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Session 1: Word List

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.

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym: fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

excellence

n. the quality of being extremely good

synonym: distinction, goodness, superiority

(1) **excellence** in product design, (2) highest standards of **excellence**

He has also won many marketing **excellence** awards.

inception

n. the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence

synonym: origin, beginning, start

(1) **inception** date, (2) lease **inception**

The idea for the company was formed at its **inception** and has since grown into a successful business.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

increment

n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

synonym: increase, expansion, addendum

(1) steady **incremental** growth, (2) small **increments**

The bid **increment** for this auction is \$100.

olympiad

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**

She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym : contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym : nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

ancient

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

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym : battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym: ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

mythical

adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

synonym: mythological, fictitious, legendary

(1) **mythical** heroes, (2) **mythical** world

Many cultures have their **mythical** creatures and legends.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

appreciate

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

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

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

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

chariot

n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

(1) **chariot** builder, (2) **chariot** race

The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating **chariot** races.

mule

n. a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build

synonym: donkey, burro, hinny

(1) load the **mule**, (2) **mule** caravans

The stubborn **mule** refused to move until it was rewarded with a carrot.

footrace

n. a race in which participants compete by running or jogging on foot

synonym: race on foot, sprint, dash

(1) professional **footrace**, (2) school **footrace**

8. The **footrace** through the forest required the runners to navigate steep hills and uneven terrain.

competitor

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

synonym: opponent, contender, contestant

(1) beat **competitor** offer, (2) domestic **competitor**

The gap between the company and its **competitors** has widened.

suit

n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

synonym: clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

entice

v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

synonym: lure, tempt, attract

(1) **entice** foreign investment, (2) **entice** shoppers

The salesperson tried to **entice** the customer into buying a new car.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym: victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

stadium

n. a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

synonym: arena, field, park

(1) **stadium** seating, (2) **stadium** capacity

The baseball **stadium** was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

wrestling

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

synonym: grappling, fighting, brawling

(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**

He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

javelin

n. a long, pointed spear used in athletics competitions as a throwing weapon, originating from ancient Greek warfare

synonym : spear, lance, pilum

(1) lightweight **javelin**, (2) **javelin** competition

He threw the **javelin** with incredible force and accuracy, setting a new record.

hurl

v. to throw something with great force

synonym : throw, fling, launch

(1) **hurl** a brickbat, (2) **hurl** a cup out of the window

She angrily **hurled** the book across the room.

discus

n. a heavy, flat round object that is thrown in athletic competitions, consisting of a central hub with a raised rim and a metal or wooden plate attached to the edge, which is thrown by spinning rapidly and releasing it from the hand

synonym : disc, saucer, plate

(1) Olympic **discus**, (2) **discus** event

The athlete's personal best in the **discus** throw earned her a spot on the national team.

pentathlon

n. a sports contest consisting of five different events, typically running, jumping, and throwing, as well as fencing and swimming

synonym : contest, competition, event

(1) modern **pentathlon**, (2) Olympic **pentathlon**

The winner of the **pentathlon** had excellent results in all five disciplines.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film

producers.

pankration

n. an ancient Greek athletic event combining boxing and wrestling, with few rules and widely considered one of the most brutal sports of its time

synonym: combat sport, grappling, martial art

(1) ancient **pankration**, (2) compete in the **pankration** tournament

Many athletes in ancient Greece were skilled in **pankration** and other combat sports.

gouge

v. to use a sharp tool to dig out or cut into a surface, often resulting in a deep, narrow groove or hole; to overcharge or unfairly extract money from someone

synonym: carve, chisel, cut

(1) **gouge** out his eyes, (2) **gouge** a deep crater

She used a chisel to **gouge** at the wood block, creating intricate carvings.

prohibit

v. to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law

synonym: ban, forbid, refuse

(1) **prohibit** destructive activities, (2) **prohibit** the use of phone

Congress passed a law to **prohibit** the disposal of nuclear waste.

victorious

adj. being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

synonym: triumphant, winning

(1) the **victorious** entry, (2) the **victorious** army

The **victorious** troops marched back to their homeland.

victor

n. one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.

synonym: winner, conqueror, champion

(1) **victor** country, (2) the outright **victor**

The **victor** of the race was the favorite to win.

loincloth

n. a piece of cloth worn around the hips and covering the genitals, often worn as a basic garment or for ceremonial or athletic purposes

synonym: cloth, breechcloth, fundoshi

(1) traditional **loincloth**, (2) wear a **loincloth**

Tribal dancers in Rajasthan wear colorful **loincloths** during their performances.

impede

v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress

synonym: hinder, obstruct, block

(1) **impede** a close relationship, (2) **impede** development

The traffic jam **impeded** our progress to reach the destination on time.

inaugurate

v. to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

synonym: initiate, launch, commence

(1) **inaugurate** an enterprise, (2) **inaugurate** a new policy

The president will **inaugurate** the new embassy building next week.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

streak

n. a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual

synonym : strip, band, dash

(1) **streak** of luck, (2) gold **streak**

He had a **streak** of stubbornness that made him difficult to work with.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym : ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

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.

pagan

n. a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions

synonym : atheist, polytheist, agnostic

(1) **pagan** sites, (2) **pagan** belief

The temple was built by ancient **pagans** who worshiped multiple gods.

fond

adj. having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

synonym: liking, enjoying, affectionate

(1) very **fond** of, (2) **fond** memories of the birthday

He is excessively **fond** of alcohol.

farewell

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

synonym: goodbye, send-off

(1) a **farewell** address, (2) bid **farewell** to the departed

There is his **farewell** party tomorrow.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym: player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**

His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym: lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

foremost

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

synonym: leading, primary, first

(1) **foremost** expert, (2) keep **foremost** in mind

The **foremost** priority is the safety of the passengers.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
synonym: comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up
Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co_____e against a friend | <i>v.</i> to strive to achieve more success than someone or something |
| 2. lightweight ja_____n | <i>n.</i> a long, pointed spear used in athletics competitions as a throwing weapon, originating from ancient Greek warfare |
| 3. ch__r for the home team | <i>v.</i> to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval |
| 4. app_____te the value | <i>v.</i> to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone |
| 5. pre-Christian an_____t | <i>adj.</i> relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old |
| 6. intraspecific com_____on | <i>n.</i> a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another |
| 7. wear a lo_____th | <i>n.</i> a piece of cloth worn around the hips and covering the genitals, often worn as a basic garment or for ceremonial or athletic purposes |
| 8. summer ol_____ad | <i>n.</i> a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years |
| 9. exc_____ce in product design | <i>n.</i> the quality of being extremely good |

ANSWERS: 1. compete, 2. javelin, 3. cheer, 4. appreciate, 5. ancient, 6. competition, 7. loincloth, 8. olympiad, 9. excellence

10. Olympic pen_____on *n.* a sports contest consisting of five different events, typically running, jumping, and throwing, as well as fencing and swimming
11. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
12. st____k of luck *n.* a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual
13. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
14. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
15. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
16. st_____m seating *n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
17. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 10. pentathlon, 11. combine, 12. streak, 13. modern, 14. honor, 15. fan, 16. stadium, 17. combine

18. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
19. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
20. compete in the pan_____on tournament *n.* an ancient Greek athletic event combining boxing and wrestling, with few rules and widely considered one of the most brutal sports of its time
21. the vic_____us army *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
22. bid fa_____ll to the departed *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
23. im___e development *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
24. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
25. fo___r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
26. the vic_____us entry *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
27. keep fo_____st in mind *adj.* most important, leading, or prominent
28. pr_____it the use of phone *v.* to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law

ANSWERS: 18. Christ, 19. ban, 20. pankration, 21. victorious, 22. farewell, 23. impede, 24. ban, 25. foster, 26. victorious, 27. foremost, 28. prohibit

29. en___e foreign investment *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
30. ja_____n competition *n.* a long, pointed spear used in athletics competitions as a throwing weapon, originating from ancient Greek warfare
31. small in_____nts *n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
32. ina_____te a new policy *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
33. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
34. modern po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
35. domestic com_____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
36. pa__n sites *n.* a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions
37. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

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38. modern pen_____on *n.* a sports contest consisting of five different events, typically running, jumping, and throwing, as well as fencing and swimming
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42. former em_____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
43. go__e out his eyes *v.* to use a sharp tool to dig out or cut into a surface, often resulting in a deep, narrow groove or hole; to overcharge or unfairly extract money from someone
44. a ch_____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
45. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
46. load the m__e *n.* a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build
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ANSWERS: 38. pentathlon, 39. excellence, 40. fond, 41. athlete, 42. emperor, 43. gouge, 44. champion, 45. basis, 46. mule, 47. loincloth

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52. st_____m capacity *n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
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ANSWERS: 57. prohibit, 58. exciting, 59. modern, 60. olympiad, 61. chariot, 62. mythical, 63. footrace, 64. appreciate, 65. feat, 66. pankration

67. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
68. wr_____ng match *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
69. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
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71. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
72. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
73. fe_____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
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ANSWERS: 67. competition, 68. wrestling, 69. suit, 70. gouge, 71. rural, 72. fan, 73. festival, 74. mule

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92. ina_____te an enterprise *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
93. in_____on date *n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
94. professional fo_____ce *n.* a race in which participants compete by running or jogging on foot
95. di____s event *n.* a heavy, flat round object that is thrown in athletic competitions, consisting of a central hub with a raised rim and a metal or wooden plate attached to the edge, which is thrown by spinning rapidly and releasing it from the hand
96. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
97. ch__r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
98. Olympic di____s *n.* a heavy, flat round object that is thrown in athletic competitions, consisting of a central hub with a raised rim and a metal or wooden plate attached to the edge, which is thrown by spinning rapidly and releasing it from the hand
99. en____e shoppers *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
100. im____e a close relationship *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress

ANSWERS: 92. inaugurate, 93. inception, 94. footrace, 95. discus, 96. exciting, 97. cheer, 98. discus, 99. entice, 100. impede

101. ch____t builder *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
102. h__l a brickbat *v.* to throw something with great force
103. freedom of re____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
104. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
105. em____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
106. re____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
107. a speech co____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
108. vi____r country *n.* one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.
109. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
110. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
111. fo____st expert *adj.* most important, leading, or prominent
112. chemical ad____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 101. chariot, 102. hurl, 103. religion, 104. honor, 105. emperor, 106. religion, 107. contest, 108. victor, 109. rural, 110. hero, 111. foremost, 112. addition

113. lease in_____on

n. the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence

114. arm wr_____ng

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

ANSWERS: 113. inception, 114. wrestling

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We would _____ an early reply.
v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

2. The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating _____ races.
n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

3. 8. The _____ through the forest required the runners to navigate steep hills and uneven terrain.
n. a race in which participants compete by running or jogging on foot

4. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

5. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.
n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

6. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

7. She angrily _____ the book across the room.
v. to throw something with great force

8. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.
n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

ANSWERS: 1. appreciate, 2. chariot, 3. footrace, 4. exciting, 5. competitors, 6. competition, 7. hurled, 8. champion

9. Many athletes in ancient Greece were skilled in _____ and other combat sports.
- n.* an ancient Greek athletic event combining boxing and wrestling, with few rules and widely considered one of the most brutal sports of its time
10. She used a chisel to _____ at the wood block, creating intricate carvings.
- v.* to use a sharp tool to dig out or cut into a surface, often resulting in a deep, narrow groove or hole; to overcharge or unfairly extract money from someone
11. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.
- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
12. There is his _____ party tomorrow.
- n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
13. He threw the _____ with incredible force and accuracy, setting a new record.
- n.* a long, pointed spear used in athletics competitions as a throwing weapon, originating from ancient Greek warfare
14. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
15. The president will _____ the new embassy building next week.
- v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
16. The winner of the _____ had excellent results in all five disciplines.
- n.* a sports contest consisting of five different events, typically running, jumping, and throwing, as well as fencing and swimming

ANSWERS: 9. pankration, 10. gouge, 11. basis, 12. farewell, 13. javelin, 14. feat, 15. inaugurate, 16. pentathlon

17. The salesperson tried to _____ the customer into buying a new car.
v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
18. The traffic jam _____ our progress to reach the destination on time.
v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
19. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
20. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.
n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
21. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside
22. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
23. Many cultures have their _____ creatures and legends.
adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
24. He has also won many marketing _____ awards.
n. the quality of being extremely good
25. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 17. entice, 18. impeded, 19. compete, 20. festival, 21. rural, 22. modern, 23. mythical, 24. excellence, 25. tradition

26. The stubborn _____ refused to move until it was rewarded with a carrot.
- n.* a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build
27. I'm a big ____ of French food.
- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
28. The idea for the company was formed at its _____ and has since grown into a successful business.
- n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
29. The _____ of the race was the favorite to win.
- n.* one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.
30. Congress passed a law to _____ the disposal of nuclear waste.
- v.* to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law
31. I claim on my _____ that it is true.
- n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
32. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.
- n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
33. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.
- n.* the male ruler of an empire

ANSWERS: 26. mule, 27. fan, 28. inception, 29. victor, 30. prohibit, 31. honor, 32. poetry, 33. Emperor

34. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
35. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.
- v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
36. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
37. The temple was built by ancient _____ who worshiped multiple gods.
- n.* a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions
38. Tribal dancers in Rajasthan wear colorful _____ during their performances.
- n.* a piece of cloth worn around the hips and covering the genitals, often worn as a basic garment or for ceremonial or athletic purposes
39. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
40. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
41. The athlete's personal best in the _____ throw earned her a spot on the national team.
- n.* a heavy, flat round object that is thrown in athletic competitions, consisting of a central hub with a raised rim and a metal or wooden plate attached to the edge, which is thrown by spinning rapidly and releasing it from the hand

ANSWERS: 34. religion, 35. cheered, 36. Christmas, 37. pagans, 38. loincloths, 39. inspired, 40. combine, 41. discus

42. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.

- n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

43. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.

- v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

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

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

45. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

46. He is excessively _____ of alcohol.

- adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

47. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.

- n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

48. The _____ troops marched back to their homeland.

- adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

49. He had always been interested in sumo _____ and decided to try it.

- n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

ANSWERS: 42. suits, 43. fostering, 44. ancient, 45. addition, 46. fond, 47. athlete, 48. victorious, 49. wrestling

50. The _____ priority is the safety of the passengers.

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

51. The bid _____ for this auction is \$100.

n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

52. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

53. She won a gold medal in the physics _____ and was praised by her teachers and peers.

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

54. He had a _____ of stubbornness that made him difficult to work with.

n. a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual

55. The baseball _____ was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.

n. a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

56. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

ANSWERS: 50. foremost, 51. increment, 52. hero, 53. olympiad, 54. streak, 55. stadium, 56. contest

57. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

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

ANSWERS: 57. ban