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Session 1: Word List

ramshackle

adj. in a state of severe disrepair; poorly constructed or hastily put together; rickety or unstable in structure

synonym: dilapidated, rundown, shabby

(1) **ramshackle** bridge, (2) **ramshackle** building

The **ramshackle** old house had been abandoned for years and desperately needed repair.

hut

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym: shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

despair

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

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

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

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

ponder

v. to think deeply or carefully about something

synonym: think about, consider, reflect on

(1) **ponder** divine matters, (2) **ponder** life's meaning

She sat quietly, **pondering** the difficult decision.

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.

encounter

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

synonym : meet, run into, come across

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

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

shadowy

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

synonym : dim, dark, obscure

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

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

silhouette

n. an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color

synonym : outline, contour, shape

(1) a person's **silhouette**, (2) the **silhouette** of a garment

After the war, the **silhouette** of the country appears.

resemble

v. to look like or be similar to someone or something

synonym : look like, be similar to

(1) **resemble** each other, (2) **resemble** her mother

The brothers **resemble** each other in the hobby.

devil

n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is

harmful, dangerous, or wicked

synonym: demon, fiend, satan

(1) **devil's** advocate, (2) **devil** horns

There are various ways to ward off the **devil**, including prayer and holy water.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym: obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

godfather

n. a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

synonym: sponsor, mentor, protector

(1) political **godfather**, (2) be my **godfather** at my christening

The wealthy businessman acted as a **godfather** to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.

refuse

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

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

entrust

v. to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment

synonym: trust, delegate, hand over

(1) **entrust** with responsibility, (2) **entrust** money to him
I **entrusted** my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym : conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment** , (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

vent

n. a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion

synonym : duct, outlet, venthole

(1) volcanic **vent**, (2) **vent** tube

He gave **vent** to his anger by playing the guitar.

tangle

n. a confused mass of something twisted together

synonym : knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

thicket

n. a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement

synonym : thorn patch, bramble, copse

(1) dense **thicket**, (2) **thicket** of bushes

The hikers had to cut through the **thicket** to descend the mountain.

gaunt

adj. thin and bony in appearance, often due to illness or malnutrition; desolate or barren in landscape or atmosphere

synonym : emaciated, thin, skinny

(1) **gaunt** face, (2) **gaunt** figure

The **gaunt** prisoner was a reflection of the harsh conditions in the jail.

crooked

adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or

wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

synonym : bent, curved, twisted

(1) **crooked** smile, (2) **crooked** line

The table leg was **crooked**, causing all the cups to slide to one side.

prosperity

n. the state of being successful and having the good fortune

synonym : affluence, accomplishment, capital

(1) economic **prosperity**, (2) **prosperity** of humankind

This war shattered dreams of peace and **prosperity**.

ambitious

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

synonym : enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye

Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

skeletal

adj. of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated

synonym : bony, emaciated, gaunt

(1) **skeletal** system, (2) **skeletal** muscles

The older man was skinny and **skeletal** and not in good health.

gnarled

adj. twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface

synonym : knotty, twisted, contorted

(1) **gnarled** fingers, (2) **gnarled** branches

The **gnarled** tree roots made the path difficult to walk on.

flask

n. a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids

synonym :

bottle, container, vial

(1) lab **flask**, (2) vacuum **flask**

The chemist poured the solution from the beaker into the **flask**.

ailment

n. a slight but often persistent illness

synonym: illness, disorder, infection

(1) heart **ailment**, (2) age-related **ailment**

He got timely treatment for his physical **ailment** of severe back pain.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym: rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym: hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

heal

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

synonym: recover, bring around, mend

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

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

waft

v. to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it

synonym: float, drift, glide

(1) **waft** in the breeze, (2) **waft** of steam

The smell of freshly baked bread began to **waft** through the house.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym: remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging
Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

fume

v. to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way; (noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion

synonym: smoke, vaporize, emit

(1) **fume** with anger, (2) acrid **fumes**

The angry customer began to **fume** when their order was delayed.

linger

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

synonym: dawdle, tarry, loiter

(1) **linger** in the mind, (2) **linger** over your work

She **lingered** for a moment before leaving the room.

claim

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

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

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

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

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

uncanny

adj. strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
synonym : arcane, astonishing, eerie

(1) in an **uncanny** manner, (2) **uncanny** resemblance
She has an **uncanny** sense of who is telling a lie.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**
When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

cast

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

synonym : throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye
This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

summon

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

synonym : call for, muster, assemble

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

physician

n. a medical doctor who practices medicine

synonym : doctor, practitioner, medic

(1) the advice of the **physician**, (2) consult with a **physician**
She visited the local **physician** to seek treatment for her persistent headache.

sweep

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

synonym : clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance

The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

palace

n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

synonym : mansion, manor, castle

(1) a **palace** garden, (2) ancestral **palace**

The imperial **palace** is currently undergoing reforms.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym : association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

dismay

n. a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence

synonym : distress, discouragement, consternation

(1) flop down in **dismay**, (2) feel **dismay**

The employees expressed their **dismay** at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym : inhabit, occupy, decide

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

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

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

glory

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements
synonym : acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**

It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

deceive

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

synonym : mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

swift

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

synonym : quick, speedy, brisk

(1) take **swift** action, (2) a **swift** current of a river

Her voice was **swift**, yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

spin

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

synonym : rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym : overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

administer

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

synonym : allocate, distribute, dispense

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

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

company.

livid

adj. discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously;
having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance

synonym: furious, enraged, black-and-blue

(1) **livid** face, (2) **livid** glare

She was **livid** with anger when she found out her coworker had stolen credit for her project.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty,
particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

arrogant

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

synonym: haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**

He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to
deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym: deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

messenger

n. someone or something that carries a message,
especially one sent to convey information, news, or an
official document

synonym: courier, transmitter, envoy

(1) **messenger** app, (2) a secret **messenger**

An mRNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a copy of a molecule called **messenger** RNA.

princess

n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a
prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good

or admirable

synonym : royal, noble, queen

(1) crown **princess**, (2) a Royal **Princess**

The prince fell in love with the **princess** and asked her to marry him.

grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym : tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

strike

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

synonym : hit, impact, influence

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

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

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended

period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym : charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym : hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

utter

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (*verb*) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

synonym : absolute, complete, total

(1) **utter** nonsense, (2) **utter** a big sigh

The **utter** chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym : haul, pull, draw

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

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

lovesick

adj. feeling sad, lonely, or depressed because one is not in a romantic relationship or because one's significant other is not with them

synonym : heartbroken, infatuated

(1) **lovesick** poet, (2) a **lovesick** maiden

She was **lovesick** and couldn't stop thinking about him.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym : immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply
His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

dissolve

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

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage
The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

immense

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: enormous, giant, huge

(1) **immense** amount, (2) **immense** pressure
He left his wife an **immense** fortune.

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym: cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**
Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym: innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions
There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

quiver

v. to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion

synonym: shake, tremble, shiver

(1) **quiver** in the breeze, (2) **quiver** with excitement
The archer's hands **quivered** as he aimed the arrow at the target.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

duration

n. the length of time something lasts or continues

synonym: period, span, course

(1) the **duration** of insurance, (2) short **duration**

The military incarcerated him for the **duration** of the war.

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym: penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

mortality

n. the quality or state of being subject to death

synonym: fatality

(1) **mortality** due to cancer, (2) lower infant **mortality**

This disease has a high **mortality**.

whittle

v. to carve or cut away small pieces of wood, stone, or other materials with a knife or other sharp tool; to gradually reduce or diminish something

synonym: carve, pare, trim

(1) **whittle** wooden toys, (2) **whittle** down expenses

The skilled craftsman used a pocket knife to **whittle** a small figurine from a wood block.

wick

n. a narrow strip of material, such as cotton or fiberglass, that is used to draw up oil, wax, or other fluid that is burned in a lamp, candle, or other flame-producing devices; (verb) to absorb or draw up liquid by capillary action

synonym : cord, string, taper

(1) cotton **wick**, (2) **wick** moisture

The candle's **wick** burned, signaling it was time to extinguish it.

dwindle

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

synonym : shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing

The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

glimpse

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

synonym : glance, peek, sighting

(1) a momentary **glimpse**, (2) passing **glimpse**

Our team caught a **glimpse** of the world-class technique in this game.

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym : plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

betray

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

synonym : fail, denounce, display

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

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

loosen

v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

synonym : relax, slacken, untie

(1) **loosen** grip, (2) **loosen** knot

Please **loosen** the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.

bony

adj. characterized by a prominent, visible bone structure; lacking flesh or muscle; thin, scrawny

synonym : emaciated, gaunt, skeletal

(1) **bony** fingers, (2) **bony** structure

She complained of a **bony** lump on her ankle that made walking difficult.

grip

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

synonym : grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

motionless

adj. without movement or motion; completely still

synonym : still, immobile, static

(1) **motionless** figure, (2) **motionless** body

The wounded soldier lay **motionless** on the battlefield waiting for medical attention.

inscrutable

adj. difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered

synonym : mysterious, enigmatic, impenetrable

(1) **inscrutable** expression, (2) **inscrutable** smile

The mystery surrounding the lost city's **inscrutable** ruins has intrigued archaeologists for decades.

sputter

v. to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven manner

synonym: cough, spit, splutter

(1) **sputter** into silence, (2) **sputter** due to lack of fuel

The car's engine began to **sputter** as it ran out of gas.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym: blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

wisp

n. a thin, delicate strand or vestige of something, such as smoke, vapor, or a piece of hair; a faint, barely perceptible indication or hint of something; a small creature or fairy, often depicted as a hovering, translucent figure

synonym: strand, thread, filament

(1) a **wisp** of mist, (2) a **wisp** of conversation

The **wisp** of smoke from the candle added to the room's cozy ambiance.

Session 2: Spelling

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7. en_____t money to him
v. to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
8. sw__p up dead leaves
v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

ANSWERS: 1. claim, 2. tangle, 3. countless, 4. grip, 5. waft, 6. gaunt, 7. entrust, 8. sweep

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18. simmering fl__e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
19. dense th_____t *n.* a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement

ANSWERS: 9. transfer, 10. drag, 11. palace, 12. sputter, 13. punishment, 14. ramshackle, 15. livid, 16. uncanny, 17. instant, 18. flame, 19. thicket

20. en____t with responsibility *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
21. po____r divine matters *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
22. th____t of bushes *n.* a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement
23. st____e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
24. ancestral pa____e *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
25. a gas ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
26. greatest gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
27. a w__p of conversation *n.* a thin, delicate strand or vestige of something, such as smoke, vapor, or a piece of hair; a faint, barely perceptible indication or hint of something; a small creature or fairy, often depicted as a hovering, translucent figure
28. su____n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

ANSWERS: 20. entrust, 21. ponder, 22. thicket, 23. strike, 24. palace, 25. chamber, 26. glory, 27. wisp, 28. summon

29. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
30. di____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
31. economic pro____ty *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
32. sw__p a room with a glance *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
33. lower infant mo____ty *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
34. h__l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
35. be____y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
36. en____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
37. a lo____ck maiden *adj.* feeling sad, lonely, or depressed because one is not in a romantic relationship or because one's significant other is not with them
38. an emotional ju____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

ANSWERS: 29. grace, 30. dissolve, 31. prosperity, 32. sweep, 33. mortality, 34. heal, 35. betray, 36. encounter, 37. lovesick, 38. judgment

39. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
40. take sw__t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
41. the an_____te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
42. an ar_____nt attitude *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
43. gr__e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
44. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
45. cotton w__k *n.* a narrow strip of material, such as cotton or fiberglass, that is used to draw up oil, wax, or other fluid that is burned in a lamp, candle, or other flame-producing devices; (verb) to absorb or draw up liquid by capillary action
46. an in_____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
47. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 39. strict, 40. swift, 41. antidote, 42. arrogant, 43. grave, 44. drag, 45. wick, 46. instant, 47. incredible

48. ut__r nonsense *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
49. sk____al system *adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
50. the sil_____te of a garment *n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
51. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
52. dw_____e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
53. ga__t face *adj.* thin and bony in appearance, often due to illness or malnutrition; desolate or barren in landscape or atmosphere
54. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
55. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
56. l__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
57. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

ANSWERS: 48. utter, 49. skeletal, 50. silhouette, 51. spin, 52. dwindle, 53. gaunt, 54. heal, 55. cheat, 56. lurk, 57. desperately

58. cr____d smile *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
59. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
60. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
61. ram_____le building *adj.* in a state of severe disrepair; poorly constructed or hastily put together; rickety or unstable in structure
62. li__d glare *adj.* discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance
63. the advice of the ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
64. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
65. qu___r with excitement *v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
66. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

ANSWERS: 58. crooked, 59. represent, 60. attempt, 61. ramshackle, 62. livid, 63. physician, 64. patient, 65. quiver, 66. cast

67. crown pr____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
68. cr____d line *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
69. de__l horns *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
70. vacuum fl__k *n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids
71. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
72. sp____r into silence *v.* to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven manner
73. deliver a ju____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
74. re____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

ANSWERS: 67. princess, 68. crooked, 69. devil, 70. flask, 71. refuse, 72. sputter, 73. judgment, 74. reverse

75. lo___n knot
v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
76. feel di___y
n. a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
77. de_____r at the future
n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
78. gn_____d fingers
adj. twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface
79. l__ked behind the words
v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
80. pa_____t in the hospital
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
81. en_____er a storm
v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
82. sk_____al muscles
adj. of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
83. me_____er app
n. someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document

ANSWERS: 75. loosen, 76. dismay, 77. despair, 78. gnarled, 79. lurk, 80. patient, 81. encounter, 82. skeletal, 83. messenger

84. acrid f__es *v.* to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way; (noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion
85. short du_____on *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
86. co_____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
87. b__y fingers *adj.* characterized by a prominent, visible bone structure; lacking flesh or muscle; thin, scrawny
88. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
89. humiliating pun_____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
90. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
91. lab fl__k *n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids
92. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 84. fume, 85. duration, 86. countless, 87. bony, 88. beg, 89. punishment, 90. beg, 91. flask, 92. represent

93. g__p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
94. a momentary gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
95. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
96. domiciliary c__es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
97. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
98. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
99. former gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
100. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
101. su___n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
102. ho__r between life and death *v.* to stay in one place in the air
103. age-related ai_____t *n.* a slight but often persistent illness

ANSWERS: 93. grip, 94. glimpse, 95. chamber, 96. cave, 97. strike, 98. desperately, 99. glory, 100. hut, 101. summon, 102. hover, 103. ailment

104. a secret me_____er *n.* someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document
105. political go_____er *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
106. heart ai_____t *n.* a slight but often persistent illness
107. ut__r a big sigh *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
108. wa____r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
109. sh_____y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
110. de_____e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
111. flop down in di____y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence

ANSWERS: 104. messenger, 105. godfather, 106. ailment, 107. utter, 108. wander, 109. shadowy, 110. deceive, 111. dismay

112. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement or disagreement
113. carry a bu___n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
114. dw_____e to almost nothing *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
115. li___r in the mind *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
116. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
117. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
118. lo___n grip *v.* to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
119. gr__e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
120. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 112. settle, 113. burden, 114. dwindle, 115. linger, 116. cheat, 117. refuse, 118. loosen, 119. grave, 120. instinct

121. consult with a ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
122. ins_____le expression *adj.* difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered
123. mo_____ty due to cancer *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
124. b__y structure *adj.* characterized by a prominent, visible bone structure; lacking flesh or muscle; thin, scrawny
125. grow ar_____nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
126. the an_____te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
127. bu_____n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
128. gr_____y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
129. officially di_____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
130. gn_____d branches *adj.* twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface
131. passing gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

ANSWERS: 121. physician, 122. inscrutable, 123. mortality, 124. bony, 125. arrogant, 126. antidote, 127. burden, 128. greedy, 129. dissolve, 130. gnarled, 131. glimpse

132. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
133. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
134. wa____r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
135. pro_____ty of humankind *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
136. wh_____e wooden toys *v.* to carve or cut away small pieces of wood, stone, or other materials with a knife or other sharp tool; to gradually reduce or diminish something
137. s____n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
138. in a ta____e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
139. fishing h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
140. a sw__t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
141. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
142. qu____r in the breeze *v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion

ANSWERS: 132. administer, 133. incredible, 134. wander, 135. prosperity, 136. whittle, 137. spin, 138. tangle, 139. hut, 140. swift, 141. instinct, 142. quiver

143. ho__r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
144. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
145. mot_____ss body *adj.* without movement or motion;
completely still
146. lo_____ck poet *adj.* feeling sad, lonely, or depressed
because one is not in a romantic
relationship or because one's significant
other is not with them
147. re_____le each other *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or
something
148. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to
demand or request something as one's
own; to lay legal or moral right to
something; (noun) a demand or
assertion of a right or something that
one believes to be true
149. wh_____e down expenses *v.* to carve or cut away small pieces of
wood, stone, or other materials with a
knife or other sharp tool; to gradually
reduce or diminish something
150. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source
caused by combustion; a strong,
intense feeling typically associated with
passion, aggression, or anger
151. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and
you cannot do anything to improve a
difficult situation
152. a person's sil_____te *n.* an outline of a solid object that you see
against a light background; a drawing of
the outline of an object filled in with
some uniform color

ANSWERS: 143. hover, 144. settle, 145. motionless, 146. lovesick, 147. resemble, 148. claim, 149. whittle, 150. flame, 151. despair, 152. silhouette

153. ins_____le smile *adj.* difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered
154. w__k moisture *n.* a narrow strip of material, such as cotton or fiberglass, that is used to draw up oil, wax, or other fluid that is burned in a lamp, candle, or other flame-producing devices; (verb) to absorb or draw up liquid by capillary action
155. un_____y resemblance *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
156. mot_____ss figure *adj.* without movement or motion; completely still
157. volcanic v__t *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
158. sh_____y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
159. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
160. v__t tube *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
161. w__t in the breeze *v.* to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it

ANSWERS: 153. inscrutable, 154. wick, 155. uncanny, 156. motionless, 157. vent, 158. shadowy, 159. reverse, 160. vent, 161. waft

162. a Royal Pr_____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
163. f__e with anger *v.* to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way; (noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion
164. be my go_____er at my christening *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
165. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
166. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
167. gr___y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
168. de_____e skillfully *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
169. im_____e pressure *adj.* extremely large or great

ANSWERS: 162. princess, 163. fume, 164. godfather, 165. transfer, 166. cast, 167. greedy, 168. deceive, 169. immense

170. the mouth of the c__e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
171. im____e amount *adj.* extremely large or great
172. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
173. a w__p of mist *n.* a thin, delicate strand or vestige of something, such as smoke, vapor, or a piece of hair; a faint, barely perceptible indication or hint of something; a small creature or fairy, often depicted as a hovering, translucent figure
174. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
175. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
176. the du_____on of insurance *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
177. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
178. re_____le her mother *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
179. de__l's advocate *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

ANSWERS: 170. cave, 171. immense, 172. ambitious, 173. wisp, 174. grace, 175. warn, 176. duration, 177. attempt, 178. resemble, 179. devil

180. be___y a friend v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
181. li___r over your work v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
182. adm_____er justice v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
183. w___ned me of the plan v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
184. st___t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
185. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
186. po___r life's meaning v. to think deeply or carefully about something

ANSWERS: 180. betray, 181. linger, 182. administer, 183. warn, 184. strict, 185. ambitious, 186. ponder

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This disease has a high _____.
n. the quality or state of being subject to death
2. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
3. The military incarcerated him for the _____ of the war.
n. the length of time something lasts or continues
4. The _____ chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.
adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
5. There are various ways to ward off the _____ including prayer and holy water.
n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
6. The magician's illusions were designed to _____ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.
v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
7. The older man was skinny and _____ and not in good health.
adj. of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated

ANSWERS: 1. mortality, 2. dissolved, 3. duration, 4. utter, 5. devil, 6. deceive, 7. skeletal

8. The prince fell in love with the _____ and asked her to marry him.
n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
9. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.
v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
10. The _____ prisoner was a reflection of the harsh conditions in the jail.
adj. thin and bony in appearance, often due to illness or malnutrition; desolate or barren in landscape or atmosphere
11. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
12. Her voice was _____ yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.
adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
13. The angry customer began to _____ when their order was delayed.
v. to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way; (noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion
14. She was _____ with anger when she found out her coworker had stolen credit for her project.
adj. discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance
15. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.
n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

ANSWERS: 8. princess, 9. spinning, 10. gaunt, 11. administer, 12. swift, 13. fume, 14. livid, 15. glory

16. Our team caught a _____ of the world-class technique in this game.
n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
17. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
18. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.
n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
19. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
20. He got timely treatment for his physical _____ of severe back pain.
n. a slight but often persistent illness
21. The cords behind my computer were a _____ mess.
n. a confused mass of something twisted together
22. She has an _____ sense of who is telling a lie.
adj. strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
23. She complained of a _____ lump on her ankle that made walking difficult.
adj. characterized by a prominent, visible bone structure; lacking flesh or muscle; thin, scrawny

ANSWERS: 16. glimpse, 17. instinct, 18. punishment, 19. settle, 20. ailment, 21. tangled, 22. uncanny, 23. bony

24. Please _____ the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.
- v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
25. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
- v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
26. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
- v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
27. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.
- n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
28. The wealthy businessman acted as a _____ to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.
- n. a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
29. He gave _____ to his anger by playing the guitar.
- n. a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
30. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.
- v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 24. loosen, 25. reversed, 26. betrayed, 27. flame, 28. godfather, 29. vent, 30. encounter

31. The third _____ was far more successful.

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

32. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.

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

33. The _____ of smoke from the candle added to the room's cozy ambiance.

n. a thin, delicate strand or vestige of something, such as smoke, vapor, or a piece of hair; a faint, barely perceptible indication or hint of something; a small creature or fairy, often depicted as a hovering, translucent figure

34. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

35. The little girl lived in a small _____ in the woods with her family.

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

36. The imperial _____ is currently undergoing reforms.

n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

37. 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

38. The hikers had to cut through the _____ to descend the mountain.

n. a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement

ANSWERS: 31. attempt, 32. heal, 33. wisp, 34. grace, 35. hut, 36. palace, 37. wander, 38. thicket

39. His friend's death drove him to _____.
- n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
40. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.
- v.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
41. The politician tried to _____ the embarrassing incident under the rug.
- v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
42. The employees expressed their _____ at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.
- n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
43. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
- v.* to pull or haul with force
44. Knowledge is the _____ to fear.
- n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
45. I _____ my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.
- v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
46. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 39. despair, 40. grip, 41. sweep, 42. dismay, 43. dragged, 44. antidote, 45. entrusted, 46. warn

47. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
48. She visited the local _____ to seek treatment for her persistent headache.
n. a medical doctor who practices medicine
49. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.
v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
50. She sat quietly, _____ the difficult decision.
v. to think deeply or carefully about something
51. The archer's hands _____ as he aimed the arrow at the target.
v. to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
52. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
53. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.
adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
54. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
55. The crowds at the festival _____ as the night went on.
v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

ANSWERS: 47. strike, 48. physician, 49. cheated, 50. pondering, 51. quivered, 52. incredible, 53. ambitious, 54. chambers, 55. dwindled

56. The _____ tree roots made the path difficult to walk on.

adj. twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface

57. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

58. The _____ old house had been abandoned for years and desperately needed repair.

adj. in a state of severe disrepair; poorly constructed or hastily put together; rickety or unstable in structure

59. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

60. My initial reaction was to _____.

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

61. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

62. The candle's _____ burned, signaling it was time to extinguish it.

n. a narrow strip of material, such as cotton or fiberglass, that is used to draw up oil, wax, or other fluid that is burned in a lamp, candle, or other flame-producing devices; (verb) to absorb or draw up liquid by capillary action

ANSWERS: 56. gnarled, 57. lurks, 58. ramshackle, 59. patient's, 60. refuse, 61. greedy, 62. wick

63. The chemist poured the solution from the beaker into the _____.

- n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids

64. That car has a low environmental _____.

- n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

65. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.

- adj.* happening immediately, with no delay

66. The car's engine began to _____ as it ran out of gas.

- v.* to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven manner

67. The skilled craftsman used a pocket knife to _____ a small figurine from a wood block.

- v.* to carve or cut away small pieces of wood, stone, or other materials with a knife or other sharp tool; to gradually reduce or diminish something

68. The mystery surrounding the lost city's _____ ruins has intrigued archaeologists for decades.

- adj.* difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered

69. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.

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

ANSWERS: 63. flask, 64. burden, 65. instant, 66. sputter, 67. whittle, 68. inscrutable, 69. cast

70. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

71. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

72. Bats reside in sheltered _____.

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

73. An mRNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a copy of a molecule called _____ RNA.

n. someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document

74. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

75. She _____ for a moment before leaving the room.

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

76. The smell of freshly baked bread began to _____ through the house.

v. to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it

ANSWERS: 70. strict, 71. graves, 72. caves, 73. messenger, 74. countless, 75. lingered, 76. waft

77. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

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

78. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.

- n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

79. The table leg was _____ causing all the cups to slide to one side.

- adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

80. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.

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

81. The _____ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

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

82. The brothers _____ each other in the hobby.

- v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something

83. He was so _____ that he thought he was always right.

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

84. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.

- v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

ANSWERS: 77. claim, 78. judgments, 79. crooked, 80. summoning, 81. shadowy, 82. resemble, 83. arrogant, 84. begged

85. She was _____ and couldn't stop thinking about him.

adj. feeling sad, lonely, or depressed because one is not in a romantic relationship or because one's significant other is not with them

86. This war shattered dreams of peace and _____.

n. the state of being successful and having the good fortune

87. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

88. He left his wife an _____ fortune.

adj. extremely large or great

89. The wounded soldier lay _____ on the battlefield waiting for medical attention.

adj. without movement or motion; completely still

90. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

91. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

92. Two birds were _____ overhead.

v. to stay in one place in the air

93. After the war, the _____ of the country appears.

n. an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color

ANSWERS: 85. lovesick, 86. prosperity, 87. transferred, 88. immense, 89. motionless, 90. represent, 91. desperately, 92. hovering, 93. silhouette

ANSWERS: