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Session 1: Word List

ancient

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

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym : exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

wander

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

synonym : ramble, roam, stroll

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

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

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

priestess

n. a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system

(1) **priestess** of the Moon, (2) ancient **priestess** tradition

The **priestess** of the temple led the ceremony with grace and wisdom.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

hymn

n. a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony

synonym: psalm, song, religious song

(1) a sacred **hymn**, (2) **hymn** tune

The congregation sang the **hymn** during the service.

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

synonym: legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym : ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

bible

n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

synonym : authoritative book, holy book, doctrine

(1) a passage from the **Bible**, (2) believe **Bible** prophecy

Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology **bible**.

patriarch

n. a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

synonym : father, elder, leader

(1) **Patriarch** of Constantinople, (2) **patriarch** of a religion

The family **patriarch** was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

birthplace

n. the house, town, etc., where someone was born

synonym : hometown, native place, origin

(1) ancestral **birthplaces**, (2) **birthplace** of modern soccer

The **birthplace** of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

banner

n. a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page

synonym : flag, pennant, advertisement

(1) the star-spangled **banner**, (2) **banner** advertising

They unfurled the **banners** in preparation for the ceremony.

Semitic

adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

(1) anti- **Semitic** movement, (2) **Semitic** culture

The **Semitic** languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym : periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

revolt

n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

synonym : rebellion, uprising, insurgence

(1) **revolt** against existing ways of thinking, (2) **revolt**

against the dictator

The people tried to **revolt** to oust the tyrant.

regain

v. to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away

synonym: recover, reclaim, retrieve

(1) **regain** our reputation, (2) **regain** my health

After years of hard work, he finally **regained** his financial stability.

fracture

n. the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone

synonym: break, crack, rupture

(1) **fracture** test, (2) risk of bone **fractures**

X-ray inspection revealed many **fractures**.

dynasty

n. a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**

During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of

the forehead

synonym : shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

royalty

n. revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen

synonym : nobility, aristocracy, monarch

(1) a grandchild of **royalty**, (2) **royalty** income

The **royalty** payments for the use of the patented technology were quite high.

traditionally

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

synonym : conventionally, commonly, generally

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

Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.

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.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym : knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics**

competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

calculation

n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

synonym: analysis, computation, estimate

(1) make a **calculation**, (2) **calculation** of loss and gain

The error in the **calculation** was attributable to rounding.

merchant

n. a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

synonym: dealer, trader, retailer

(1) **merchant** bank, (2) agricultural **merchant**

This shipping company has several hundred **merchant** ships.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym: space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

pictogram

n. a graphic symbol that conveys its meaning through its pictorial resemblance to a physical object

(1) **pictogram** color, (2) a **pictogram** code

That town installed signs digitally displaying **pictograms** to reduce traffic accidents.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

script

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

synonym: writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

cuneiform

adj. of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia

synonym: wedge-shaped, triangular, pyramidal

(1) **cuneiform** writing, (2) external **cuneiform** bone

The **cuneiform** tablets contain some of the oldest known examples of literature.

stylus

n. a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device

synonym: pen, pointer, cursor

(1) **stylus** pen, (2) **stylus** pocket

Many artists prefer to use a **stylus** over their fingers when drawing on a digital canvas.

clay

n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

synonym: ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

wedge-shaped

adj. having the shape of a wedge, which is a triangular object typically wider at one end than the other

synonym: cuneiform, triangular

(1) **wedge-shaped** building, (2) **wedge-shaped** object

The **wedge-shaped** piece of cake was the perfect size for a snack.

transcribe

v. to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text

synonym: copy, record, transliterate

(1) **transcribe** notes, (2) **transcribe** documents

She needs to **transcribe** the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.

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.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

multistoried

adj. having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure

synonym: multi-level, high-rise, towering

(1) **multistoried** condominium, (2) **multistoried** car park

The **multistoried** building housed many offices and businesses.

brick

n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

synonym: block, tile, paver

(1) **brick** wall, (2) dressed **brick**

The wall was made of hard **bricks** that had been used for centuries.

granary

n. a storehouse or other building where grain is kept; a place where grain is grown

synonym: storage, warehouse, barn

(1) the public **granary**, (2) **granary** bread

The farmers stored their rice in the rice **granary** to protect it from pests.

irrigation

n. the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well

(1) an **irrigation** ditch, (2) underground **irrigation** system

Archaeologists found traces of agricultural **irrigation** channels at the historic site.

grain

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

synonym: seed, piece, cereal

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

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

storage

n. the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

synonym: storehouse, depository, warehousing

(1) a **storage** battery, (2) **storage** at low temperature

We store customer data in cloud **storage**.

oversee

v. to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly

synonym: manage, command, supervise

(1) **oversee** the process, (2) properly **oversee** the staff

A committee was appointed to **oversee** a huge budget.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym: decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym: holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

preside

v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

synonym: chair, lead, control

(1) **preside** at the piano, (2) **preside** over ceremony

The **president** will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

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.

ritual

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

synonym: tradition, ceremony, routine

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

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

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

equinox

n. either of two times of the year, usually in March and September, when the sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in equal amounts of daylight and darkness worldwide

synonym: solstice, equinoctial point

(1) autumn **equinox**, (2) **equinox** solstice

The vernal **equinox** marks the beginning of spring when day and night are approximately equal in length.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

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.

mythology

n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

synonym: folklore, legend, fable

(1) tale from **mythology**, (2) ancient **mythology**

He studies Greek and Roman **mythology**.

patron

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular

customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym: contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym: god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

praise

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

synonym: acclaim, honor, commendation

(1) attain critical **praise**, (2) universal **praise**

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

glorify

v. to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position

synonym: exalt, celebrate, honor

(1) **glorify** god, (2) **glorify** violence

Religious leaders often **glorify** their messengers to encourage people to follow their teachings.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

pantheon

n. a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important

synonym: temple, shrine, sanctuary

(1) **pantheon** of products, (2) ancient **pantheon**

The **pantheon** of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.

aloof

adj. emotionally detached or reserved; distant or uninvolved in personal relationships or social interactions; standing apart from others

synonym: distant, detached, standoffish

(1) **aloof** attitude, (2) keep **aloof**

The **aloof** cat refused to cuddle with its owner.

suffer

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

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

synonym: beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

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.

goddess

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

synonym: deity, divinity, idol

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

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

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

divine

adj. of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred

synonym: godly, holy, sacred

(1) **divine** intervention, (2) **divine** grace

The view from the mountaintop was truly **divine**.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory
Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly;
to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym: start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

universe

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

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

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

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

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym: sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

attendant

n. a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant

synonym: assistant, aide, guide

(1) flight **attendant**, (2) personal **attendant**

The **attendant** at the parking lot directed me to an available parking spot

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym: hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

eunuch

n. a male who has been castrated, often to serve a particular role assigned by society; a man who has had his testicles removed, often historically to serve as a royal attendant, scholar, or religious figure

synonym: castrate, gelding, emasculated male

(1) **eunuch** palace, (2) serve as the **eunuch** guardian

The **eunuch's** castration was viewed as a sacrifice that he made for the emperor's service and was considered an honor in some cultures

ode

n. a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone

synonym : poem, song, verse

(1) nature **ode**, (2) an **ode** to love

The poet composed a beautiful **ode** to nature and its wonders.

pronoun

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**

In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym : analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

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.

vacuum

n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

synonym : void, emptiness, gap

(1) **vacuum** cleaner, (2) **vacuum** packing

Please use the **vacuum** to clean up the mess on the floor.

coup

n. a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement

synonym : revolution, overthrow, takeover

(1) **coup** plotters, (2) military **coup**

The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the **coup**.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

legendary

adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

synonym : mythical, fabled, storied

(1) **legendary** actor, (2) achieve a **legendary** status

The **legendary** stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

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.

crush

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

synonym : destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

uprising

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

synonym: revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym: proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

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.

tablet

n. a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

synonym: notepad, pill, medication

(1) a multivitamin **tablet**, (2) **tablet** keyboard

The new **tablet** device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. cu_____rm writing
adj. of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia
3. Se_____c culture
adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
4. eu___h palace
n. a male who has been castrated, often to serve a particular role assigned by society; a man who has had his testicles removed, often historically to serve as a royal attendant, scholar, or religious figure
5. autumn eq_____x
n. either of two times of the year, usually in March and September, when the sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in equal amounts of daylight and darkness worldwide
6. ed_____ed speech
adj. having received a high standard of education
7. serve as the eu___h guardian
n. a male who has been castrated, often to serve a particular role assigned by society; a man who has had his testicles removed, often historically to serve as a royal attendant, scholar, or religious figure

ANSWERS: 1. Christ, 2. cuneiform, 3. Semitic, 4. eunuch, 5. equinox, 6. educated, 7. eunuch

8. pi_____am color *n.* a graphic symbol that conveys its meaning through its pictorial resemblance to a physical object
9. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
10. ap_____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
11. fr_____re test *n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
12. 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
13. cr__h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
14. c__y animation *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
15. military c__p *n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement
16. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 8. pictogram, 9. influence, 10. appoint, 11. fracture, 12. advantage, 13. crush, 14. clay, 15. coup, 16. religion

17. pl__d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
18. st____e at low temperature *n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information
19. violent up____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
20. ge____r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
21. a grandchild of ro____y *n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen
22. st___s pocket *n.* a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device
23. ap____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
24. cr__h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
25. h__n tune *n.* a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony

ANSWERS: 17. plead, 18. storage, 19. uprising, 20. gender, 21. royalty, 22. stylus, 23. appoint, 24. crush, 25. hymn

26. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
27. a st_____e battery *n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information
28. ov_____e the process *v.* to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly
29. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
30. external cu_____rm bone *adj.* of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia
31. ta___t keyboard *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
32. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
33. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
34. eq_____x solstice *n.* either of two times of the year, usually in March and September, when the sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in equal amounts of daylight and darkness worldwide

ANSWERS: 26. desert, 27. storage, 28. oversee, 29. mathematics, 30. cuneiform, 31. tablet, 32. universe, 33. individual, 34. equinox

35. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
36. international film fe_____al *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
37. ancient my_____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
38. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
39. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
40. the star-spangled ba___r *n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
41. al__f attitude *adj.* emotionally detached or reserved; distant or uninvolved in personal relationships or social interactions; standing apart from others
42. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

ANSWERS: 35. spark, 36. festival, 37. mythology, 38. gap, 39. suffer, 40. banner, 41. aloof, 42. transcend

43. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
44. keep al__f *adj.* emotionally detached or reserved; distant or uninvolved in personal relationships or social interactions; standing apart from others
45. flight at_____nt *n.* a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant
46. di___e intervention *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
47. br__k wall *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
48. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
49. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
50. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
51. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
52. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
53. gl_____y god *v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position

ANSWERS: 43. temple, 44. aloof, 45. attendant, 46. divine, 47. brick, 48. relation, 49. ancient, 50. individual, 51. explore, 52. frequent, 53. glorify

54. make a cal_____on *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
55. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
56. agricultural me_____nt *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
57. the public gr_____y *n.* a storehouse or other building where grain is kept; a place where grain is grown
58. stage an up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
59. a sacred h___n *n.* a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
60. tra_____lly sung at a banquet *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
61. re___n my health *v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
62. personal at_____nt *n.* a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant
63. pr_____n usage *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
64. pr_____e at the piano *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

ANSWERS: 54. calculation, 55. explore, 56. merchant, 57. granary, 58. uprising, 59. hymn, 60. traditionally, 61. regain, 62. attendant, 63. pronoun, 64. preside

65. re___n our reputation *v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
66. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
67. tale from my_____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
68. dressed br__k *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
69. geographical bo_____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
70. universal pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
71. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
72. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
73. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
74. cal_____on of loss and gain *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

ANSWERS: 65. regain, 66. vast, 67. mythology, 68. brick, 69. boundary, 70. praise, 71. desire, 72. poem, 73. universe, 74. calculation

75. bir_____ce of modern soccer *n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
76. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
77. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
78. wed_____ped building *adj.* having the shape of a wedge, which is a triangular object typically wider at one end than the other
79. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
80. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
81. a hand sc___t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
82. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
83. attain critical pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
84. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

ANSWERS: 75. birthplace, 76. contribution, 77. ritual, 78. wedge-shaped, 79. celebrate, 80. vast, 81. script, 82. ancient, 83. praise, 84. empire

85. mul_____ied car park *adj.* having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure
86. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
87. va____m packing *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
88. ed_____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
89. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
90. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
91. pr_____e over ceremony *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
92. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
93. pa_____ch of a religion *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
94. a gr__n of sand *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
95. ba____h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

ANSWERS: 85. multistoried, 86. dedicate, 87. vacuum, 88. educated, 89. interpret, 90. transcend, 91. preside, 92. testament, 93. patriarch, 94. grain, 95. banish

96. ba___h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
97. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
98. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
99. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
100. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
101. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
102. ancient pa_____on *n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
103. flour made from gr__n *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
104. possessive pr_____n *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
105. ro_____y income *n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen

ANSWERS: 96. banish, 97. independence, 98. communicate, 99. combine, 100. gap, 101. independence, 102. pantheon, 103. grain, 104. pronoun, 105. royalty

106. control my em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
107. during the Ming dy____y *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
108. va___m cleaner *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
109. ancient pr_____ss tradition *n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
110. le_____ry actor *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
111. achieve a le_____ry status *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
112. di___e grace *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
113. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
114. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
115. 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;
116. an irr_____on ditch *n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well

ANSWERS: 106. emotion, 107. dynasty, 108. vacuum, 109. priestess, 110. legendary, 111. legendary, 112. divine, 113. exile, 114. conquer, 115. attribute, 116. irrigation

117. re___t against the dictator *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
118. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
119. winged go_____s of victory *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
120. a pi_____am code *n.* a graphic symbol that conveys its meaning through its pictorial resemblance to a physical object
121. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
122. a passage from the Bi__e *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
123. ancestral bir_____ces *n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
124. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
125. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
126. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
127. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 117. revolt, 118. combine, 119. goddess, 120. pictogram, 121. communicate, 122. bible, 123. birthplace, 124. conquer, 125. religion, 126. distance, 127. celebrate

128. pr_____ss of the Moon *n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
129. modern po____y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
130. em____e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
131. soft c__y ground *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
132. book of po____y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
133. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
134. gl_____y violence *v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
135. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
136. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 128. priestess, 129. poetry, 130. empire, 131. clay, 132. poetry, 133. contribution, 134. glorify, 135. spark, 136. suffer

137. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
138. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
139. a go_____s of beauty *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
140. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
141. the pa___n saint of a place *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
142. an o_e to love *n.* a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
143. properly ov_____e the staff *v.* to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly
144. dy_____y of China *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
145. underground irr_____on system *n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well

ANSWERS: 137. gender, 138. ultimate, 139. goddess, 140. prostitute, 141. patron, 142. ode, 143. oversee, 144. dynasty, 145. irrigation

146. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
147. tra_____lly accepted concept *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
148. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
149. te_____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
150. re___t against existing ways of thinking *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
151. tra_____be notes *v.* to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
152. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
153. c__p plotters *n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement
154. a multivitamin ta___t *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
155. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
156. the halo of a sa___d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

ANSWERS: 146. relation, 147. traditionally, 148. invade, 149. testament, 150. revolt, 151. transcribe, 152. emotion, 153. coup, 154. tablet, 155. mathematics, 156. sacred

157. ba___r advertising *n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
158. anti-Se____c movement *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
159. 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
160. in____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
161. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
162. pa____on of products *n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
163. social di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 157. banner, 158. Semitic, 159. festival, 160. influence, 161. epic, 162. pantheon, 163. distance

164. morning ri___l	<i>n.</i> any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
165. acc_____sh a goal	<i>v.</i> to finish or achieve something successfully
166. fr_____nt use	<i>adj.</i> happening constantly
167. tra_____be documents	<i>v.</i> to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
168. a tremor of de_____t	<i>n.</i> a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
169. me_____nt bank	<i>n.</i> a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
170. with de_____t	<i>n.</i> a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
171. believe Bi__e prophecy	<i>n.</i> the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
172. wa___r alone in a strange country	<i>v.</i> to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
173. sa___d music	<i>adj.</i> connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
174. pl__d a political cause	<i>v.</i> to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
175. de__y of commerce	<i>n.</i> a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

ANSWERS: 164. ritual, 165. accomplish, 166. frequent, 167. transcribe, 168. delight, 169. merchant, 170. delight, 171. bible, 172. wander, 173. sacred, 174. plead, 175. deity

176. de____p a skill
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
177. oasis in the de____t
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
178. 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;
179. existence of a de__y
n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
180. the ch_____c economic situation
adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
181. political pa____n
n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
182. te____e complex
n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
183. p__m to the dead
n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

ANSWERS: 176. develop, 177. desert, 178. attribute, 179. deity, 180. chaotic, 181. patron, 182. temple, 183. poem

184. gr____y bread *n.* a storehouse or other building where grain is kept; a place where grain is grown
185. three-year-old ne___w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
186. teaching of 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
187. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
188. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
189. st___s pen *n.* a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device
190. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
191. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
192. nieces and ne___ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
193. risk of bone fr_____res *n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
194. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
195. Pa_____ch of Constantinople *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

ANSWERS: 184. granary, 185. nephew, 186. Christ, 187. ultimate, 188. develop, 189. stylus, 190. interpret, 191. accomplish, 192. nephew, 193. fracture, 194. chaotic, 195. patriarch

196. the sc___t of a play *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
197. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
198. e__c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
199. wa___r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
200. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
201. wed_____ped object *adj.* having the shape of a wedge, which is a triangular object typically wider at one end than the other
202. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
203. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
204. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
205. mul_____ied condominium *adj.* having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure

ANSWERS: 196. script, 197. exile, 198. epic, 199. wander, 200. boundary, 201. wedge-shaped, 202. dedicate, 203. desire, 204. invade, 205. multistoried

206. nature o_e *n.* a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
207. 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
208. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

ANSWERS: 206. ode, 207. advantage, 208. prostitute

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
 - n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

2. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.
 - n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

3. The court _____ a guardian for the child.
 - v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

4. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
 - v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

5. His wealth is a _____ to his success.
 - n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

6. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.
 - n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

7. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.
 - v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

ANSWERS: 1. universe, 2. ritual, 3. appointed, 4. invade, 5. testament, 6. contribution, 7. banished

8. Religious leaders often _____ their messengers to encourage people to follow their teachings.
- v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
9. X-ray inspection revealed many _____.
- n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
10. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
11. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
12. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
13. The sculptor carefully molded the _____ into the desired shape.
- n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
14. The _____ castration was viewed as a sacrifice that he made for the emperor's service and was considered an honor in some cultures
- n.* a male who has been castrated, often to serve a particular role assigned by society; a man who has had his testicles removed, often historically to serve as a royal attendant, scholar, or religious figure
15. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.
- n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

ANSWERS: 8. glorify, 9. fractures, 10. mathematics, 11. combine, 12. vast, 13. clay, 14. eunuch's, 15. epic

16. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
17. He studies Greek and Roman _____.
n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
18. The error in the _____ was attributable to rounding.
n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
19. His heartaches are less _____ now.
adj. happening constantly
20. Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology _____.
n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
21. Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen _____.
n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
22. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
23. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
24. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.
n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

ANSWERS: 16. independence, 17. mythology, 18. calculation, 19. frequent, 20. bible, 21. grains, 22. exiled, 23. desire, 24. boundary

25. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.
v. to finish or achieve something successfully
26. They have been a _____ of this restaurant for many years.
n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
27. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
28. The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the _____.
n. a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement
29. 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
30. The congregation sang the _____ during the service.
n. a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
31. The _____ languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.
adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
32. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 25. accomplish, 26. patron, 27. develop, 28. coup, 29. ancient, 30. hymn, 31. Semitic, 32. relations

33. The _____ building housed many offices and businesses.
adj. having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure
34. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
35. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.
adj. having received a high standard of education
36. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.
n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
37. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.
n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
38. That town installed signs digitally displaying _____ to reduce traffic accidents.
n. a graphic symbol that conveys its meaning through its pictorial resemblance to a physical object
39. Please use the _____ to clean up the mess on the floor.
n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
40. She needs to _____ the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.
v. to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text

ANSWERS: 33. multistoried, 34. poem, 35. educated, 36. prostitute, 37. gap, 38. pictograms, 39. vacuum, 40. transcribe

41. The view from the mountaintop was truly _____.
adj. of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
42. The _____ at the parking lot directed me to an available parking spot
n. a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant
43. 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
44. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.
n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
45. They unfurled the _____ in preparation for the ceremony.
n. a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
46. This shipping company has several hundred _____ ships.
n. a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
47. The _____ of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.
n. the house, town, etc., where someone was born
48. Archaeologists found traces of agricultural _____ channels at the historic site.
n. the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well

ANSWERS: 41. divine, 42. attendant, 43. advantages, 44. temple, 45. banners, 46. merchant, 47. birthplace, 48. irrigation

49. This space is a private office _____ to the President

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

50. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

51. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

52. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun _____ Ra was the most powerful god.

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

53. The car was completely _____ in the accident.

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

54. The people tried to _____ to oust the tyrant.

n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

55. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

56. He _____ his life to helping others.

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 49. sacred, 50. influence, 51. gender, 52. deity, 53. crushed, 54. revolt, 55. transcended, 56. dedicated

57. Different people might _____ this news differently.
- v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
58. The anti-government _____ was successful in overthrowing the regime.
- n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
59. Many artists prefer to use a _____ over their fingers when drawing on a digital canvas.
- n.* a thin, pointed tool used to write, draw, or select items on a touchscreen device
60. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.
- v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
61. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
- n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
62. In English, personal _____ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.
- n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
63. The vernal _____ marks the beginning of spring when day and night are approximately equal in length.
- n.* either of two times of the year, usually in March and September, when the sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in equal amounts of daylight and darkness worldwide
64. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
- n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

ANSWERS: 57. interpret, 58. uprising, 59. stylus, 60. wander, 61. empire, 62. pronouns, 63. equinox, 64. delight

65. The _____ of the temple led the ceremony with grace and wisdom.
- n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
66. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
67. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
- v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
68. The _____ cat refused to cuddle with its owner.
- adj.* emotionally detached or reserved; distant or uninvolved in personal relationships or social interactions; standing apart from others
69. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.
- adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
70. During the Habsburg _____ colonization began.
- n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
71. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
72. The _____ will preside over the meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

ANSWERS: 65. priestess, 66. communicate, 67. explore, 68. aloof, 69. chaotic, 70. dynasty, 71. individual, 72. president

73. The _____ payments for the use of the patented technology were quite high.
- n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen
74. The festival was held in honor of the harvest _____.
- n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
75. 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
76. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
77. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
78. 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;
79. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.
- n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
80. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
- n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 73. royalty, 74. goddess, 75. festival, 76. celebrated, 77. religion, 78. attributes, 79. poetry, 80. distance

81. The _____ of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.

- n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important

82. The drama series mainly received _____.

- n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

83. The poet composed a beautiful ____ to nature and its wonders.

- n.* a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone

84. We store customer data in cloud _____.

- n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

85. The wall was made of hard _____ that had been used for centuries.

- n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

86. The _____ stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

- adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

87. The new _____ device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

- n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

ANSWERS: 81. pantheon, 82. praise, 83. ode, 84. storage, 85. bricks, 86. legendary, 87. tablet

88. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian _____ on a stone monument.
n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
89. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
90. A committee was appointed to _____ a huge budget.
v. to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly
91. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.
n. a son of your brother or sister
92. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority
93. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.
v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
94. _____ the ceremony was held outdoors.
adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
95. The _____ tablets contain some of the oldest known examples of literature.
adj. of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia
96. The _____ piece of cake was the perfect size for a snack.
adj. having the shape of a wedge, which is a triangular object typically wider at one end than the other

ANSWERS: 88. script, 89. ultimate, 90. oversee, 91. nephew, 92. conquer, 93. sparked, 94. Traditionally, 95. cuneiform, 96. wedge-shaped

97. The family _____ was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.
- n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
98. _____ 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
99. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
100. After years of hard work, he finally _____ his financial stability.
- v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
101. The farmers stored their rice in the rice _____ to protect it from pests.
- n.* a storehouse or other building where grain is kept; a place where grain is grown
102. This region is predominantly _____.
- n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
103. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
104. He _____ with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.
- v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

ANSWERS: 97. patriarch, 98. Christmas, 99. emotions, 100. regained, 101. granary, 102. desert, 103. suffers, 104. pleaded

ANSWERS: