporary** permit, (2) **temporary** housing

He managed to get **temporary** jobs during the recession.

## refugee

*n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

*synonym* : emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

## preparation

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

*synonym* : practice, trial, rehearsal

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

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

## faith

*n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

*synonym* : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

## religion

*n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

*synonym* : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

## civic

*adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

*synonym* : community, civic, communal

(1) **civic** activity, (2) **civic** center

The city promotes **civic** collaboration in community

## development

### lift

*v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

*synonym*: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

### circumstance

*n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

*synonym*: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

### 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.

### patriotism

*n.* love and loyalty to one's country

*synonym*: nationalism, loyalty, devotion

(1) the spirit of **patriotism**, (2) fanatic **patriotism**

His actions were a testament to his deep love and **patriotism** for his country.

### tricky

*adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

*synonym*: thorny, problematic, crafty

(1) **tricky** problem, (2) a **tricky** recipe to follow

We have discussed the entirety of this **tricky** problem.

### 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.

## lynch

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

*synonym*: hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

## military

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

*synonym*: armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

## uniform

*adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

*synonym*: livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**

This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

## laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

*synonym*: worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

## voter

*n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

*synonym*: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

## policy

*n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

*synonym*: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym*: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## alternative

*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

*synonym*: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

## startle

*v.* to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event

*synonym*: frighten, shock, surprise

(1) **startle** for a moment, (2) **startle** the world

The loud bang outside the window caused him to **startle** and spill his coffee.

## 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.

## attribute

*v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

*synonym* : ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

## preppy

*n.* a person, often young and affluent, who adopts or represents a fashion style associated with the culture of the northeastern United States; a fashion style characterized by conservative and classic clothing often associated with upscale or Ivy League school attire

(1) **preppy** style, (2) private **preppy** school

Polo shirts and penny loafers characterize the **preppy** look.

## patriotic

*adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare

*synonym* : loyal, chauvinistic, jingoistic

(1) **patriotic** duty, (2) **patriotic** fervor

He was wearing a **patriotic** T-shirt with the American flag on it.

## strike

*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

*synonym* : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

## absurd

*adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

*synonym* : ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

## lapel

*n.* the flat or folded part of the collar on a suit coat or other jacket that is turned back against the neck; a similar broad part of a garment, typically one that is not turned up

*synonym* : collar, label, badge

(1) vintage **lapel**, (2) **lapel** microphone

He adjusted the pin on his **lapel** before giving his speech.

## flyover

*n.* a region or area of a country that is often flown over by planes and not typically visited or considered by travelers; a flight that passes over a specific area without stopping

*synonym* : overpass, bridge, flypast

(1) **flyover** zone, (2) **flyover** construction

The city's new **flyover** allows traffic to bypass the busy intersection below.

## argument

*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

*synonym* : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

## aspiration

*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

*synonym* : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

## geography

*n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

*synonym*: landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

## define

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

*synonym*: characterize, depict, express

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

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

## struggle

*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

*synonym*: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## magnet

*n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel

*synonym*: magnetite, lodestone, attracting substance

(1) **magnet** attraction, (2) permanent **magnet**

The MRI machine uses **magnets** to produce images of the body's internal organs.

## talent

*n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

*synonym*: endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

## countless

*adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many

*synonym*: innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

## background

*n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

*synonym*: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

## flaw

*n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

*synonym*: defect, fault, imperfection

(1) a minor **flaw**, (2) the **flaw** in the legislation

Even the slightest design **flaw** in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

## conscience

*n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior

*synonym*: morality, ethics, scruples

(1) inner **conscience**, (2) guilty **conscience**

He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his **conscience**, even if it meant losing the job.

## context

*n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

*synonym*: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**



It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

## cage

*n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

*synonym*: enclosure, jail, corral

(1) an insect **cage**, (2) a bird in a **cage**

The trapped bear is running amok in its **cage**.

## discourage

*v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

*synonym*: dishearten, depress, demoralize

(1) **discourage** customers, (2) **discourage** bacterial growth

His parents tried to **discourage** him from becoming an artist.

## sanctuary

*n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse

*synonym*: refuge, safety, haven

(1) an animal **sanctuary**, (2) violate a **sanctuary**

The church offered **sanctuary** to refugees fleeing from war-torn countries.

## bullet

*n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

*synonym*: projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

## worship

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

*synonym*: adore, idolize

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

They traditionally **worship** their guru.

## nightclub

*n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

*synonym*: discotheque, club, dance hall

(1) **nightclub** entertainment, (2) **nightclub** music  
They decided to go to the **nightclub** to dance the night away.

## grocery

*n.* a shop that sells food and other household items  
*synonym*: foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**  
I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

## slogan

*n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea  
*synonym*: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**  
The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

## lobby

*n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation  
*synonym*: entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**  
That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

## innocent

*adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge  
*synonym*: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people  
My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

## unarmed

*adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons  
*synonym*: defenseless, vulnerable, helpless

(1) **unarmed** combat, (2) **unarmed** robbery

The **unarmed** protesters marched peacefully through the streets.

## unaccountable

*adj.* not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior

*synonym*: unexplainable, inexplicable, mysterious

(1) **unaccountable** behavior, (2) **unaccountable** decision

The **unaccountable** disappearance of funds led to an investigation.

## consistent

*adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

*synonym*: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

## shrug

*v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

(1) **shrug** off the importance, (2) **shrug** his shoulders sadly

I respect her ability to **shrug** off harsh criticism.

## ceremony

*n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

*synonym*: ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

## sanctimonious

*adj.* characterized by excessive or hypocritical holiness or righteousness, often to show off one's supposed moral superiority

*synonym*: hypocritical, pharisaical, insincere

(1) **sanctimonious** attitude, (2) **sanctimonious** speech

She accused her boss of being a **sanctimonious** hypocrite.

## inconvenient

*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

*synonym*: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

## advantage

*n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

*synonym*: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

## compel

*v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

*synonym*: force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

## compassionate

*adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

*synonym*: empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

## vulnerable

*adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

*synonym*: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

## despise

*v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

*synonym*: hate, loathe, detest

(1) **despise** a particular food, (2) secretly **despise** I **despise** injustice and those who perpetrate it.

## immigration

*n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country

*synonym*: migration, settlement, emigration

(1) **immigration** control, (2) **immigration** application

The **immigration** policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.

## hyperpartisanship

*n.* a state of extreme or excessive loyalty and support for a particular political party or ideology, often to the extent that it becomes difficult to engage in constructive dialogue or compromise with those who hold different views

*synonym*: polarization, partisanship, factionalism

(1) **hyperpartisanship** politics, (2) **hyperpartisanship** on democracy

The media's sensationalism has fueled **hyperpartisanship** in recent years.

## willingness

*n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something

*synonym*: readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to change

Her **willingness** to help others earned her many friends.

## compromise

*v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

*synonym*: agree, settle, negotiate

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

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

## obligation

*n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

*synonym*: burden, commitment, debt

(1) a deep **obligation**, (2) pay an **obligation**

You are under no **obligation** to finish the job.

## cynicism

*n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

*synonym*: distrust, skepticism, pessimism

(1) **cynicism** towards politics, (2) intellectual **cynicism**

His constant **cynicism** made it difficult for him to connect with others.

## crisis

*n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

*synonym*: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

## accompany

*v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

*synonym*: follow, escort, attend

(1) **accompany** a chicken dish, (2) **accompany** the book

Please let me know if you want to **accompany** me to my hometown.

## flood

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

*synonym*: deluge, downpour, overflow

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

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

## flee

*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

*synonym*: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

## overwhelm

*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

*synonym*: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

## president

*n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

*synonym*: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

## temporarily

*adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently

*synonym*: for a time

(1) a hut made **temporarily**, (2) **temporarily** suspend the production

Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size **temporarily**.

## shelter

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

*synonym*: refuge, hideout, lair

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

They need food and **shelter**.

## commonwealth

*n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power

*synonym*: federation, union, republic

(1) the **commonwealth** of learning, (2) **commonwealth** authority

The **Commonwealth** of Nations is an association of 54 countries, mostly former territories of the British Empire.

## unspeakable

*adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about  
*synonym* : unspeakably horrible, indescribable, unutterable

(1) **unspeakable** crime, (2) **unspeakable** pain

The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the **unspeakable** horror of the experience.

## desperate

*adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

*synonym* : anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

## rescue

*v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

*synonym* : save, extricate, retrieve

(1) **rescue** a dying dog, (2) **rescue** a company from bankruptcy

The fire department arrived just in time to **rescue** the family from the burning building.

## famine

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

*synonym* : hunger, starvation, drought

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

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

## persecution

*n.* the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief

*synonym* : oppression, discrimination, harassment

(1) **persecution** of minorities, (2) suffer **persecution**

The religious minority faced **persecution** from the dominant group.

## genocide

*n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation



*synonym* : mass murder, extermination, annihilation

(1) **genocide** victims, (2) **genocide** resolution

The international community condemned the **genocide** in the country.

## earthquake

*n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

*synonym* : seismic activity, tremor, temblor

(1) an **earthquake** zone, (2) an **earthquake-proof**

The violent **earthquake** caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

## hurricane

*n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

*synonym* : cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

## blight

*v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

*synonym* : devastate, ruin, decimate

(1) **blight** his life, (2) **blight** a crop

The abandoned factory was **blighted** by vandalism and graffiti.

## reputation

*n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

*synonym* : fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

## separate

*v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

*synonym* : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

## administer

*v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

*synonym* : allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

## esteem

*n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone

*synonym* : respect, admiration, regard

(1) **esteem** for the other person, (2) boost my self- **esteem**

He is our loyal customer who should be held in high **esteem**.

## enhance

*v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

*synonym* : improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla

The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

## diminish

*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

*synonym* : decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

## naive

*adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

*synonym* : innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

## decision

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

*synonym*: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

## controversial

*adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

*synonym*: contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

## announce

*v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something

*synonym*: disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

## unusually

*adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected

*synonym*: exceptionally, remarkably, outstandingly

(1) **unusually** cheerful, (2) look **unusually** serious

The team's performance has been **unusually** poor this season.

## depot

*n.* a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys

*synonym*: warehouse, storage, station

(1) weapon **depot**, (2) food **depot**

The train **depot** was a hub for commuters and travelers.

## excuse

*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

*synonym* : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

## jean

*n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

*synonym* : denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

## flip

*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

*synonym* : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

## aisle

*n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

*synonym* : corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

## governor

*n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

*synonym* : administrator, executive, leader

(1) **governor** general, (2) a prefectural **governor**

The state **governor** visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

## encounter

*v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet,

especially unexpectedly

*synonym* : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

## checkout

*n.* the place in a store where customers pay for their purchases and receive a receipt; the process of paying for something and leaving a store or website

*synonym* : payment, billing, settlement

(1) self- **checkout**, (2) express **checkout**

The shopping trip ended with a long wait in the **checkout** line.

## mad

*adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

*synonym* : crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

## hostile

*adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed

*synonym* : unfriendly, aggressive, antagonistic

(1) take up a **hostile** attitude, (2) **hostile** environment

The **hostile** takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

## threaten

*v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

*synonym* : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

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

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

## disagree

*v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

*synonym* : discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a

plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

## immigrant

*n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

*synonym* : settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

## engage

*v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

*synonym* : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

## whisper

*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

*synonym* : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

## upside

*n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

*synonym* : advantage, benefit, top

(1) have no **upside**, (2) market **upside**

Many people see the **upside** of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

## backward

*adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

*synonym* : back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

## compassion

*n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

*synonym*: pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

## bless

*v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

*synonym*: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

## sideline

*n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

*synonym*: sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

## overcome

*v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

*synonym*: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

## generous

*adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

*synonym*: charitable, benevolent, giving

(1) a **generous** reward, (2) a **generous** and thoughtful

person

This teacher is **generous** in his grading.

## optimistic

*adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

*synonym* : hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

## decency

*n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards

*synonym* : morality, propriety, decorum

(1) an offense against **decency**, (2) **decency** standards

He always tried to act with **decency**, treating others with respect and kindness.

## survivor

*n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

*synonym* : subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**

The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

## domestic

*adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

*synonym* : endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

## abuse

*n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

*synonym* : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.



## professionalism

*n.* the quality or conduct characterized by a specialist in a particular field having a high degree of skill, knowledge, and good judgment; the standard or code of behavior expected from a professional

*synonym* : expertise, competence

(1) **professionalism** standards, (2) **professionalism** in the workplace

She showed great **professionalism** in the way she handled the difficult situation.

## presumption

*n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

*synonym* : assumption, arrogance, audacity

(1) **presumption** against forfeiture, (2) **presumption** of guilt

It is a common **presumption** that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

## proliferation

*n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively

*synonym* : spread, expansion, increase

(1) nuclear **proliferation**, (2) the **proliferation** of social media

The **proliferation** of fast-food restaurants has contributed to the obesity epidemic.

## poll

*n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

*synonym* : survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

- ban** v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something  
*synonym*: forbid, prohibit, restrict  
(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning  
We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
- magic** n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers  
*synonym*: fascination, illusion, wizardry  
(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**  
He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.
- occupy** v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time  
*synonym*: inhabit, settle, populate  
(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position  
The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.
- belong** v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place  
*synonym*: fit, be appropriate, be suitable  
(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group  
All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- uncomfortable** adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain  
*synonym*: comfortless, discomforting, painful  
(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face  
His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.
- legislature** n. a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state  
*synonym*: government, lawmaking group

(1) colonial **legislature**, (2) a prefectural **legislature**

The people elect **legislature** members to represent their interests and make decisions on their behalf.

### **courtroom**

*n.* a room in which a court of law is held

*synonym*: law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

### **peaceful**

*adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war

*synonym*: friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

### **claim**

*v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

*synonym*: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

### **ultimate**

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

*synonym*: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

### **affirm**

*v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively

*synonym*: declare, avow, assert

(1) **affirm** old traditions, (2) **affirm** strong identity

I **affirm** that I will always stand by my beliefs.

### **summon**

*v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

*synonym*:

call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council  
The chairperson was responsible for **summoning**  
committees.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------------|--|
| 1. pay an obl_____on             | <i>n.</i> the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something   |
| 2. ce_____ny hall                | <i>n.</i> a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn  |
| 3. ni_____ub music               | <i>n.</i> a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks   |
| 4. coal fa____e                  | <i>n.</i> a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons   |
| 5. an ear_____ke zone            | <i>n.</i> a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface  |
| 6. ge_____de resolution          | <i>n.</i> the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation  |
| 7. una_____ble behavior          | <i>adj.</i> not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior |
| 8. bu____t wound                 | <i>n.</i> a metal projectile that is shot from a gun   |
| 9. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand  |
| 10. a mi_____ry leader           | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare   |

ANSWERS: 1. obligation, 2. ceremony, 3. nightclub, 4. famine, 5. earthquake, 6. genocide, 7. unaccountable, 8. bullet, 9. confuse, 10. military

11. an in\_\_\_\_\_nt child      *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
12. global re\_\_\_\_\_e crisis      *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
13. lo\_\_y for legislation      *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
14. di\_\_\_\_\_on chief      *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
15. g\_\_b an audience      *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
16. st\_\_\_\_\_le to get the job      *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
17. a fl\_\_d of questions      *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
18. j\_\_n denim      *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
19. de\_\_\_\_\_e a particular food      *v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

ANSWERS: 11. innocent, 12. refugee, 13. lobby, 14. division, 15. grab, 16. struggle, 17. flood, 18. jean, 19. despise

20. face an inc\_\_\_\_\_ent truth      *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
21. not to be seen no\_\_\_\_\_ys      *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
22. ab\_\_\_\_d storyline      *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
23. ju\_\_\_\_\_al police      *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
24. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding      *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
25. a bird in a c\_\_e      *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
26. th\_\_\_\_\_en a healthy relationship      *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
27. walk ba\_\_\_\_\_rd      *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
28. oc\_\_\_\_y his time      *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
29. perfect ex\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
30. di\_\_\_\_\_ee about a particular issue      *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
31. a pre-election p\_\_l      *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

ANSWERS: 20. inconvenient, 21. nowadays, 22. absurd, 23. judicial, 24. government, 25. cage, 26. threaten, 27. backward, 28. occupy, 29. excuse, 30. disagree, 31. poll

32. material we\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
33. tr\_\_\_y problem *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
34. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
35. cannot com\_\_\_\_\_se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
36. co\_\_\_l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
37. he was ov\_\_\_\_\_lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
38. ec\_\_\_\_\_y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
39. ju\_\_\_\_\_al review *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
40. ly\_\_h him to death *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

ANSWERS: 32. wealth, 33. tricky, 34. overlook, 35. compromise, 36. compel, 37. overwhelm, 38. economy, 39. judicial, 40. lynch



41. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
42. leg\_\_\_\_\_ve process  
*adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature
43. en\_\_\_\_\_er a storm  
*v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
44. have com\_\_\_\_\_on toward the accident  
*n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
45. re\_\_\_\_\_t in a mountain region  
*n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
46. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
47. f\_\_p over the pork chop  
*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
48. na\_\_e belief  
*adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
49. ac\_\_\_\_\_ny the book  
*v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
50. ov\_\_\_\_\_me opponents  
*v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 41. confuse, 42. legislative, 43. encounter, 44. compassion, 45. retreat, 46. opportune, 47. flip, 48. naive, 49. accompany, 50. overcome

51. a hut made tem\_\_\_\_\_ly  
*adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
52. private pr\_\_\_y school  
*n.* a person, often young and affluent, who adopts or represents a fashion style associated with the culture of the northeastern United States; a fashion style characterized by conservative and classic clothing often associated with upscale or Ivy League school attire
53. se\_\_\_e a dispute  
*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
54. financial cr\_\_\_s  
*n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
55. pre\_\_\_\_\_on against forfeiture  
*n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
56. secretly de\_\_\_\_\_e  
*v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
57. af\_\_\_m strong identity  
*v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
58. intellectual cy\_\_\_\_\_sm  
*n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

ANSWERS: 51. temporarily, 52. preppy, 53. settle, 54. crisis, 55. presumption, 56. despise, 57. affirm, 58. cynicism

59. zealous pa\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
60. com\_\_\_\_\_lth authority *n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power
61. cr\_\_\_\_s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
62. as\_\_\_\_\_t aircraft *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
63. ai\_\_e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
64. en\_\_\_\_\_e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
65. an ear\_\_\_\_\_ke-proof *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
66. opt\_\_\_\_\_ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
67. person of gra\_\_\_\_\_nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
68. el\_\_t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 59. patriot, 60. commonwealth, 61. crisis, 62. assault, 63. aisle, 64. enhance, 65. earthquake, 66. optimistic, 67. grandparent, 68. elect

69. fanatic pat\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
70. d\_\_y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
71. a selfish de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
72. the pro\_\_\_\_\_ion of social media *n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
73. de\_\_\_\_\_e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
74. wil\_\_\_\_\_ss to help *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
75. be\_\_\_g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
76. pu\_\_\_e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
77. principles of de\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
78. una\_\_\_\_\_ble decision *adj.* not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior

ANSWERS: 69. patriotism, 70. deny, 71. decision, 72. proliferation, 73. deserve, 74. willingness, 75. belong, 76. pursue, 77. democracy, 78. unaccountable

79. the ul\_\_\_\_te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
80. pre\_\_\_\_\_on of guilt *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
81. de\_\_\_e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
82. a person of diverse ta\_\_\_\_ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
83. imm\_\_\_\_\_on application *n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
84. re\_\_\_\_t deeper into their territory *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
85. a prefectural leg\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state
86. a ge\_\_\_\_us and thoughtful person *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

ANSWERS: 79. ultimate, 80. presumption, 81. debate, 82. talent, 83. immigration, 84. retreat, 85. legislature, 86. generous

87. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship     *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
88. un\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful     *adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected
89. a pre\_\_\_\_\_on program     *n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
90. ove\_\_\_\_\_ed refugee camp     *adj.* containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable
91. false cl\_\_m     *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
92. dis\_\_\_\_\_ge bacterial growth     *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
93. l\_\_t a ban on alcohol     *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
94. majority of his we\_\_\_h     *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
95. victim of a vi\_\_\_\_\_t crime     *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
96. a bu\_\_h of trees     *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 87. grandchild, 88. unusually, 89. preparation, 90. overcrowded, 91. claim, 92. discourage, 93. lift, 94. wealth, 95. violent, 96. bunch

97. blind pa\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
98. de\_\_\_e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
99. absolutely wo\_\_\_\_\_p *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
100. te\_\_\_\_\_ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
101. the gr\_\_\_\_\_y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
102. st\_\_\_\_\_e the world *v.* to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event
103. the center ai\_\_e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
104. the re\_\_\_\_\_e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
105. fl\_\_\_\_\_r construction *n.* a region or area of a country that is often flown over by planes and not typically visited or considered by travelers; a flight that passes over a specific area without stopping

ANSWERS: 97. patriot, 98. define, 99. worship, 100. temporary, 101. grocery, 102. startle, 103. aisle, 104. refugee, 105. flyover

106. g\_\_b an opportunity      *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
107. income di\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
108. an\_\_\_\_\_ce candidacy      *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
109. have an un\_\_\_r advantage      *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
110. suffer per\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief
111. com\_\_\_\_\_se the matter      *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
112. pro\_\_\_\_\_ism in the workplace      *n.* the quality or conduct characterized by a specialist in a particular field having a high degree of skill, knowledge, and good judgment; the standard or code of behavior expected from a professional
113. ev\_\_\_\_\_t to all      *adj.* apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment
114. vul\_\_\_\_\_le parts of the body      *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
115. no asp\_\_\_\_\_on for fame      *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
116. bl\_\_s you      *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

ANSWERS: 106. grab, 107. disparity, 108. announce, 109. unfair, 110. persecution, 111. compromise, 112. professionalism, 113. evident, 114. vulnerable, 115. aspiration, 116. bless



117. ni\_\_\_\_\_ub entertainment *n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks
118. get con\_\_\_\_\_nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
119. a minor f\_\_w *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
120. at\_\_\_\_\_te the change to their marriage *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
121. provide su\_\_\_\_\_or customer service *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
122. re\_\_\_\_\_on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
123. en\_\_\_e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
124. take ad\_\_\_\_\_ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
125. meet his com\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
126. adm\_\_\_\_\_er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
127. su\_\_\_n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

ANSWERS: 117. nightclub, 118. consistent, 119. flaw, 120. attribute, 121. superior, 122. religion, 123. engage, 124. advantage, 125. commitment, 126. administer, 127. summon

128. ly\_\_h law
- v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
129. colonial leg\_\_\_\_\_re
- n. a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state
130. uns\_\_\_\_\_le pain
- adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
131. pa\_\_\_\_\_ic duty
- adj. having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
132. asp\_\_\_\_\_on into the lungs
- n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
133. li\_\_\_\_\_y as a right
- n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
134. be\_\_\_g to a group
- v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
135. ec\_\_\_\_\_y of scale
- n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 128. lynch, 129. legislature, 130. unspeakable, 131. patriotic, 132. aspiration, 133. liberty, 134. belong, 135. economy

136. l\_\_t sagging skin      *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
137. answer in a wh\_\_\_\_\_r      *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
138. vi\_\_\_\_\_t incident      *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
139. a m\_d person      *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
140. the wh\_\_\_\_\_r of the leaves      *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
141. an ab\_\_\_\_d amount of money      *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
142. en\_\_\_\_\_ge a sense of affinity      *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
143. great-gra\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
144. en\_\_\_\_\_ge antisocial behavior      *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
145. nuclear pro\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively

ANSWERS: 136. lift, 137. whisper, 138. violent, 139. mad, 140. whisper, 141. absurd, 142. encourage, 143. grandparent, 144. encourage, 145. proliferation

146. en\_\_\_\_e the flavor of the vanilla      *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
147. permanent ma\_\_\_\_t      *n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
148. inc\_\_\_\_ent for shopping      *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
149. con\_\_\_\_ial policy      *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
150. af\_\_\_\_m old traditions      *v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
151. st\_\_\_\_e a blow      *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
152. weapon de\_\_t      *n.* a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys
153. there is no other alt\_\_\_\_ve      *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
154. a hotel lo\_\_y      *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
155. de\_\_\_\_e this prize      *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

ANSWERS: 146. enhance, 147. magnet, 148. inconvenient, 149. controversial, 150. affirm, 151. strike, 152. depot, 153. alternative, 154. lobby, 155. deserve

156. the pre\_\_\_\_\_on of meals                    *n.*    the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
157. self-ch\_\_\_\_\_ut                                *n.*    the place in a store where customers pay for their purchases and receive a receipt; the process of paying for something and leaving a store or website
158. su\_\_\_\_\_e beforehand                        *v.*    to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
159. es\_\_\_\_m for the other person                *n.*    great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
160. economic ge\_\_\_\_\_hy                        *n.*    a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
161. public opinion p\_\_ls                            *n.*    an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
162. ce\_\_\_\_\_ny location                         *n.*    a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
163. co\_\_\_\_l attention                              *v.*    to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
164. ov\_\_\_\_\_lm opponents by numbers        *v.*    to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
165. the problem of drug ab\_\_e                    *n.*    the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 156. preparation, 157. checkout, 158. suppose, 159. esteem, 160. geography, 161. poll, 162. ceremony, 163. compel, 164. overwhelm, 165. abuse

166. a ge\_\_\_\_us reward *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
167. an old\_\_\_\_\_ned person *adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
168. our school un\_\_\_\_m *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
169. a prefectural go\_\_\_\_or *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
170. have no up\_\_\_\_e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
171. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
172. pa\_\_\_\_\_ic fervor *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
173. a com\_\_\_\_\_ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
174. un\_\_\_\_r employment practices *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
175. di\_\_\_\_ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
176. adamantly d\_\_y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

ANSWERS: 166. generous, 167. old-fashioned, 168. uniform, 169. governor, 170. upside, 171. bunch, 172. patriotic, 173. compassionate, 174. unfair, 175. disagree, 176. deny

177. the f\_\_w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
178. skilled la\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
179. vintage la\_\_l *n.* the flat or folded part of the collar on a suit coat or other jacket that is turned back against the neck; a similar broad part of a garment, typically one that is not turned up
180. ba\_\_\_t booth *n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
181. guilty con\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
182. answer co\_\_\_\_\_ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
183. rainproof sh\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
184. su\_\_\_\_\_or performance *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
185. boost my self-es\_\_\_m *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
186. cl\_\_m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 177. flaw, 178. laborer, 179. lapel, 180. ballot, 181. conscience, 182. countless, 183. shelter, 184. superior, 185. esteem, 186. claim

187. wo\_\_\_\_\_p god                      *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
188. re\_\_\_\_\_ve factors                      *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
189. sh\_\_g off the importance                      *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
190. la\_\_l microphone                      *n.* the flat or folded part of the collar on a suit coat or other jacket that is turned back against the neck; a similar broad part of a garment, typically one that is not turned up
191. su\_\_\_n a lawyer                      *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
192. the final ba\_\_\_\_t                      *n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
193. b\_n any type of cloning                      *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
194. a vul\_\_\_\_\_le bridge                      *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
195. look un\_\_\_\_\_ly serious                      *adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected
196. di\_\_\_\_\_sh swelling                      *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
197. ci\_\_c center                      *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

ANSWERS: 187. worship, 188. relative, 189. shrug, 190. lapel, 191. summon, 192. ballot, 193. ban, 194. vulnerable, 195. unusually, 196. diminish, 197. civic



198. lucrative si\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
199. de\_\_\_\_\_te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
200. pr\_\_\_\_y style *n.* a person, often young and affluent, who adopts or represents a fashion style associated with the culture of the northeastern United States; a fashion style characterized by conservative and classic clothing often associated with upscale or Ivy League school attire
201. uns\_\_\_\_\_le crime *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
202. f\_\_e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
203. a com\_\_\_\_\_nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
204. fl\_\_d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
205. im\_\_\_\_\_nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
206. de\_\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 198. sideline, 199. desperate, 200. preppy, 201. unspeakable, 202. flee, 203. commitment, 204. flood, 205. immigrant, 206. decision

207. hyp\_\_\_\_\_hip politics *n.* a state of extreme or excessive loyalty and support for a particular political party or ideology, often to the extent that it becomes difficult to engage in constructive dialogue or compromise with those who hold different views
208. ma\_\_\_t attraction *n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
209. ov\_\_\_\_\_rn a table *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
210. si\_\_\_\_\_ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
211. religious fa\_\_h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
212. pr\_\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
213. st\_\_\_\_\_e for a moment *v.* to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event

ANSWERS: 207. hyperpartisanship, 208. magnet, 209. overturn, 210. sideline, 211. faith, 212. process, 213. startle

214. pe\_\_\_\_ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
215. he is opt\_\_\_\_\_ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
216. cloud his rep\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
217. fl\_\_\_\_\_r zone *n.* a region or area of a country that is often flown over by planes and not typically visited or considered by travelers; a flight that passes over a specific area without stopping
218. co\_\_\_\_\_om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
219. the com\_\_\_\_\_lth of learning *n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power
220. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
221. pe\_\_\_\_ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
222. the ul\_\_\_\_\_te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
223. rep\_\_\_\_\_on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
224. at\_\_\_\_\_te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

ANSWERS: 214. peaceful, 215. optimistic, 216. reputation, 217. flyover, 218. courtroom, 219. commonwealth, 220. nation, 221. peaceful, 222. ultimate, 223. reputation, 224. attribute

225. st\_\_\_e up a conversation      *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
226. a do\_\_\_\_ic animal      *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
227. pro\_\_\_\_\_ism standards      *n.* the quality or conduct characterized by a specialist in a particular field having a high degree of skill, knowledge, and good judgment; the standard or code of behavior expected from a professional
228. sy\_\_\_l color      *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
229. an im\_\_\_\_\_nt from the country      *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
230. hyp\_\_\_\_\_hip on democracy      *n.* a state of extreme or excessive loyalty and support for a particular political party or ideology, often to the extent that it becomes difficult to engage in constructive dialogue or compromise with those who hold different views
231. leg\_\_\_\_\_ve power      *adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature
232. re\_\_\_e a company from bankruptcy      *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
233. cy\_\_\_\_\_sm towards politics      *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

ANSWERS: 225. strike, 226. domestic, 227. professionalism, 228. symbol, 229. immigrant, 230. hyperpartisanship, 231. legislative, 232. rescue, 233. cynicism

234. th\_\_\_\_\_en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
235. a j\_\_n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
236. wo\_\_\_\_\_me development *adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm
237. foreign po\_\_\_\_y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
238. ac\_\_\_\_\_ny a chicken dish *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
239. la\_\_\_\_\_r job *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
240. an unc\_\_\_\_\_ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
241. do\_\_\_\_\_ay my ability *v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something
242. el\_\_t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
243. advertising sl\_\_\_\_n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

ANSWERS: 234. threaten, 235. jean, 236. worrisome, 237. policy, 238. accompany, 239. laborer, 240. uncomfortable, 241. downplay, 242. elect, 243. slogan

244. su\_\_\_\_e you're right      *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
245. un\_\_\_\_d combat      *adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
246. a blazing ar\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
247. do\_\_\_\_ic airline      *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
248. de\_\_\_e a word      *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
249. dis\_\_\_\_\_ge customers      *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
250. na\_\_e mistake      *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
251. indicate a wil\_\_\_\_\_ss to change      *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
252. work pe\_\_\_\_t      *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
253. gets m\_d easily      *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
254. freedom of re\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
255. san\_\_\_\_\_ous speech      *adj.* characterized by excessive or hypocritical holiness or righteousness, often to show off one's supposed moral superiority

ANSWERS: 244. suppose, 245. unarmed, 246. argument, 247. domestic, 248. define, 249. discourage, 250. naive, 251. willingness, 252. permit, 253. mad, 254. religion, 255. sanctimonious

256. f\_\_p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
257. st\_\_\_\_\_le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
258. the spirit of pat\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
259. ci\_\_c activity *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
260. de\_\_\_\_\_cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
261. ba\_\_\_\_\_rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
262. bl\_\_s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
263. en\_\_\_\_\_er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
264. wo\_\_\_\_\_me issue *adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm
265. victim of sexual as\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
266. do\_\_\_\_\_ay mistakes *v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something

ANSWERS: 256. flip, 257. struggle, 258. patriotism, 259. civic, 260. democracy, 261. backward, 262. bless, 263. encounter, 264. worrisome, 265. assault, 266. downplay

267. a seafaring na\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
268. ho\_\_\_\_\_e environment *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
269. de\_\_\_\_\_y standards *n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
270. adm\_\_\_\_\_er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
271. feel com\_\_\_\_\_on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
272. a single su\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
273. a hu\_\_\_\_\_ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
274. her de\_\_\_\_\_te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
275. personal li\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
276. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
277. young people no\_\_\_\_\_ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

ANSWERS: 267. nation, 268. hostile, 269. decency, 270. administer, 271. compassion, 272. survivor, 273. hurricane, 274. desperate, 275. liberty, 276. government, 277. nowadays



278. ov\_\_\_\_rn a decision *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
279. en\_\_\_e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
280. with an unc\_\_\_\_\_ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
281. tem\_\_\_\_\_ly suspend the production *adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
282. express ch\_\_\_\_ut *n.* the place in a store where customers pay for their purchases and receive a receipt; the process of paying for something and leaving a store or website
283. f\_\_e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
284. bu\_\_\_t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
285. catchy sl\_\_\_n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
286. di\_\_\_\_\_sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
287. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
288. und\_\_\_\_\_ced nonprofits *adj.* lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission

ANSWERS: 278. overturn, 279. engage, 280. uncomfortable, 281. temporarily, 282. checkout, 283. flee, 284. bullet, 285. slogan, 286. diminish, 287. grandchild, 288. underresourced

289. the ar\_\_\_\_\_nt against capital punishment
290. ge\_\_\_\_\_de victims
291. health po\_\_\_\_y
292. historical co\_\_\_\_\_t
293. se\_\_\_\_e down in the town
294. vice-pr\_\_\_\_\_nt for finance
295. und\_\_\_\_\_ced community
296. con\_\_\_\_\_ial book
297. a mi\_\_\_\_\_ry operation
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
- n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
- v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
- adj.* lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission
- adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 289. argument, 290. genocide, 291. policy, 292. context, 293. settle, 294. president, 295. underresourced, 296. controversial, 297. military

298. a bac\_\_\_\_\_nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
299. bl\_\_\_\_t a crop *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
300. at a un\_\_\_\_\_m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
301. plainly ev\_\_\_\_\_t *adj.* apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment
302. anti-air raid sh\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
303. cellular di\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
304. pe\_\_\_\_t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
305. pr\_\_\_\_\_nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
306. re\_\_\_\_e a dying dog *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

ANSWERS: 298. background, 299. blight, 300. uniform, 301. evident, 302. shelter, 303. division, 304. permit, 305. president, 306. rescue

307. ovarian cancer su\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
308. fa\_\_\_e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
309. sh\_\_g his shoulders sadly *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
310. market up\_\_\_e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
311. old\_\_\_\_\_ned in appearance *adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
312. ov\_\_\_\_ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
313. an insect c\_\_e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
314. an\_\_\_\_\_ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
315. per\_\_\_\_\_on of minorities *n.* the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief
316. vo\_\_r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
317. an animal sa\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
318. violate a sa\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
319. oc\_\_\_y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

ANSWERS: 307. survivor, 308. famine, 309. shrug, 310. upside, 311. old-fashioned, 312. overlook, 313. cage, 314. announce, 315. persecution, 316. voter, 317. sanctuary, 318. sanctuary, 319. occupy

320. raw ta\_\_\_t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
321. take up a ho\_\_\_\_\_e attitude *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
322. legal co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
323. a tr\_\_\_y recipe to follow *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
324. run a gr\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
325. fa\_\_h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
326. a criminal bac\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
327. co\_\_\_\_\_om trial *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
328. ove\_\_\_\_\_ed with passengers *adj.* containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable
329. do on a con\_\_\_\_\_nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

ANSWERS: 320. talent, 321. hostile, 322. context, 323. tricky, 324. grocery, 325. faith, 326. background, 327. courtroom, 328. overcrowded, 329. consistent

330. cir\_\_\_\_\_nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
331. ov\_\_\_\_\_me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
332. score an ad\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
333. an alt\_\_\_\_\_ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
334. a ma\_\_c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
335. b\_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
336. a deep obl\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
337. a remote re\_\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
338. se\_\_\_\_\_te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
339. cir\_\_\_\_\_nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
340. com\_\_\_\_\_ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

ANSWERS: 330. circumstance, 331. overcome, 332. advantage, 333. alternative, 334. magic, 335. ban, 336. obligation, 337. relative, 338. separate, 339. circumstance, 340. compassionate

341. sy\_\_\_l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
342. co\_\_\_\_\_ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
343. food de\_\_t *n.* a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys
344. pu\_\_\_e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
345. she is ma\_\_c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
346. go\_\_\_\_\_or general *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
347. un\_\_\_\_\_d robbery *adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
348. se\_\_\_\_\_te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
349. the ravages of a hu\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

ANSWERS: 341. symbol, 342. countless, 343. depot, 344. pursue, 345. magic, 346. governor, 347. unarmed, 348. separate, 349. hurricane

350. thousands of in\_\_\_\_\_nt people      *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
351. ex\_\_\_e for inaction      *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
352. an eligible vo\_\_r      *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
353. inner con\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
354. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
355. ge\_\_\_\_\_hy class      *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
356. a te\_\_\_\_\_ry permit      *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
357. an offense against de\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
358. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_\_s      *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 350. innocent, 351. excuse, 352. voter, 353. conscience, 354. opportune, 355. geography, 356. temporary, 357. decency, 358. process



359. the di\_\_\_\_\_ty between theory and reality      *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
360. imm\_\_\_\_\_on control      *n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
361. san\_\_\_\_\_ous attitude      *adj.* characterized by excessive or hypocritical holiness or righteousness, often to show off one's supposed moral superiority
362. bl\_\_\_t his life      *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
363. de\_\_\_e topic      *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
364. victim of sexual ab\_\_\_e      *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 359. disparity, 360. immigration, 361. sanctimonious, 362. blight, 363. debate, 364. abuse

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The community warmly welcomed the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
2. She falls over \_\_\_\_\_ when she sees her mother-in-law.  
*adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.  
*n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
4. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ a bad reputation and win the election.  
*v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
5. There is a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in pay between men and women in the company.  
*n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
6. GDP stands for gross \_\_\_\_\_ product.  
*adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
7. We have discussed the entirety of this \_\_\_\_\_ problem.  
*adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
8. The issue of the death penalty is highly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

ANSWERS: 1. refugees, 2. backward, 3. immigration, 4. overcome, 5. disparity, 6. domestic, 7. tricky, 8. controversial

9. Polo shirts and penny loafers characterize the \_\_\_\_\_ look.
- n.* a person, often young and affluent, who adopts or represents a fashion style associated with the culture of the northeastern United States; a fashion style characterized by conservative and classic clothing often associated with upscale or Ivy League school attire
10. He kept his robust \_\_\_\_\_ in his company.
- n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
11. My father has a serious and \_\_\_\_\_ personality.
- adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ disappearance of funds led to an investigation.
- adj.* not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior
13. He is our loyal customer who should be held in high \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
14. The team's performance has been \_\_\_\_\_ poor this season.
- adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected
15. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 9. preppy, 10. faith, 11. compassionate, 12. unaccountable, 13. esteem, 14. unusually, 15. background

16. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

17. They \_\_\_\_\_ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

*v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

18. Many people go on a \_\_\_\_\_ to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

*n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

19. The new strategy will \_\_\_\_\_ the profitability of our company.

*v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

20. The mob wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect before he could be tried in court.

*v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

21. The priest \_\_\_\_\_ the couple as they knelt before him.

*v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

22. The construction site hired many \_\_\_\_\_ to help with the heavy lifting.

*n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

23. \_\_\_\_\_ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

*n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 16. inconvenient, 17. encouraged, 18. retreat, 19. enhance, 20. lynch, 21. blessed, 22. laborers, 23. Democracy

24. I \_\_\_\_\_ that I will always stand by my beliefs.

*v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively

25. His constant \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for him to connect with others.

*n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

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

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

27. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using \_\_\_\_\_ medicines.

*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

28. I respect her ability to \_\_\_\_\_ off harsh criticism.

*v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

29. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close \_\_\_\_\_.

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

30. I \_\_\_\_\_ injustice and those who perpetrate it.

*v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

31. The shipwreck \_\_\_\_\_ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

*n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

ANSWERS: 24. affirm, 25. cynicism, 26. deserved, 27. alternative, 28. shrug, 29. relatives, 30. despise, 31. survivor

32. The club \_\_\_\_\_ does not have absolute power.

*n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

33. She explained the \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the accident.

*n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

34. He was wearing a \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt with the American flag on it.

*adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare

35. With \_\_\_\_\_ joy, he signed his name.

*adj.* apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment

36. The stray \_\_\_\_\_ went through the window and hit the wall.

*n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ branch of government creates and passes laws.

*adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature

38. The eyewitness took the stand in the \_\_\_\_\_ and gave testimony crucial to the case.

*n.* a room in which a court of law is held

39. He managed to get \_\_\_\_\_ jobs during the recession.

*adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long

ANSWERS: 32. president, 33. circumstances, 34. patriotic, 35. evident, 36. bullet, 37. legislative, 38. courtroom, 39. temporary

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ protesters marched peacefully through the streets.

*adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

42. Plutonium has limited \_\_\_\_\_ applications.

*adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war

43. She did well on her \_\_\_\_\_ exam.

*n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

44. Please let me know if you want to \_\_\_\_\_ me to my hometown.

*v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

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

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

46. Most executives were \_\_\_\_\_ about future business conditions.

*adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

47. That \_\_\_\_\_ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

*n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

ANSWERS: 40. unarmed, 41. military, 42. peaceful, 43. geography, 44. accompany, 45. symbol, 46. optimistic, 47. lobby

48. Numerous great professional sports \_\_\_\_\_ have come from this city.
- n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
49. The loud bang outside the window caused him to \_\_\_\_\_ and spill his coffee.
- v.* to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event
50. It is a common \_\_\_\_\_ that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.
- n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
51. The chairperson was responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ committees.
- v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
52. The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the \_\_\_\_\_ for the entire game.
- n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
53. Police received a report of illegal \_\_\_\_\_ in the area.
- n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
54. The fire department arrived just in time to \_\_\_\_\_ the family from the burning building.
- v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

ANSWERS: 48. talents, 49. startle, 50. presumption, 51. summoning, 52. sideline, 53. immigrants, 54. rescue



55. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

*v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

56. Management must take \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for the accident.

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

57. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

58. He is more of a hypocrite than a \_\_\_\_\_ to be honest.

*n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

59. The \_\_\_\_\_ school needed help to provide basic supplies for its students.

*adj.* lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission

60. The people elect \_\_\_\_\_ members to represent their interests and make decisions on their behalf.

*n.* a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state

61. The religious minority faced \_\_\_\_\_ from the dominant group.

*n.* the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief

ANSWERS: 55. separate, 56. ultimate, 57. process, 58. patriot, 59. underresourced, 60. legislature, 61. persecution

62. The company's new \_\_\_\_\_ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
63. She showed great \_\_\_\_\_ in the way she handled the difficult situation.
- n.* the quality or conduct characterized by a specialist in a particular field having a high degree of skill, knowledge, and good judgment; the standard or code of behavior expected from a professional
64. They traditionally \_\_\_\_\_ their guru.
- v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
65. Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
66. You are not \_\_\_\_\_ in your behavior.
- adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
67. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
68. The city's new \_\_\_\_\_ allows traffic to bypass the busy intersection below.
- n.* a region or area of a country that is often flown over by planes and not typically visited or considered by travelers; a flight that passes over a specific area without stopping

ANSWERS: 62. policy, 63. professionalism, 64. worship, 65. grab, 66. consistent, 67. opportune, 68. flyover

69. The founding fathers fought for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the American people.  
*n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
70. He helped me with the \_\_\_\_\_ of this book.  
*n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
71. Various artificially induced causes are \_\_\_\_\_ our ecosystem.  
*v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
72. She wore her favorite pair of \_\_\_\_\_ to the party.  
*n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
73. He was \_\_\_\_\_ when he lost all his money by gambling.  
*adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
74. My husband was found \_\_\_\_\_ of any crime.  
*adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
75. The \_\_\_\_\_ news about the impending storm caused many people to evacuate.  
*adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm
76. The MRI machine uses \_\_\_\_\_ to produce images of the body's internal organs.  
*n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel

ANSWERS: 69. liberty, 70. preparation, 71. threatening, 72. jeans, 73. desperate, 74. innocent, 75. worrisome, 76. magnets

77. The city promotes \_\_\_\_\_ collaboration in community development  
*adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
78. I will go to the \_\_\_\_\_ store to buy food for dinner.  
*n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
79. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.  
*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory;  
a verbal or physical fight or dispute
80. Every five years, the provincial governors are \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or  
choose to do something
81. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.  
*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
82. The Chinese word for \_\_\_\_\_ comprises two characters, one for danger and the  
other for opportunity.  
*n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be  
resolved or critical decisions must be taken
83. I'm prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ challenges throughout this adventure.  
*v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while  
attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
84. The third season of the anime show has been \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something

ANSWERS: 77. civic, 78. grocery, 79. argument, 80. elected, 81. grandchild, 82.  
crisis, 83. encounter, 84. announced

85. She has a good \_\_\_\_\_ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
- n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
86. The company tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the significance of the issue.
- v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something
87. You are under no \_\_\_\_\_ to finish the job.
- n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
88. She walked down the \_\_\_\_\_ to the front of the church.
- n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
89. The wedding \_\_\_\_\_ was a beautiful and emotional event.
- n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
90. His infinite love and \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone never weary.
- n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
91. His business \_\_\_\_\_ took him to the United States.
- n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
92. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 85. reputation, 86. downplay, 87. obligation, 88. aisle, 89. ceremony, 90. compassion, 91. commitments, 92. claim

93. She was close to her paternal \_\_\_\_\_ and often spent summers with them.  
*n.* a parent of one's father or mother
94. We got caught up in an \_\_\_\_\_ case.  
*n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
95. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
96. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?  
*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
97. The abandoned factory was \_\_\_\_\_ by vandalism and graffiti.  
*v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
98. Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
99. His abusive words made me \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
100. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.  
*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
101. The \_\_\_\_\_ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.  
*n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 93. grandparents, 94. assault, 95. confused, 96. suppose, 97. blighted, 98. temporarily, 99. uncomfortable, 100. strike, 101. debate

102. He always tried to act with \_\_\_\_\_ treating others with respect and kindness.  
*n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
103. There are \_\_\_\_\_ methods for dealing with stress.  
*adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
104. She accused her boss of being a \_\_\_\_\_ hypocrite.  
*adj.* characterized by excessive or hypocritical holiness or righteousness, often to show off one's supposed moral superiority
105. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.  
*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
106. The \_\_\_\_\_ takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.  
*adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
107. He is still \_\_\_\_\_ stealing the money from the cash register.  
*v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
108. As people get old, their energies may \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
109. Which \_\_\_\_\_ of the company do you work in?  
*n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

ANSWERS: 102. decency, 103. countless, 104. sanctimonious, 105. struggle, 106. hostile, 107. denying, 108. diminish, 109. division

110. After the accident, three governmental bodies \_\_\_\_\_ the company.

*v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

111. We should \_\_\_\_ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

*v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

112. He performed \_\_\_\_\_ tricks with sophisticated moves.

*n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

113. They decided to go to the \_\_\_\_\_ to dance the night away.

*n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

114. 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

115. I \_\_\_\_\_ for reasons already stated above.

*v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

116. The media's sensationalism has fueled \_\_\_\_\_ in recent years.

*n.* a state of extreme or excessive loyalty and support for a particular political party or ideology, often to the extent that it becomes difficult to engage in constructive dialogue or compromise with those who hold different views

117. He was \_\_\_\_ with joy to see the results.

*adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

ANSWERS: 110. administer, 111. ban, 112. magic, 113. nightclub, 114. superior, 115. disagree, 116. hyperpartisanship, 117. mad



118. The severe \_\_\_\_\_ caused by the drought has left many people without food.  
*n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
119. The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the \_\_\_\_\_ horror of the experience.  
*adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
120. His actions were a testament to his deep love and \_\_\_\_\_ for his country.  
*n.* love and loyalty to one's country
121. Many multinational companies are \_\_\_\_\_ in the reconstruction of that country.  
*v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
122. The strict deadlines will \_\_\_\_\_ the team to work efficiently.  
*v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
123. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.  
*n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
124. The young prince will soon \_\_\_\_\_ the throne.  
*v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
125. They never \_\_\_\_\_ on development despite the lack of funds.  
*v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
126. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for \_\_\_\_\_ of authority.  
*n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 118. famine, 119. unspeakable, 120. patriotism, 121. engaged, 122. compel, 123. ballot, 124. occupy, 125. compromised, 126. abuse

127. The company spent months researching and testing different brand \_\_\_\_\_ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
- n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
128. In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making \_\_\_\_\_ decisions.
- adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
129. The drought \_\_\_\_\_ the prices of grain globally.
- v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
130. Several \_\_\_\_\_ show a decline in the president's approval rating.
- n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
131. One of the main \_\_\_\_\_ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
132. The church offered \_\_\_\_\_ to refugees fleeing from war-torn countries.
- n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
133. The train \_\_\_\_\_ was a hub for commuters and travelers.
- n.* a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys

ANSWERS: 127. slogans, 128. unfair, 129. lifted, 130. polls, 131. advantages, 132. sanctuary, 133. depot

134. The shopping trip ended with a long wait in the \_\_\_\_\_ line.

*n.* the place in a store where customers pay for their purchases and receive a receipt; the process of paying for something and leaving a store or website

135. Her \_\_\_\_\_ to help others earned her many friends.

*n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something

136. The violent \_\_\_\_\_ caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

*n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

137. My father is \_\_\_\_\_ in his thinking.

*adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern

138. The protesters became \_\_\_\_\_ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

139. The con artist's lies quickly took in the \_\_\_\_\_ young man.

*adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

140. The state \_\_\_\_\_ visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

*n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

141. The court \_\_\_\_\_ the original verdict.

*v.* to turn something upside down; to upset

142. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 134. checkout, 135. willingness, 136. earthquake, 137. old-fashioned, 138. violent, 139. naive, 140. governor, 141. overturned, 142. overlook

143. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.

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

144. The \_\_\_\_\_ of fast-food restaurants has contributed to the obesity epidemic.

*n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively

145. His parents tried to \_\_\_\_\_ him from becoming an artist.

*v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

146. People can clone a sheep \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

147. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

*n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

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

*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

149. She was struggling to make a \_\_\_\_\_ between two job offers.

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

150. Even the slightest design \_\_\_\_\_ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

*n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

151. The school district is facing a problem with \_\_\_\_\_ classrooms.

*adj.* containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable

ANSWERS: 143. bunch, 144. proliferation, 145. discourage, 146. nowadays, 147. nation, 148. settle, 149. decision, 150. flaw, 151. overcrowded

152. It is a basic instinct to \_\_\_\_\_ from a dangerous situation.

*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

153. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ to become a doctor.

*n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

154. They need food and \_\_\_\_\_.

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

155. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Nations is an association of 54 countries, mostly former territories of the British Empire.

*n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power

156. The devastating \_\_\_\_\_ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

*n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

157. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

*n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

158. The trapped bear is running amok in its \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

159. It's important to understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of a situation before making a decision.

*n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 152. flee, 153. aspiration, 154. shelter, 155. Commonwealth, 156. hurricane, 157. economy, 158. cage, 159. context

160. He took me aside and \_\_\_\_\_ in my ear.

*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

161. Their \_\_\_\_\_ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

*n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

162. This teacher is \_\_\_\_\_ in his grading.

*adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

163. Many people see the \_\_\_\_\_ of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

*n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

164. The federal \_\_\_\_\_ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

165. He quickly fabricated an \_\_\_\_\_ for not attending the meeting.

*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

166. Infants and pregnant women are particularly \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

167. This country has a nationally \_\_\_\_\_ culture.

*adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

ANSWERS: 160. whispered, 161. religion, 162. generous, 163. upside, 164. government, 165. excuse, 166. vulnerable, 167. uniform

168. The election administration nullified the election results because of \_\_\_\_\_ fraud.  
*n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
169. These heavy rains caused flash \_\_\_\_\_ on several islands.  
*n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
170. Too much variety may \_\_\_\_\_ and confuse viewers.  
*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
171. The teacher will not \_\_\_\_\_ any students to leave the classroom early.  
*v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
172. We immediately rejected his \_\_\_\_\_ suggestion.  
*adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
173. He adjusted the pin on his \_\_\_\_\_ before giving his speech.  
*n.* the flat or folded part of the collar on a suit coat or other jacket that is turned back against the neck; a similar broad part of a garment, typically one that is not turned up
174. He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his \_\_\_\_\_ even if it meant losing the job.  
*n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
175. The international community condemned the \_\_\_\_\_ in the country.  
*n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

ANSWERS: 168. voter, 169. floods, 170. overwhelm, 171. permit, 172. absurd, 173. lapel, 174. conscience, 175. genocide

176. The \_\_\_\_\_ system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

*adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

177. The \_\_\_\_\_ inequality was unavoidable.

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

178. He \_\_\_\_\_ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

*v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

179. All the books in this section \_\_\_\_\_ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

*v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

180. She intends to \_\_\_\_\_ a political career.

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

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

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

182. He \_\_\_\_\_ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 176. judicial, 177. wealth, 178. attributes, 179. belong, 180. pursue, 181. define, 182. flipped