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Session 1: Word List

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**
Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym : thrill, exhilaration, incitement

(1) the **excitement** in the business world, (2) aesthetic **excitement**

The **excitement** of the upcoming concert was palpable

among the crowd.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

frail

adj. weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

synonym: weak, delicate, fragile

(1) **frail** body, (2) **frail** condition

My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite **frail**.

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.

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**.

oppress

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

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym: parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east
The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

nonviolence

n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

synonym : pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest
Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

seamstress

n. a woman who sews, especially one who earns her living by sewing

synonym : sewer, needleworker, dressmaker

(1) **seamstress** shop, (2) skilled **seamstress**

My grandmother is a talented **seamstress** and can sew anything from curtains to dresses.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

autobiography

n. a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

synonym: bio, life story, biography

(1) **autobiography** of his early life, (2) fictionalized **autobiography**

She wrote an **autobiography** detailing her journey from poverty to success.

lengthy

adj. tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size

synonym: extended, interminable, long

(1) to be a **lengthy** process, (2) **lengthy** load times

The **lengthy** medical treatment had weakened his muscles.

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym: task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest

My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

stride

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym: step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her

award.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym : originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor
This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

holster

n. a case or pouch designed to hold a handgun securely and provide quick access when needed

synonym : case, sheath, scabbard

(1) **holster** weapon, (2) ankle **holster**

He reached for his gun in its leather **holster** as the intruder approached.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

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

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

proverb

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

synonym : adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

remark

n. a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a

spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

synonym : comment, observation, statement

(1) a flattering **remark**, (2) **remark** dripping with bitterness

His candid **remark** at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

bust

v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

synonym : ruin, fall apart, (noun) breast

(1) **bust** my leg, (2) the **bust** of the statue

I'm **bust** with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

tote

v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

synonym : carry, haul, transport

(1) **tote** a cell-phone, (2) **tote** her books in a colorful backpack

Can you help me **tote** these groceries to the car?

mesmerize

v. to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

synonym : captivate, trance, enchant

(1) **mesmerize** a subject, (2) **mesmerize** with magic

The magician's performance **mesmerized** the audience.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

agon

n. a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

synonym : struggle, conflict, fight

(1) emotional **agon**, (2) an **agon** of creativity

The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international **agon**.

primarily

adv. mainly

synonym : largely, mainly, mostly

(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults

All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.

racism

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

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

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

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

racial

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

synonym : ethnic, tribal, ethnical

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

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

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym : exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

robin

n. a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

synonym: thrush, red-breast, redbird

(1) **robin** eggs, (2) **robin's** nest

I love listening to the cheerful song of the **robin** in my garden.

fragility

n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable

synonym: delicacy, weakness, frailty

(1) **fragility** of life, (2) emotional **fragility**

The **fragility** of the glass required careful handling during shipping.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving

school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

confront

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

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

actualize

v. to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

synonym: realize, accomplish, effectuate

(1) **actualize** your ideas, (2) **actualize** the company's vision

I need to **actualize** my plan to make it a reality.

appointment

n. a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility

synonym: assignment, selection, commission

(1) **appointment** calendar, (2) take up an **appointment**

We had to reschedule the dentist's **appointment**.

principal

adj. most important, main, or chief

synonym: main, leading, chief

(1) **principal** actor, (2) **principal** responsible

The **principal** reason for the company's success is its innovative products.

debunk

v. to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
synonym: expose, discredit, demystify

(1) **debunk** an urban legend, (2) **debunk** theory

The myth was **debunked** by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym: fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym: excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time

I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym: amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

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**.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym : instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

responsible

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

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

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**.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty
During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

accidental

adj. happening or existing by chance or unintentionally

synonym: inadvertent, fortuitous, coincidental

(1) **accidental** death, (2) cover **accidental** damage
This system prevents **accidental** deletion of data.

boycott

v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change;
(noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

synonym: protest, abstain, avoid

(1) **boycott** campaign, (2) **boycott** the discussion
Many people have decided to **boycott** the company due to their unethical practices.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress
A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**
The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

shotgun

n. a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot

synonym: scattergun, blunderbuss

(1) a **shotgun** marriage, (2) a 12-gauge **shotgun**

The robbers used a **shotgun** to threaten the store clerk.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

persistent

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

synonym: tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

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

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

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

slave

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

synonym : captive, bondservant, hard worker

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

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

whitewash

n. a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events

synonym : cover-up, mask, camouflage

(1) **whitewash** paint, (2) academic **whitewash**

The politician was accused of attempting to **whitewash** his involvement in the controversial project.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym : luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

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.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

draft

n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

synonym: blueprint, outline, rough drawing

(1) a working **draft**, (2) write the first **draft**

During debates in the legislature, the **draft** of the law caused a lot of controversies.

submission

n. the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of

giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority

synonym: obedience, yielding, compliance

(1) **submission** agreement, (2) **submission** of a final report

The **submission** deadline for the project is next week.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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.

problematic

adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

synonym: inappropriate, inconvenient, worrisome

(1) a **problematic** situation, (2) seems to be highly **problematic**

Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving **problematic** situations within a community.

maid

n. a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work

synonym: servant, housekeeper, domestic

(1) **maid** service, (2) a waiting **maid**

The live-in **maid** came in to clean the room every day.

tight

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

synonym: closed, secured, cramped

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

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

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different

scenarios

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

assassin

n. a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

synonym: killer, manslayer

(1) fall victim to an **assassin**, (2) would-be **assassin**

She hired an **assassin** to kill her opponent.

domestic

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

synonym: endemic, private, household

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

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

sob

v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

synonym: cry, weep, wail

(1) **sob** out a story, (2) **sob** quietly

She **sobbed** uncontrollably after hearing the news.

inconsolably

adv. without being able to be comforted or relieved; in a way that cannot be consoled or comforted

synonym: unhappily, disconsolately

(1) **inconsolably** sad, (2) **inconsolably** crying

After losing his beloved pet, he was **inconsolably** depressed for weeks.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym : giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym : expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

sin

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

synonym : misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym :

testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

harrowing

adj. causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing

synonym: traumatic, torturous, distressing

(1) **harrowing** battle, (2) **harrowing** journey

Her **harrowing** experience in the war had left her with deep emotional scars.

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a

stern warning from his parents.

dessert

n. a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
synonym : sweet, cake, confection

(1) **dessert** knife, (2) easy **dessert** recipe

Let's go to an all-you-can-eat **dessert** restaurant.

recognize

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

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

employer

n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

synonym : boss, owner, company

(1) illegal **employer**, (2) **employer** responsibility

An **employer's** attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym : shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

temper

n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

synonym : mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**

The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

console

v. to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone

synonym : soothe, calm, pacify

(1) **console** her for the loss of her son, (2) **console** the spirits of the victims

She **consoled** her crying friend with words of encouragement.

mourning

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

synonym : grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym : shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

digest

v. to transform food into absorbable substances; break down

synonym : absorb, condense

(1) **digest** information, (2) help **digest** food

Most babies can readily **digest** a wide variety of foods.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym : terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym : extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical**

than before.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

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.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a breach of pr_____ge
n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
2. d__e not go
v. to have the courage to do something
3. in_____ly anticipated
adv. at the beginning; at first
4. li_____me benefits
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
5. sc__y dream
adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
6. de_____t knife
n. a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
7. ma__h east
v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
8. 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.
9. a do_____ic animal
adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
10. im_____e a process
v. to make or become better
11. the m__h of an old religion
n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
12. distance g_p
n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. privilege, 2. dare, 3. initially, 4. lifetime, 5. scary, 6. dessert, 7. march, 8. patron, 9. domestic, 10. improve, 11. myth, 12. gap

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| 13. intended pr_____ly for young people | <i>adv.</i> mainly |
| 14. y__l for help | <i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way |
| 15. re_____on of inclusion | <i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another |
| 16. d__e to take risks | <i>v.</i> to have the courage to do something |
| 17. co_____t him of manslaughter | <i>v.</i> to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison |
| 18. illegal em_____er | <i>n.</i> a person or organization that pays workers to work for them |
| 19. a hackneyed pr_____b | <i>n.</i> a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience |
| 20. s_b quietly | <i>v.</i> to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds |
| 21. bo_____t campaign | <i>v.</i> to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change |
| 22. finish the ass_____nt | <i>n.</i> a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies |
| 23. t__e her books in a colorful backpack | <i>v.</i> to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another |

ANSWERS: 13. primarily, 14. yell, 15. relation, 16. dare, 17. convict, 18. employer, 19. proverb, 20. sob, 21. boycott, 22. assignment, 23. tote

24. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
25. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
26. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
27. st___e down a slope *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
28. 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
29. aesthetic exc_____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
30. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
31. st___e across a room *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
32. would-be as_____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
33. 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
34. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 24. refuse, 25. disrespect, 26. brilliant, 27. stride, 28. strike, 29. excitement, 30. misinformation, 31. stride, 32. assassin, 33. burden, 34. responsible

35. pr_____al responsible *adj.* most important, main, or chief
36. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
37. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
38. easy de_____t recipe *n.* a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
39. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
40. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
41. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
42. non_____ce protest *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
43. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
44. emotional a__n *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

ANSWERS: 35. principal, 36. struggle, 37. mess, 38. dessert, 39. evil, 40. slave, 41. educate, 42. nonviolence, 43. emerge, 44. agon

45. French soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
46. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
47. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
48. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
49. co_____e the spirits of the victims *v.* to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone
50. em_____e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
51. 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.
52. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
53. t__e a cell-phone *v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another
54. a 12-gauge sh_____n *n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot

ANSWERS: 45. sociologist, 46. improve, 47. confuse, 48. sink, 49. console, 50. emerge, 51. patron, 52. responsible, 53. tote, 54. shotgun

55. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
56. s_b out a story *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
57. fr__l body *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength
58. religious soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
59. non_____ce movement *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
60. ancient pr_____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
61. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
62. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
63. m__d service *n.* a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work
64. seems to be highly pro_____ic *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
65. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
66. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

ANSWERS: 55. eventually, 56. sob, 57. frail, 58. sociologist, 59. nonviolence, 60. proverb, 61. lifetime, 62. communal, 63. maid, 64. problematic, 65. proof, 66. Jewish

67. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
68. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
69. per_____nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
70. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
71. aut_____phy of his early life *n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
72. research on anti-ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
73. horde of mo_____rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
74. ho_____r weapon *n.* a case or pouch designed to hold a handgun securely and provide quick access when needed
75. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
76. help di___t food *v.* to transform food into absorbable substances; break down

ANSWERS: 67. refuse, 68. radical, 69. persistent, 70. intellect, 71. autobiography, 72. racism, 73. monster, 74. holster, 75. eventually, 76. digest

86. ar___t the progress *v.* to take into custody
87. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
88. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
89. the exc_____nt in the business world *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
90. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
91. fall victim to an as_____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
92. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
93. do_____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
94. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
95. le_____y load times *adj.* tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size
96. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
97. skilled sea_____ss *n.* a woman who sews, especially one who earns her living by sewing
98. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

ANSWERS: 86. arrest, 87. apologize, 88. preach, 89. excitement, 90. grandchild, 91. assassin, 92. recognize, 93. domestic, 94. preach, 95. lengthy, 96. outcome, 97. seamstress, 98. assignment

99. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
100. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
101. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
102. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
103. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
104. ed_____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
105. academic wh_____sh *n.* a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events
106. app_____nt calendar *n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
107. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
108. sub_____on of a final report *n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority

ANSWERS: 99. sibling, 100. gap, 101. initially, 102. communal, 103. excite, 104. educate, 105. whitewash, 106. appointment, 107. excite, 108. submission

109. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
110. b__t my leg *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
111. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
112. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
113. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
114. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
115. me_____ze with magic *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
116. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
117. ap_____ze for being late *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

ANSWERS: 109. church, 110. bust, 111. specifically, 112. bubble, 113. shock, 114. movement, 115. mesmerize, 116. brilliant, 117. apologize

118. ac_____ze your ideas *v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
119. mo_____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
120. baby with se_____ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
121. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
122. ha_____ng battle *adj.* causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
123. co_____e her for the loss of her son *v.* to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone
124. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
125. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
126. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
127. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
128. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 118. actualize, 119. monster, 120. sensitive, 121. mess, 122. harrowing, 123. console, 124. employ, 125. intellect, 126. primarily, 127. grade, 128. strike

129. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
130. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
131. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
132. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
133. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
134. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
135. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
136. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
137. go through a mir_____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
138. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

ANSWERS: 129. slave, 130. tight, 131. individual, 132. confront, 133. bomb, 134. oppress, 135. inequality, 136. scary, 137. miraculous, 138. sink

139. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
140. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
141. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
142. inc_____bly crying *adv.* without being able to be comforted or relieved; in a way that cannot be consoled or comforted
143. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
144. a hasty te____r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
145. ankle ho_____r *n.* a case or pouch designed to hold a handgun securely and provide quick access when needed
146. de____k theory *v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
147. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
148. se_____ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

ANSWERS: 139. recognize, 140. constant, 141. individual, 142. inconsolably, 143. obvious, 144. temper, 145. holster, 146. debunk, 147. threat, 148. sensitive

149. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
150. forgive a s_n *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
151. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
152. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
153. mo_____ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
154. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
155. wh_____sh paint *n.* a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events
156. a sh_____n marriage *n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
157. write the first dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
158. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

ANSWERS: 149. oppress, 150. sin, 151. shock, 152. Jewish, 153. mourning, 154. confront, 155. whitewash, 156. shotgun, 157. draft, 158. disrespect

159. for spe_____ly American customers
160. improved student ou_____es
161. an a__n of creativity
162. gr_____te degree program
163. y__l as loud as we can
164. pr_____ge of membership
165. ine_____ty in salary
166. fictionalized aut_____phy
167. systemic ra___m
- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
- n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
- n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
- n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
- v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
- n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

ANSWERS: 159. specifically, 160. outcome, 161. agon, 162. graduate, 163. yell, 164. privilege, 165. inequality, 166. autobiography, 167. racism

168. fr_____ty of life	<i>n.</i>	the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
169. di____t information	<i>v.</i>	to transform food into absorbable substances; break down
170. me_____ze a subject	<i>v.</i>	to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
171. re_____on between cause and effect	<i>n.</i>	the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
172. mo_____nt of troops	<i>n.</i>	a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
173. st_____le to get the job	<i>v.</i>	to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
174. s_n of omission	<i>n.</i>	the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
175. a ti__t game	<i>adj.</i>	fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
176. bu___e in the champagne glass	<i>n.</i>	a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
177. pr_____al actor	<i>adj.</i>	most important, main, or chief
178. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship	<i>n.</i>	a child of someone's son or daughter

ANSWERS: 168. fragility, 169. digest, 170. mesmerize, 171. relation, 172. movement, 173. struggle, 174. sin, 175. tight, 176. bubble, 177. principal, 178. grandchild

179. ro__n's nest *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
180. to be a le____y process *adj.* tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size
181. a waiting m__d *n.* a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work
182. a ra____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
183. the worst case sc____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
184. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
185. bo____t the discussion *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
186. number of different sc____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
187. small ch____h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 179. robin, 180. lengthy, 181. maid, 182. radical, 183. scenario, 184. contemplate, 185. boycott, 186. scenario, 187. church

188. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
189. em_____er responsibility *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
190. acc_____al death *adj.* happening or existing by chance or unintentionally
191. a working dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
192. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
193. ha_____ng journey *adj.* causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
194. take up an app_____nt *n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
195. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
196. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
197. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
198. fr__l condition *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

ANSWERS: 188. sibling, 189. employer, 190. accidental, 191. draft, 192. march, 193. harrowing, 194. appointment, 195. contemplate, 196. convict, 197. racial, 198. frail

199. em___y a new method	<i>v.</i> to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
200. a pro_____ic situation	<i>adj.</i> full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
201. the most am_____g feeling	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
202. ac_____ze the company's vision	<i>v.</i> to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
203. a flattering re___k	<i>n.</i> a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
204. de___k an urban legend	<i>v.</i> to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
205. e__l ways	<i>adj.</i> profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
206. ar___t the thief	<i>v.</i> to take into custody
207. an imp_____ve array of facts	<i>adj.</i> arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
208. a mir_____us encounter	<i>adj.</i> very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
209. mo_____ng period	<i>n.</i> the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
210. sea_____ss shop	<i>n.</i> a woman who sews, especially one who earns her living by sewing

ANSWERS: 199. employ, 200. problematic, 201. amazing, 202. actualize, 203. remark, 204. debunk, 205. evil, 206. arrest, 207. impressive, 208. miraculous, 209. mourning, 210. seamstress

211. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
212. ra___l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
213. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
214. emotional fr____ty *n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
215. a co____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
216. sub____on agreement *n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
217. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
218. imp____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
219. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
220. bridle my te____r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
221. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 211. myth, 212. racial, 213. amazing, 214. fragility, 215. constant, 216. submission, 217. stun, 218. impressive, 219. proof, 220. temper, 221. obvious

222. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
223. ro__n eggs *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
224. the b__t of the statue *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
225. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
226. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
227. re___k dripping with bitterness *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
228. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

ANSWERS: 222. grade, 223. robin, 224. bust, 225. misinformation, 226. argue, 227. remark, 228. bomb

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
2. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
3. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
4. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
5. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
6. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.
n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
7. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.
adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

ANSWERS: 1. threat, 2. improve, 3. struggle, 4. sink, 5. specifically, 6. racism, 7. sensitive

8. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
9. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
10. She wore black clothing as a symbol of _____ for her grandmother.
n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
11. 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
12. Many people have decided to _____ the company due to their unethical practices.
v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
13. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
14. I love listening to the cheerful song of the _____ in my garden.
n. a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

ANSWERS: 8. yelled, 9. responsible, 10. mourning, 11. individual, 12. boycott, 13. Jewish, 14. robin

15. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
- n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
16. He made a frightful _____ in his room.
- n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
17. _____ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.
- n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
18. Let's go to an all-you-can-eat _____ restaurant.
- n.* a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
19. 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
20. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
- v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
21. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
- adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
22. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
23. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 15. disrespectful, 16. mess, 17. Sociologist, 18. dessert, 19. relations, 20. preached, 21. Constant, 22. scenarios, 23. intellect

24. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
25. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
26. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
27. The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international _____.
- n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
28. Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving _____ situations within a community.
- adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
29. He made a _____ recovery.
- adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
30. The _____ of the glass required careful handling during shipping.
- n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
31. My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite _____.
- adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

ANSWERS: 24. myth, 25. recognize, 26. amazing, 27. agon, 28. problematic, 29. miraculous, 30. fragility, 31. frail

32. He got an electric _____ at work.

- n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

33. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.

- v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

34. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

- n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

35. Most babies can readily _____ a wide variety of foods.

- v.* to transform food into absorbable substances; break down

36. She _____ her crying friend with words of encouragement.

- v.* to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone

37. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.

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

38. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.

- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

39. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.

- v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

ANSWERS: 32. shock, 33. educate, 34. outcome, 35. digest, 36. consoled, 37. racial, 38. privilege, 39. stunned

40. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
41. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
42. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.
n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
43. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
44. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
45. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.
v. to take into custody
46. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.
n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
47. This system prevents _____ deletion of data.
adj. happening or existing by chance or unintentionally

ANSWERS: 40. convicted, 41. grade, 42. misinformation, 43. eventually, 44. lifetime, 45. arrest, 46. sins, 47. accidental

48. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
- n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
49. She _____ uncontrollably after hearing the news.
- v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
50. After losing his beloved pet, he was _____ depressed for weeks.
- adv.* without being able to be comforted or relieved; in a way that cannot be consoled or comforted
51. My initial reaction was to _____.
- v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
52. 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.
53. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.
- n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
54. 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.
55. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 48. bombs, 49. sobbed, 50. inconsolably, 51. refuse, 52. patron, 53. slave, 54. gap, 55. church

56. I _____ for neglecting your email.
v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
57. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
58. The _____ medical treatment had weakened his muscles.
adj. tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size
59. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
v. to move out of or away from something and become visible
60. He reached for his gun in its leather _____ as the intruder approached.
n. a case or pouch designed to hold a handgun securely and provide quick access when needed
61. The _____ deadline for the project is next week.
n. the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
62. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
63. She _____ confidently across the stage to accept her award.
v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

ANSWERS: 56. apologize, 57. contemplated, 58. lengthy, 59. emerged, 60. holster, 61. submission, 62. oppressed, 63. strides

64. All peaceful cooperation is based _____ on mutual trust.

adv. mainly

65. GDP stands for gross _____ product.

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

66. 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

67. _____ is better than argument.

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

68. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

69. The famous _____ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

70. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

71. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.

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

72. This car has a _____ engine.

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

ANSWERS: 64. primarily, 65. domestic, 66. strike, 67. Proof, 68. employ, 69. proverb, 70. assignment, 71. persistent, 72. monster

73. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

74. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

75. We had to reschedule the dentist's _____.

n. a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility

76. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.

v. to have the courage to do something

77. The robbers used a _____ to threaten the store clerk.

n. a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot

78. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

79. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

80. Can you help me _____ these groceries to the car?

v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

ANSWERS: 73. impressive, 74. argue, 75. appointment, 76. dare, 77. shotgun, 78. obvious, 79. grandchild, 80. tote

81. I need to _____ my plan to make it a reality.
- v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
82. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
- n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
83. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
84. Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of _____ in the fight for civil rights.
- n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
85. The magician's performance _____ the audience.
- v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
86. Her _____ experience in the war had left her with deep emotional scars.
- adj.* causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
87. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.
- n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
88. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
- adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

ANSWERS: 81. actualize, 82. graduate, 83. inequality, 84. nonviolence, 85. mesmerized, 86. harrowing, 87. excitement, 88. radical

89. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

90. My grandmother is a talented _____ and can sew anything from curtains to dresses.

n. a woman who sews, especially one who earns her living by sewing

91. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

92. The live-in _____ came in to clean the room every day.

n. a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work

93. An _____ attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

94. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

95. The _____ reason for the company's success is its innovative products.

adj. most important, main, or chief

96. The politician was accused of attempting to _____ his involvement in the controversial project.

n. a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events

97. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 89. excited, 90. seamstress, 91. confused, 92. maid, 93. employer's, 94. siblings, 95. principal, 96. whitewash, 97. brilliant

98. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

99. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

100. She wrote an _____ detailing her journey from poverty to success.

n. a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

101. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

102. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

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

103. The national election was held amid _____ security.

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

104. His candid _____ at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

n. a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

105. She hired an _____ to kill her opponent.

n. a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

ANSWERS: 98. initially, 99. bubble, 100. autobiography, 101. movement, 102. confront, 103. tight, 104. remark, 105. assassin

106. During debates in the legislature, the _____ of the law caused a lot of controversies.

n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

107. 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

108. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

109. I'm _____ with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

110. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

111. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

112. The _____ of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

113. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

ANSWERS: 106. draft, 107. burden, 108. evil, 109. bust, 110. marched, 111. scary, 112. temper, 113. Communal

114. The myth was _____ by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.

v. to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless

ANSWERS: 114. debunked