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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

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.

offensive

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

synonym: disrespectful, abusive, attacking

(1) assume the **offensive**, (2) an **offensive** smell

His **offensive** philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

hard-hat

n. a type of helmet worn for protection on construction sites or in other dangerous or industrial settings; (adjective) related to or associated with industrial work, construction, or manual labor

synonym: safety helmet, construction hat

(1) construction **hard-hat**, (2) **hard-hat** zone

All construction workers must wear a **hard-hat** on the worksite for safety reasons.

unabashed

adj. not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame
synonym : unashamed, unembarrassed, unapologetic

(1) with **unabashed** curiosity, (2) **unabashed** honesty

He spoke with **unabashed** confidence in front of the crowd.

cancel

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

synonym : suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **cancel** a book, (2) **cancel** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **cancel** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

cushion

n. a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage

synonym : pad, pillow, bolster

(1) **cushion** against inflation, (2) rear seat **cushions**

He placed a **cushion** on the floor for his dog to lie on.

monosyllable

n. a word consisting of only one syllable, for example, "it" or "no"; a single-syllable word

synonym : monologue

(1) **monosyllable** word, (2) the use of **monosyllables**

The student struggled to pronounce the **monosyllable** words in the vocabulary list.

spit

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

synonym : expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva
She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

bullet

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

synonym: projectile, slug, shot

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

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

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

dexterity

n. skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems

synonym: skillfulness, agility, expertise

(1) **dexterity** with the pen, (2) manual **dexterity**

The surgeon's **dexterity** was impressive during the delicate surgery.

endearment

n. a word or act expressing affection or love towards someone

synonym: affection, fondness, love

(1) **endearment** nickname, (2) unspoken **endearment**

Sweetheart is a term of **endearment** that some couples use.

horrendous

adj. causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying

synonym:

dreadful, terrible, horrifying

(1) **horrendous** traffic, (2) a **horrendous** crime

The **horrendous** storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym: advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

chalice

n. a cup or goblet, often with a stem and base, used for drinking liquids, especially wine, during religious ceremonies; a cup-shaped flower or part of a plant

synonym: goblet, cup, mug

(1) ceremonial **chalice**, (2) silver **chalice**

The priest held the **chalice** during the Mass to offer the wine to the congregation.

plod

v. to walk or move heavily and slowly; to work or progress at a slow and steady pace, often in a way that is seen as tedious or uncreative

synonym: trudge, slog, tramp

(1) **plod** along in mediocrity, (2) **plod** through mud

Despite the heavy snowfall, the hiker continued to **plod** along the trail.

nasty

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

synonym: disgusting, offensive, foul

(1) a **nasty** smell, (2) receive a **nasty** surprise

The weather turned **nasty**.

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.

contender

n. the contestant you hope to defeat

synonym: rival, competitor, challenger

(1) championship **contender**, (2) presidential **contender**

We were looking at a severe **contender** indeed.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym: harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

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.

genocide

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

synonym: mass murder, extermination, annihilation

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

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

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

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.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym: strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

vulva

n. the outside parts of the female sex organs

synonym: genitals, sex organs, reproductive organs

(1) **vulva** cancer, (2) inflammation of the **vulva**

The surgeon decided to remove part of the **vulva** to remedy the patient's skin disease.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym: association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

offense

n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

synonym : crime, violation, insult

(1) minor traffic **offenses**, (2) a first **offense**

Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile **offenses**.

etymology

n. the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase

(1) **etymology** dictionary, (2) the **etymology** of a word

The study of **etymology** helps us to understand the origins of words.

linguist

n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

synonym : grammarist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

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.

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym : awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

revival

n. an instance of bringing something back to life, popularity, or prominence; a period of renewed interest or enthusiasm in something that was previously considered outdated or old-fashioned

synonym : resurgence, reawakening, renaissance

(1) **revival** meeting, (2) **revival** of the economy

The town's economy experienced a **revival** after opening a new factory.

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.

genetics

n. the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms

(1) the science of **genetics**, (2) **genetics** discrimination

He is a specialist in the **genetics** of aging.

gynecology

n. the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system

synonym : obstetrics, women's health, women's medicine

(1) **gynecology** clinic, (2) **gynecology** exam

The **gynecology** department at the hospital offers

state-of-the-art treatments for women's health issues.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

cunning

adj. clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

synonym: sly, crafty, tricky

(1) **cunning** plan, (2) **cunning** thief

The **cunning** fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

sneaky

adj. behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness

synonym: sly, crafty, deceitful

(1) **sneaky** tactics, (2) **sneaky** behavior

The **sneaky** thief slipped into the house through an unlocked window.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

ken

n. knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

synonym: knowledge, understanding, familiarity

(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person

He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

cow

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

synonym: bovine, cattle, kine

(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**

The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

highbrow

adj. relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas

synonym: intellectual, cultured, refined

(1) **highbrow** conversation, (2) **highbrow** music

She only reads **highbrow** literature, such as classic novels and philosophical essays.

quaint

adj. attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

synonym: charming, picturesque, eccentric

(1) **quaint** village, (2) **quaint** cottage

The **quaint** old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym: fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym: street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

hairy

adj. covered with hair or having a furry texture; difficult, dangerous, or complicated

synonym: furry, bushy, unkempt

(1) **hairy** situation, (2) **hairy** arms

The new rescue dog was covered in thick, **hairy** fur that kept him warm in cold weather.

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

synonym: branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

vagina

n. the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus

synonym : genitalia, vulva, pudenda

(1) **vagina** cancer care, (2) infection of the **vagina**

The muscle around the **vagina** is elastic enough to allow the passage of a fetus.

palatable

adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

synonym : delicious, tasty, flavorful

(1) **palatable** food, (2) **palatable** solution

I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly **palatable**.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym : choice, option

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

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

scabbard

n. a sheath or container used to protect and hold a sword or other bladed weapon; a protective cover or case used to store or transport various other tools or weapons

synonym : sheath, holster

(1) ornate **scabbard**, (2) leather **scabbard**

The knight drew his sword from its **scabbard** to defend himself against the enemy.

womb

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

synonym : uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym : surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting
Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

derive

v. to obtain or receive something from a source
synonym: deduce, judge, infer

(1) **derive** a conclusion, (2) **derive** knowledge from books
These English words are **derived** from Latin.

import

v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
synonym: bring, spell

(1) **import** goods, (2) **import** a style sheet
The company **imports** raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

feminist

adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women;
(noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
synonym: egalitarian

(1) **feminist** movement, (2) **feminist** perspective
The **feminist** ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature
The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

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.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

synonym: roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

incident

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

synonym: event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**

The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym: lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**

I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

grope

v. to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see

synonym: fumble, feel, pat

(1) **grope** after the truth, (2) **grope** for an answer

He was forced to **grope** in the dark for the light switch.

medieval

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

synonym : gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

subsidiary

adj. of secondary or lesser importance; providing support to a larger or primary organization or entity

synonym : secondary, additional, auxiliary

(1) **subsidiary** company, (2) **subsidiary** products

The company's European **subsidiary** has been growing steadily over the past year.

alias

n. an assumed or false name often used to conceal one's true identity; (adverb) as known or named at another time or place

synonym : false name, (adverb) also known as

(1) **alias** name, (2) sign an email **alias**

The author often writes under the **alias** of a fictional character.

dairy

n. a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese

synonym : creamery, farm

(1) low-fat **dairy**, (2) imported **dairy** product

The **dairy** industry is a significant contributor to the economy.

descriptive

adj. serving to describe or inform, or characterized by description

synonym : clarifying, explanatory, elucidative

(1) write a **descriptive** essay, (2) **descriptive** grammar

This movie is **descriptive** of his intellectual exploration.

welsh

v. to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement

synonym : default, renege, fail to pay

(1) **welsh** on a promise, (2) **welsh** on the deal

The sheepherder had to **welsh** some of the animals due to

illness.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym: versifier, rhymmer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

celebrate

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

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

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

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

flap

n. a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

synonym: winged object, cover, (verb) flutter

(1) the **flap** of wings, (2) **flap** out a candle

The **flap** of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for

voluntary liquidation.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym: building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

chastity

n. the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty

synonym: purity, abstinence, virginity

(1) **chastity** belt, (2) purity and **chastity**

Some cultures see **chastity** as a virtue and practice abstinence before marriage.

belt

v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

synonym: sing, hit hard, (noun) strap

(1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**

The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

hatchet

n. a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone

synonym: ax, cleaver, tomahawk

(1) **hatchet** job, (2) steel **hatchet** head

The woodsman used a sharp **hatchet** to chop firewood for the winter.

reputation

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

synonym : fame, standing, esteem

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

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

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym : paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

hang-up

n. a psychological or emotional difficulty or barrier that interferes with one's ability to function normally or achieve one's goals

synonym : complex, inhibition, phobia

(1) overcome my **hang-up**, (2) personal **hang-up**

My fear of public speaking is my biggest **hang-up**.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym : insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

swear

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

synonym : declare, assert, curse

(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak

I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.

religion

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

synonym : faith, creed, belief

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

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

blasphemy

n. action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion

synonym: desecration, impiety, heresy

(1) commit **blasphemy**, (2) **blasphemy** against the law

It is **blasphemy** to say such a thing.

dangle

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

synonym: swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

precision

n. the quality or condition of being exact and accurate

synonym: accuracy, exactness, rigor

(1) a **precision** instrument, (2) speak with **precision**

This operation requires both patience and **precision**.

military

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

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

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

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

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

chap

n. a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind

synonym : fellow, guy, crack

(1) **chap** stick, (2) nice **chap**

He suffered a painful **chap** on his hand after working with chemicals.

syllabus

n. an outline or summary of the topics, themes, and assignments to be covered in a particular course or educational program; a list or summary of key themes or components of a particular document, work, or project

synonym : outline, curriculum, program

(1) course **syllabus**, (2) **syllabus** content

The professor handed out the **syllabus** on the first day of class.

dwell

v. to live or reside in a particular place; to think, speak, or write at length on a particular subject; to linger or remain as if unwilling to leave

synonym : reside, inhabit, occupy

(1) **dwell** on a problem, (2) **dwell** on the past

I love to **dwell** in nature and feel its calming effects on me.

clerk

n. a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers

synonym : worker, record-keeper, letter-writer

(1) **clerk** job, (2) **clerk** position

The **clerk** at the store helped me find what I needed.

subtle

adj. not readily apparent or visible

synonym : slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison

A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

privately

adv. in a private manner; not publicly; secretly

synonym : secretly, in confidence, behind closed doors

(1) a **privately-owned** railway, (2) import things **privately**

The couple **privately** exchanged their vows before the ceremony began.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

rough

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

synonym : inelegant, coarse, barbarian

(1) **rough** and tough, (2) **rough** estimation

The vehicle bounced along the **rough** mountain road.

sonnet

n. a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme

synonym : poetic form, 14-line verse

(1) **sonnet** poetry, (2) Shakespeare's **sonnets**

The poet wrote a **sonnet** to express his love for his wife.

hamlet

n. a small village or settlement, often without a church

synonym : village, settlement, community

(1) **hamlet** village, (2) historic **hamlet**

The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small **hamlet**.

lord

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym : master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

mistress

n. a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others

synonym: ladylove, paramour, paramour

(1) a **mistress** of comedy, (2) keep a **mistress**

She used to be his **mistress** before the death of his first wife.

handwriting

n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

synonym: script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample

The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym: concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs

simultaneously

Two students answered the teacher's question

simultaneously.

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

synonym : eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

bard

n. a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song

synonym : poet, minstrel, troubadour

(1) medieval **bard**, (2) a famous **bard**

The **bard's** performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.

smut

n. obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt

synonym : dirt, filth, soot

(1) **smut** film, (2) **smut** fungi

The comedian's jokes were filled with **smut** and double entendres, making some in the audience uncomfortable.

peddler

n. a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

synonym : hawker, vendor, seller

(1) drug **peddlers**, (2) influence **peddlers**

The **peddler** on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.

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.

- edit** *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
synonym: revise, modify, adjust
(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video
I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.
- affair** *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
synonym: matter, incident, fling
(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**
Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.
- libel** *n.* a false and damaging statement about someone that is published or broadcast to a wide audience, often to harm their reputation or character
synonym: defamation, slander, calumny
(1) sue a person for **libel**, (2) **libel** lawsuit
She was accused of **libel** after publishing an article that made false and damaging statements about a public figure.
- ban** *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
synonym: forbid, prohibit, restrict
(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning
We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
- sedition** *adj.* saying or doing something that is intended to encourage or incite rebellion or resistance against an established authority or government; promoting or advocating rebellion or insurrection
synonym: rebellious, mutinous, traitorous
(1) **sedition** libel, (2) **sedition** behavior
The **sedition** speech incited the crowd to riot against the government.

pamphlet

n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

synonym: brochure, leaflet, booklet

(1) propaganda **pamphlet**, (2) **pamphlet** in English

The political organization handed out **pamphlets** to raise awareness about their cause.

veil

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

synonym: cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

cheek

n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

synonym: jaw, mandible, malar

(1) **cheek** bone, (2) hollowed-out **cheek**

He gently touched her apple-red **cheek** and whispered that he loved her.

entendre

n. (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive

synonym: entente, innuendo, suggestion

(1) humorous **entendre**, (2) unintended **entendre**

The double **entendre** in the comedian's joke had the audience laughing.

puritan

n. a member of a Protestant religious group in the 16th and 17th centuries who believed in strict moral and religious principles, such as predestination and the rejection of religious iconography and ritual

synonym: purist, pietist, separatist

(1) **puritan** beliefs, (2) **puritan** lifestyle

The **puritan** community shunned those who did not adhere to their strict moral code.

repress

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

synonym: suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression

He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

battleground

n. a place where a battle is fought

synonym: arena, field, theater

(1) **battleground** states, (2) the legal **battleground**

The city became a **battleground** during the war.

restoration

n. the act or process of restoring or returning something to its original or former state; a renewal or revitalization of something that has been damaged or lost

synonym: renewal, revitalization, refurbishment

(1) teeth **restoration**, (2) ecological **restoration**

The **restoration** of the historic building took years, but the result was worth it.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym: complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym: barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

surf

v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

synonym : browse, scan, paddle

(1) **surf** the Internet, (2) **surf** the waves

I'll **surf** the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

naughty

adj. badly behaved; disobedient

synonym : disobedient, mischievous, impish

(1) **naughty** behavior, (2) **naughty** book

The child was being **naughty** and would not listen to his mother.

poem

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

synonym : ballad, lyric, verse

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

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

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

lewd

adj. crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior

synonym : indecent, vulgar, obscene

(1) **lewd** behavior, (2) **lewd** comments

The comedian's **lewd** jokes offended some of the audience members.

spew

v. to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

synonym : vomit, spout, discharge

(1) **spew** carbon dioxide, (2) **spew** insults

The volcano started to **spew** lava and ash, causing panic among residents.

dram

n. a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages

synonym : drachm, whisky, scotch

(1) have not one **dram** of learning, (2) scotch **dram**

He poured himself a **dram** of whiskey to relax after a long day at work.

sperm

n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal

synonym : seed, semen, seminal fluid

(1) man with a low **sperm** count, (2) production of **sperm**

The male **sperm** fertilizes the female egg.

sup

v. to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (noun) a small drink of something

(1) **sup** together, (2) **sup** a drink

I'm going to **sup** with my friends tonight at the pub.

digestive

adj. relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food

(1) **digestive** juices, (2) a **digestive** enzyme

A nutritious diet improves **digestive** functions.

surfeit

n. an excess or overabundance of something, often food or drink, that leads to sickness or discomfort; an excessive or inappropriately indulgent amount of something

synonym: overabundance, excess, glut

(1) **surfeit** of food, (2) a **surfeit** of riches

Due to the **surfeit** of job applications, it took many weeks for the company to find the perfect candidate.

gorge

n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

synonym: canyon, gully, ravine

(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River

We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream running through it.

vast

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

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

slime

n. a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet

synonym: muck, ooze, gunk

(1) **slime** bacteria, (2) **slime** mold

The kids loved playing with the green **slime**, but it was a nightmare to clean up.

devour

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

synonym: consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

footman

n. a male servant who attends to the needs of household guests, often standing at the entrance to open the door and offering assistance with coats and bags

synonym: servant, butler, valet

(1) **footman** duties, (2) serving as a **footman**

The wealthy family had a royal **footman** to attend to their needs.

brawn

n. physical strength and muscular development; meat from a pig's or calf's head that has been cooked and jellied
synonym: muscle, power, strength

(1) **brawn** drain, (2) show off his **brawn**

The bodybuilder's **brawn** was impressive.

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.

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.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

pornography

n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

synonym: obscenity, indecency, smut

(1) **pornography** addiction, (2) violent **pornography**

The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of **pornography** easier than ever before.

proliferation

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

synonym: spread, expansion, increase

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

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

oddly

adv. in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar

synonym: strangely, peculiarly, weirdly

(1) behave **oddly**, (2) **oddly** familiar

He walked into the party with an **oddly** dressed companion, causing everyone to stare.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym: bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

vulgar

adj. not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions

synonym: crude, nasty, tasteless

(1) **vulgar** language, (2) **vulgar** content

She was offended by his **vulgar** gesture.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym: lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

slang

n. informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

synonym: lingo, jargon, vernacular

(1) **slang** phrases, (2) Internet **slang**

A lot of **slang** words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

modesty

n. the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful

synonym: humility, reserve, bashfulness

(1) behave with **modesty**, (2) **modesty** panel

Many people with true talent show a sense of **modesty** rather than arrogance.

buccaneer

n. a person who engages in piracy or other criminal activities at sea; a pirate or rogue adventurer

synonym: pirate, privateer, corsair

(1) **buccaneer** ship, (2) Caribbean **buccaneer**

The pirate movie featured a notorious **buccaneer** as the main character.

lobster

n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming

synonym : crustacean, crawfish, crayfish

(1) **lobster** dinner, (2) fresh **lobster**

The restaurant served a delicious **lobster**, steamed to perfection.

parlor

n. a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents

synonym : living room, salon, lounge

(1) **parlor** game, (2) beauty **parlor**

The family gathered in the **parlor** to celebrate their grandmother's 90th birthday.

almanac

n. a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year

synonym : annual, yearbook, chronicle

(1) **almanac** information, (2) planting **almanac**

I consult my astrological **almanac** every month to stay attuned to the movements of the planets and stars.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym : close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

illustration

n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

synonym : picture, diagram, explanation

(1) educational **illustration**, (2) **illustration** artist

The **illustration** in the book helped me understand the concept better.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

boast

v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

synonym : show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

moss

n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

synonym : plant, foliage, greenery

(1) green **moss**, (2) **moss** garden

Moss grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

grotto

n. (also grot) a small cave or cavern, often with a natural or artificial structure that makes it suitable for use as a shelter, shrine, or place of worship

synonym : cave, cavern, grot

(1) underground **grotto**, (2) shrine **grotto**

The ancient temple has a beautiful indoor **grotto** with natural rock formations.

cupid

n. (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking

synonym : cherub, angel

(1) **cupid** costume, (2) **cupid** love

Cupid's arrow is known to strike at unexpected moments and unite people.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym : ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants

We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

mound

n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

synonym : hill, knoll, rise

(1) **mound** of dirt, (2) burial **mound**

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

prudish

adj. showing an excessive sense of modesty or propriety, particularly when it comes to matters involving sex or sensuality; excessively proper or conservative in behavior or attitudes

synonym : priggish, puritanical, strait-laced

(1) **prudish** nature, (2) **prudish** behavior

The **prudish** dress code required students to wear long sleeves and pants, even on hot days.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

crust

n. a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture

synonym : layer, coating, shell

(1) **crust** formation, (2) the earth's **crust**

The bread's **crust** was golden brown and crispy.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

pearl

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

synonym : bead, gem, nacre

(1) a cultured **pearl**, (2) **pearl** beyond price

She wore a **pearl** necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

nursery

n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes

synonym : playroom, greenhouse, conservatory

(1) day **nursery**, (2) **nursery** school

I work at the breeding **nursery**, where we grow and sell a variety of plants.

rhyme

n. a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

synonym : verse, poetry, meter

(1) **rhyme** poem, (2) write in **rhyme**

The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

crab

n. a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing

synonym : crustacean, shellfish, crusty

(1) **crab** cakes, (2) **crab** legs

I ordered a plate of fresh **crab** at the seafood restaurant.

suppose

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

synonym : guess, assume, presume

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

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

- bug** *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
synonym: insect, bacterium, microbe
(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes
I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.
- itch** *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
synonym: scratch, tingle, irritate
(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak
I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.
- fashion** *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
synonym: style, manner, fad
(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends
That style is no longer in **fashion**.
- clay** *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
synonym: ceramics, pottery, dirt
(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground
The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.
- prick** *v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication
synonym: poke, jab, sting
(1) **prick** a balloon, (2) **prick** up her ears
He accidentally **pricked** his finger with the needle.

brick

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

synonym : block, tile, paver

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

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

chafe

v. to rub or graze against something, causing irritation, soreness, or annoyance; to become irritated or annoyed due to frustration or impatience

synonym : irritate, rub, abrade

(1) **chafed** against my shoulders, (2) **chafe** under pressure

The new shoes are starting to **chafe** my feet after walking for hours.

foreskin

n. a retractable fold of skin that covers the head of the penis or clitoris

synonym : prepuce

(1) **foreskin** inflammation, (2) neonatal **foreskin**

He educated his teenage son about maintaining good hygiene with an uncircumcised **foreskin** to prevent infections.

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

synonym : affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

derogatory

adj. expressing a low opinion; insulting

synonym : insulting, negative, pejorative

(1) have **derogatory** eyes, (2) **derogatory** language

He made **derogatory** comments about her appearance and intelligence.

noun

n. a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

(1) **noun** phrase, (2) proper **noun**

In some foreign languages, the gender of **nouns** exists.

aphrodisiac

n. a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance

synonym : love potion, sex stimulant

(1) powerful **aphrodisiac**, (2) herbal **aphrodisiac**

Oysters are believed to be a natural **aphrodisiac**, encouraging sexual desire.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

charm

n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

synonym : allure, appeal, beauty

(1) masculine **charm**, (2) **charm** against bad luck

These are significantly more exquisite than typical **charm** bracelets.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

synonym : assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

subsequent

adj. happening or occurring later or after something else
synonym : later, following, ensuing

(1) over **subsequent** months, (2) reduce **subsequent** mortality

In the **subsequent** meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

obscene

adj. offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

synonym : improper, nasty, lewd

(1) **obscene** literature, (2) an **obscene** story

He made an **obscene** gesture.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym : startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

graphic

adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

synonym : illustrative, picturesque, visual

(1) **graphic** design, (2) a **graphic** description of an accident

The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym : great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

boundary

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

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

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

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

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

heir

n. a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

synonym: successor, inheritor, beneficiary

(1) an imperial **heir**, (2) **heir** at law

She recognized me as her lawful **heir**.

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.

pivotal

adj. relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

synonym: crucial, essential, important

(1) **pivotal** moment, (2) **pivotal** role

The CEO's decision was **pivotal** in the success of the company's expansion plans.

accent

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

synonym: articulation, inflection, pronunciation

(1) a foreign **accent**, (2) put the **accent** on comfort
She has a thick southern **accent**.

nay

adv. not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote

synonym: no, never, not at all

(1) **nay** vote, (2) said **nay**

He claimed he could finish the project in a day, **nay**, in just a few hours.

lass

n. a young woman or girl

synonym: girl, young woman, maiden

(1) **lass** singer, (2) country **lass**

The little **lass** said her prayers before going to bed every night.

jury

n. a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task

synonym: panel, tribunal, adjudicators

(1) **jury** verdict, (2) **jury** duty

The judge instructed the **jury** on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym: beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity
Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

merit

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

synonym : worth, excellence, quality

(1) **merit-based**, (2) the order of **merit**

She was promoted based on her **merits** as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

queue

n. a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building, waiting for something to become available

synonym : range, sequence, waiting line

(1) form a **queue**, (2) **queue** system

There was a long **queue** at the popular attraction.

mainstream

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

synonym : prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs

His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym : anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

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.

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.

carnal

adj. relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones

synonym: physical, sensual, sexual

(1) **carnal** encounter, (2) **carnal** pleasure

The church considers **carnal** desires to be sinful.

jack

n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

synonym: lever, crank, wrench

(1) a **jack** of all trades, (2) a line-in **jack**

He used a **jack** to lift the car to change the tire.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym: cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

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.

exorcism

n. the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer

synonym : purification, cleansing, dispossession

(1) **exorcism** ceremony, (2) demonic **exorcism**

The priest performed an **exorcism** to rid the haunted house of its evil spirits.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

linguistic

adj. relating to language or the study of language

synonym : lingual, verbal, lexical

(1) her major is **linguistics**, (2) **linguistic** analysis

Our naive experience undoubtedly contains a **linguistic** aspect.

relent

v. to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance

synonym : yield, soften, give in

(1) **relent** to pressure, (2) don't **relent** until late in the evening

The team refused to **relent** even after falling three points behind.

regulator

n. a person or thing that controls or balances something; a person or an organization that is responsible for control and supervision of a particular activity or area of public

interest

synonym : controller, supervisor, monitor

(1) **regulator** body, (2) a speed **regulator**

The financial industry **regulator** was responsible for ensuring that companies followed the laws.

cancel

n. the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security

synonym : restriction, suppression

(1) clear **cancel** by the Education Ministry, (2) form of **cancel**

Newspapers were subjected to **cancel** a few days later.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

poll

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

synonym : survey, ballot, voting

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

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

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym : crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

mink

n. a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe

synonym: fur, pelt

(1) the texture of **mink**, (2) **mink** fur

She wrapped herself in the luxurious **mink** coat on the cold winter day.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

pudendum

n. the external genitals, especially of the female, including the labia majora and labia minora, clitoris, and vaginal opening

synonym: genitals, privates

(1) female **pudendum**, (2) **pudendum** muliebre

She recommended that her patient be examined for the nerve of the **pudendum**.

detached

adj. no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement

synonym: separated, isolated, impersonal

(1) a **detached** palace, (2) **detached** from reality

Their dream is to buy a **detached** house.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

ax

n. a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

synonym : hatchet, chopper, tomahawk

(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox

He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

gash

n. a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin

synonym : cut, wound, laceration

(1) **gash** wound, (2) straight **gash**

He received a deep **gash** on his leg from the accident.

growl

v. to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

synonym : snarl, rumble, grumble

(1) **growl** menacingly, (2) **growl** a command

The dog began to **growl** at the stranger approaching the house.

badger

n. a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands

synonym : nuisance, annoyance

(1) **badger** territory, (2) **badger** him with questions

The **badger's** thick fur and tough skin make it well-suited for digging and burrowing in rough terrain.

unpleasant

adj. not enjoyable or comfortable

synonym : disagreeable, displeasing, distasteful

(1) **unpleasant** behavior, (2) with **unpleasant** body odor

It is **unpleasant** to see criminal behavior even though it is

minor.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

putrescent

adj. undergoing the process of decay; rotting or decomposing, often with a foul smell

synonym : putrid, decaying, festering

(1) **putrescent** debris, (2) become **putrescent** in a short time

The **putrescent** odor from the trash can made it clear that it needed to be emptied immediately.

bacon

n. a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig

synonym : ham, pork belly, gammon

(1) **bacon** and eggs, (2) **bacon** sandwich

I love the smell of **bacon** sizzling in the morning.

beard

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

synonym : facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

clam

n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

(1) giant **clam**, (2) shuck a **clam**

The **clam** digs through the sand to a significant depth.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym : control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

sanitize

v. to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication

synonym : clean, disinfect, sterilize

(1) **sanitize** surfaces, (2) **sanitize** the kitchen

I always **sanitize** my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym : grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

buff

n. a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery

synonym : enthusiast, aficionado, fan

(1) **buffalo** buff, (2) movie **buff**

She's a history **buff** and can tell you everything about the American Revolution.

wax

n. a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and

cosmetics; (verb) to become large

(1) **wax** finish, (2) **wax** and wane

He sealed the letter with a **wax** seal.

glue

n. a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

synonym: adhesive, paste, gum

(1) **glue** stick, (2) epoxy **glue**

The carpenter applied **glue** to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.

glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

synonym: sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

plasty

n. a surgical procedure that involves the shaping or molding of tissue or bone, particularly for reconstructive purposes

synonym: reconstruction, restoration, remodeling

(1) nasal **plasty**, (2) rhino- **plasty** operation

Patients with Crohn's disease who have developed narrowings in their small intestines may benefit from a stricture **plasty**.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym:

workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

hymen

n. a thin membrane that typically surrounds the opening of the vagina in women and may be torn or stretched during sexual intercourse or other activities

synonym: maidenhead, virginal membrane

(1) **hymen** rupture, (2) **hymen** intact

Certain medical conditions, such as an imperforate **hymen**, may require surgical intervention for normal menstruation and sexual function.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

pelvic

adj. of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips

(1) **pelvic** pain, (2) **pelvic** exam

The **pelvic** region is an important area of the human anatomy.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

twinkle

v. to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

synonym : sparkle, shine, glitter

(1) **twinkle** like a star, (2) the **twinkle** of the stars

His eyes **twinkled** with mischief.

ancient

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

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
2. ra___l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
3. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
4. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
5. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
6. sub_____ry company *adj.* of secondary or lesser importance; providing support to a larger or primary organization or entity
7. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
8. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
9. 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
10. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 1. bang, 2. racial, 3. simultaneously, 4. vast, 5. pause, 6. subsidiary, 7. lab, 8. scream, 9. grace, 10. trap

11. hy__n intact *n.* a thin membrane that typically surrounds the opening of the vagina in women and may be torn or stretched during sexual intercourse or other activities
12. pe__l beyond price *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
13. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
14. cu__d love *n.* (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking
15. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
16. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
17. de_____ed from reality *adj.* no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement
18. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
19. so____t poetry *n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme
20. gr__e for an answer *v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see

ANSWERS: 11. hymen, 12. pearl, 13. trap, 14. cupid, 15. industrious, 16. underneath, 17. detached, 18. alternative, 19. sonnet, 20. grope

21. import things pr_____ly *adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
22. wi___m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
23. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
24. su___e changes *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
25. scotch d___m *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
26. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
27. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
28. j___y verdict *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
29. br___l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel
30. unspoken end_____nt *n.* a word or act expressing affection or love towards someone
31. gl_____r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
32. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 21. privately, 22. wisdom, 23. embark, 24. subtle, 25. dram, 26. confuse, 27. visual, 28. jury, 29. brutal, 30. endearment, 31. glitter, 32. violent

33. an of _____ve smell *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
34. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
35. minor traffic of _____es *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
36. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
37. overcome my ha_____p *n.* a psychological or emotional difficulty or barrier that interferes with one's ability to function normally or achieve one's goals
38. ch__m against bad luck *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
39. li__l lawsuit *n.* a false and damaging statement about someone that is published or broadcast to a wide audience, often to harm their reputation or character
40. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
41. ce____r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

ANSWERS: 33. offensive, 34. wrap, 35. offense, 36. coal, 37. hang-up, 38. charm, 39. libel, 40. ancient, 41. censor

42. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
43. hi____ow music *adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
44. sl__e bacteria *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
45. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
46. s_p together *v.* to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (noun) a small drink of something
47. g__e stick *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
48. cr__t formation *n.* a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture
49. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
50. become put____nt in a short time *adj.* undergoing the process of decay; rotting or decomposing, often with a foul smell
51. s__w insults *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
52. mai____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

ANSWERS: 42. sight, 43. highbrow, 44. slime, 45. origin, 46. sup, 47. glue, 48. crust, 49. ban, 50. putrescent, 51. spew, 52. mainstream

53. a de____ed palace *adj.* no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement
54. pu____n lifestyle *n.* a member of a Protestant religious group in the 16th and 17th centuries who believed in strict moral and religious principles, such as predestination and the rejection of religious iconography and ritual
55. put_____nt debris *adj.* undergoing the process of decay; rotting or decomposing, often with a foul smell
56. pi_____l role *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
57. et_____gy dictionary *n.* the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
58. lose some of my sh____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
59. pl__k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
60. bo__t a long history *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
61. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

ANSWERS: 53. detached, 54. puritan, 55. putrescent, 56. pivotal, 57. etymology, 58. shyness, 59. pluck, 60. boast, 61. tower

72. green m__s *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
73. vu___r language *adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions
74. epoxy g__e *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
75. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
76. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
77. f__p out a candle *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion
78. dw__l on a problem *v.* to live or reside in a particular place; to think, speak, or write at length on a particular subject; to linger or remain as if unwilling to leave
79. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
80. cast the go__e *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
81. teeth res_____on *n.* the act or process of restoring or returning something to its original or former state; a renewal or revitalization of something that has been damaged or lost

ANSWERS: 72. moss, 73. vulgar, 74. glue, 75. fashion, 76. germ, 77. flap, 78. dwell, 79. translate, 80. gorge, 81. restoration

82. tw____e like a star
v. to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
83. e__t a history book
v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
84. field of vi___l arts
adj. relating to seeing or sight
85. masculine ch__m
n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
86. unintended en____re
n. (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive
87. pu____n beliefs
n. a member of a Protestant religious group in the 16th and 17th centuries who believed in strict moral and religious principles, such as predestination and the rejection of religious iconography and ritual
88. 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
89. qu___t village
adj. attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
90. m__k fur
n. a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe

ANSWERS: 82. twinkle, 83. edit, 84. visual, 85. charm, 86. entendre, 87. puritan, 88. recognize, 89. quaint, 90. mink

91. nuclear pro_____ion *n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
92. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
93. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
94. ceremonial ch_____e *n.* a cup or goblet, often with a stem and base, used for drinking liquids, especially wine, during religious ceremonies; a cup-shaped flower or part of a plant
95. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
96. construction ha_____at *n.* a type of helmet worn for protection on construction sites or in other dangerous or industrial settings; (adjective) related to or associated with industrial work, construction, or manual labor
97. the earth's cr__t *n.* a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture
98. within my k_n *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

ANSWERS: 91. proliferation, 92. medical, 93. military, 94. chalice, 95. veil, 96. hard-hat, 97. crust, 98. ken

99. mo__d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
100. da___e a pendant *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
101. production of sp__m *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
102. don't re___t until late in the evening *v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance
103. chop wood with an ax *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
104. bu___t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
105. s__m from a belief *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
106. l___e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
107. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

ANSWERS: 99. mound, 100. dangle, 101. sperm, 102. relent, 103. ax, 104. bullet, 105. stem, 106. lane, 107. awesome

108. beauty pa___r *n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents
109. hollowed-out ch__k *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
110. an intentional in___t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
111. mon_____ble word *n.* a word consisting of only one syllable, for example, "it" or "no"; a single-syllable word
112. form of cen_____ip *n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security
113. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
114. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
115. ha__y situation *adj.* covered with hair or having a furry texture; difficult, dangerous, or complicated
116. ch__ed against my shoulders *v.* to rub or graze against something, causing irritation, soreness, or annoyance; to become irritated or annoyed due to frustration or impatience
117. shuck a c__m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

ANSWERS: 108. parlor, 109. cheek, 110. insult, 111. monosyllable, 112. censorship, 113. horrible, 114. underneath, 115. hairy, 116. chafe, 117. clam

118. des_____ve grammar *adj.* serving to describe or inform, or characterized by description
119. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
120. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
121. me_____al history *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
122. hy__n rupture *n.* a thin membrane that typically surrounds the opening of the vagina in women and may be torn or stretched during sexual intercourse or other activities
123. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
124. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
125. rear seat cu_____ns *n.* a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage
126. the et_____gy of a word *n.* the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
127. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
128. n_y vote *adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; *(noun)* a negative response or vote

ANSWERS: 118. descriptive, 119. modern, 120. confuse, 121. medieval, 122. hymen, 123. ban, 124. uncomfortable, 125. cushion, 126. etymology, 127. handle, 128. nay

129. w_x and wane *n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large
130. re____l meeting *n.* an instance of bringing something back to life, popularity, or prominence; a period of renewed interest or enthusiasm in something that was previously considered outdated or old-fashioned
131. assume the of____ve *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
132. nu____y school *n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
133. Internet sl__g *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
134. pl__k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
135. ma____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

ANSWERS: 129. wax, 130. revival, 131. offensive, 132. nursery, 133. slang, 134. pluck, 135. maintain

136. gyn_____gy clinic *n.* the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system
137. leather sc_____rd *n.* a sheath or container used to protect and hold a sword or other bladed weapon; a protective cover or case used to store or transport various other tools or weapons
138. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
139. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
140. w__b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
141. violent por_____hy *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
142. fe_____st movement *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
143. por_____hy addiction *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

ANSWERS: 136. gynecology, 137. scabbard, 138. translate, 139. define, 140. womb, 141. pornography, 142. feminist, 143. pornography

144. dressed br__k *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
145. ge____de resolution *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
146. c__b cakes *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
147. ch__k bone *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
148. online dic____ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
149. a hor____us crime *adj.* causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying
150. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
151. de____ty with the pen *n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems
152. re__t to pressure *v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance

ANSWERS: 144. brick, 145. genocide, 146. crab, 147. cheek, 148. dictionary, 149. horrendous, 150. roll, 151. dexterity, 152. relent

153. cl__k job *n.* a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers
154. the order of me__t *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
155. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
156. dairy c_w *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
157. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
158. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
159. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
160. 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

ANSWERS: 153. clerk, 154. merit, 155. chase, 156. cow, 157. drone, 158. suppose, 159. poll, 160. movement

161. sh____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
162. soft c__y ground *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
163. de___r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
164. powerful aph______ac *n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
165. cu____g thief *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
166. manual de______ty *n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems
167. ha__y arms *adj.* covered with hair or having a furry texture; difficult, dangerous, or complicated
168. se______us libel *adj.* saying or doing something that is intended to encourage or incite rebellion or resistance against an established authority or government; promoting or advocating rebellion or insurrection
169. ba__n and eggs *n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig

ANSWERS: 161. shocking, 162. clay, 163. devour, 164. aphrodisiac, 165. cunning, 166. dexterity, 167. hairy, 168. seditious, 169. bacon

170. dic_____ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
171. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
172. 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
173. le___e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
174. p__d through mud *v.* to walk or move heavily and slowly; to work or progress at a slow and steady pace, often in a way that is seen as tedious or uncreative
175. su_____t of food *n.* an excess or overabundance of something, often food or drink, that leads to sickness or discomfort; an excessive or inappropriately indulgent amount of something
176. steel ha_____t head *n.* a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone
177. ba___r territory *n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands

ANSWERS: 170. dictionary, 171. obvious, 172. sweep, 173. league, 174. plod, 175. surfeit, 176. hatchet, 177. badger

178. imported da__y product *n.* a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese
179. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
180. gr____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
181. said n_y *adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote
182. a line-in j__k *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
183. lo____r dinner *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
184. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
185. the use of mon____bles *n.* a word consisting of only one syllable, for example, "it" or "no"; a single-syllable word
186. bu____er ship *n.* a person who engages in piracy or other criminal activities at sea; a pirate or rogue adventurer
187. mo____y panel *n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful

ANSWERS: 178. dairy, 179. sight, 180. graffiti, 181. nay, 182. jack, 183. lobster, 184. obvious, 185. monosyllable, 186. buccaneer, 187. modesty

188. di_____ve juices *adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food
189. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
190. me_____al times *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
191. man with a low sp__m count *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
192. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
193. commit bl_____my *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
194. vu__a cancer *n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs
195. pu_____um muliebre *n.* the external genitals, especially of the female, including the labia majora and labia minora, clitoris, and vaginal opening
196. course sy_____us *n.* an outline or summary of the topics, themes, and assignments to be covered in a particular course or educational program; a list or summary of key themes or components of a particular document, work, or project
197. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
198. cu__d costume *n.* (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking

ANSWERS: 188. digestive, 189. poet, 190. medieval, 191. sperm, 192. celebrate, 193. blasphemy, 194. vulva, 195. pudendum, 196. syllabus, 197. reclaim, 198. cupid

199. s__w carbon dioxide *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
200. un_____ed honesty *adj.* not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame
201. ba___r him with questions *n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
202. of___d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
203. personal ha_____p *n.* a psychological or emotional difficulty or barrier that interferes with one's ability to function normally or achieve one's goals
204. speak with pr_____on *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
205. c__b legs *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
206. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
207. ca___l pleasure *adj.* relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones

ANSWERS: 199. spew, 200. unabashed, 201. badger, 202. offend, 203. hang-up, 204. precision, 205. crab, 206. aggressive, 207. carnal

208. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
209. show off his br__n *n.* physical strength and muscular development; meat from a pig's or calf's head that has been cooked and jellied
210. a su____t of riches *n.* an excess or overabundance of something, often food or drink, that leads to sickness or discomfort; an excessive or inappropriately indulgent amount of something
211. i__h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
212. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
213. an alt____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
214. im___t a style sheet *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
215. current af___rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
216. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 208. pun, 209. brawn, 210. surfeit, 211. itch, 212. tongue, 213. alternative, 214. import, 215. affair, 216. origin

217. h__r at law *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
218. re____l of the economy *n.* an instance of bringing something back to life, popularity, or prominence; a period of renewed interest or enthusiasm in something that was previously considered outdated or old-fashioned
219. with unp_____nt body odor *adj.* not enjoyable or comfortable
220. presidential co_____er *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
221. herbal aph_____ac *n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
222. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
223. cognitive li_____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
224. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
225. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
226. l__d behavior *adj.* crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior

ANSWERS: 217. heir, 218. revival, 219. unpleasant, 220. contender, 221. aphrodisiac, 222. coal, 223. linguist, 224. poem, 225. creditor, 226. lewd

227. reduce sub_____nt mortality *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
228. a ut___a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
229. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
230. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
231. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
232. championship co_____er *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
233. 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
234. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
235. un___y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
236. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
237. give sm_____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
238. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 227. subsequent, 228. utopia, 229. doe, 230. poet, 231. bug, 232. contender, 233. grace, 234. religion, 235. uneasy, 236. stab, 237. smashing, 238. suppose

239. i__h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
240. cannot re____s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
241. ill_____ion artist *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
242. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
243. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
244. put the ac___t on comfort *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
245. gl_____r against her skin *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
246. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
247. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

ANSWERS: 239. itch, 240. repress, 241. illustration, 242. cult, 243. boom, 244. accent, 245. glitter, 246. horrible, 247. recommend

248. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
249. a foreign ac____t *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
250. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
251. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
252. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
253. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
254. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
255. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
256. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
257. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

ANSWERS: 248. release, 249. accent, 250. reputation, 251. veil, 252. reputation, 253. roll, 254. enormous, 255. aggressive, 256. medical, 257. edit

258. br__n drain *n.* physical strength and muscular development; meat from a pig's or calf's head that has been cooked and jellied
259. a su___e poison *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
260. da___e a carrot *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
261. pa____et in English *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
262. the s__m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
263. re_____or body *n.* a person or thing that controls or balances something; a person or an organization that is responsible for control and supervision of a particular activity or area of public interest
264. demonic ex_____sm *n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
265. the go__es of the Yangtse River *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

ANSWERS: 258. brawn, 259. subtle, 260. dangle, 261. pamphlet, 262. stem, 263. regulator, 264. exorcism, 265. gorge

266. an ar____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
267. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
268. a famous b__d *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
269. hu____ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
270. ce____r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
271. a speed re____or *n.* a person or thing that controls or balances something; a person or an organization that is responsible for control and supervision of a particular activity or area of public interest
272. bo__t of his success *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
273. the texture of m__k *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe

ANSWERS: 266. artistic, 267. slide, 268. bard, 269. humanize, 270. censor, 271. regulator, 272. boast, 273. mink

274. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
275. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
276. pe___c exam *adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
277. sw___r an oath *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
278. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
279. write in rh___e *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
280. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
281. va___a cancer care *n.* the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus
282. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
283. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
284. 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

ANSWERS: 274. jealousy, 275. embark, 276. pelvic, 277. swear, 278. incident, 279. rhyme, 280. recommend, 281. vagina, 282. religion, 283. district, 284. recognize

285. de___e a conclusion *v.* to obtain or receive something from a source
286. rhino-pl___y operation *n.* a surgical procedure that involves the shaping or molding of tissue or bone, particularly for reconstructive purposes
287. der_____ry language *adj.* expressing a low opinion; insulting
288. receive a na__y surprise *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
289. unpleas___nt behavior *adj.* not enjoyable or comfortable
290. sl__e mold *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
291. sa_____ze surfaces *v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
292. gr_____c design *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
293. g__h wound *n.* a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin
294. sl__g phrases *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
295. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
296. ch_____ty belt *n.* the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty

ANSWERS: 285. derive, 286. plasty, 287. derogatory, 288. nasty, 289. unpleasant, 290. slime, 291. sanitize, 292. graphic, 293. gash, 294. slang, 295. explode, 296. chastity

297. ge____de victims *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
298. cl__k position *n.* a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers
299. lin____ic analysis *adj.* relating to language or the study of language
300. re____d communities *v.* to build again or anew
301. in____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
302. va____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
303. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
304. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
305. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
306. w_x finish *n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large

ANSWERS: 297. genocide, 298. clerk, 299. linguistic, 300. rebuild, 301. intimate, 302. variation, 303. poem, 304. lord, 305. racial, 306. wax

307. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
308. a pr_____on instrument *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
309. al__s name *n.* an assumed or false name often used to conceal one's true identity; (adverb) as known or named at another time or place
310. qu__e system *n.* a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building, waiting for something to become available
311. a j__k of all trades *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
312. social co_____on *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
313. n__n phrase *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
314. country l__s *n.* a young woman or girl
315. hi_____ow conversation *adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
316. with un_____ed curiosity *adj.* not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame

ANSWERS: 307. awesome, 308. precision, 309. alias, 310. queue, 311. jack, 312. cognition, 313. noun, 314. lass, 315. highbrow, 316. unabashed

317. form a qu__e *n.* a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building, waiting for something to become available
318. sw__p up dead leaves *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
319. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
320. 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
321. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
322. shave my be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
323. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
324. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
325. ge_____cs discrimination *n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
326. the f__p of wings *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

ANSWERS: 317. queue, 318. sweep, 319. uncomfortable, 320. strike, 321. handle, 322. beard, 323. scream, 324. maintain, 325. genetics, 326. flap

327. foreign li____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
328. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
329. sy____us content *n.* an outline or summary of the topics, themes, and assignments to be covered in a particular course or educational program; a list or summary of key themes or components of a particular document, work, or project
330. over sub_____nt months *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
331. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
332. 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.
333. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
334. sn____y tactics *adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness
335. gr__e after the truth *v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see

ANSWERS: 327. linguist, 328. folk, 329. syllabus, 330. subsequent, 331. poll, 332. bust, 333. military, 334. sneaky, 335. grope

336. ha____t job *n.* a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone
337. native to____e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
338. drug pe____rs *n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
339. domestic af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
340. purity and ch____ty *n.* the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty
341. tumor of w__b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
342. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
343. gene va____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

ANSWERS: 336. hatchet, 337. tongue, 338. peddler, 339. affair, 340. chastity, 341. womb, 342. chase, 343. variation

344. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
345. nice c__p *n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind
346. influence pe____rs *n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
347. l__d comments *adj.* crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior
348. s__t fungi *n.* obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt
349. li____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
350. pr____h behavior *adj.* showing an excessive sense of modesty or propriety, particularly when it comes to matters involving sex or sensuality; excessively proper or conservative in behavior or attitudes
351. b__t him in the face *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

ANSWERS: 344. ancient, 345. chap, 346. peddler, 347. lewd, 348. smut, 349. liberate, 350. prudish, 351. belt

352. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
353. behave od__y *adv.* in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar
354. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
355. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
356. sub____ry products *adj.* of secondary or lesser importance; providing support to a larger or primary organization or entity
357. na____y behavior *adj.* badly behaved; disobedient
358. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
359. li____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
360. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
361. hor____us traffic *adj.* causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying
362. im____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
363. the tw____e of the stars *v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
364. la____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree

ANSWERS: 352. slide, 353. oddly, 354. hire, 355. relation, 356. subsidiary, 357. naughty, 358. warn, 359. liberate, 360. enormous, 361. horrendous, 362. immortal, 363. twinkle, 364. largely

365. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
366. nasal pl____y *n.* a surgical procedure that involves the shaping or molding of tissue or bone, particularly for reconstructive purposes
367. re____d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
368. ex_____sm ceremony *n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
369. rh__e poem *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
370. the legal bat_____und *n.* a place where a battle is fought
371. silver ch_____e *n.* a cup or goblet, often with a stem and base, used for drinking liquids, especially wine, during religious ceremonies; a cup-shaped flower or part of a plant
372. keep a mi_____ss *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
373. pa_____le food *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

ANSWERS: 365. celebrate, 366. plasty, 367. regard, 368. exorcism, 369. rhyme, 370. battleground, 371. chalice, 372. mistress, 373. palatable

374. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
375. fo_____in inflammation *n.* a retractable fold of skin that covers the head of the penis or clitoris
376. br____l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
377. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
378. sn____y behavior *adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness
379. educational ill_____ion *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
380. have der_____ry eyes *adj.* expressing a low opinion; insulting
381. a gr_____c description of an accident *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
382. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
383. s__f the Internet *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
384. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
385. im_____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

ANSWERS: 374. eventually, 375. foreskin, 376. brutal, 377. largely, 378. sneaky, 379. illustration, 380. derogatory, 381. graphic, 382. explode, 383. surf, 384. intimate, 385. immortal

386. an ax in the toolbox *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
387. low-fat da__y *n.* a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese
388. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
389. l__s singer *n.* a young woman or girl
390. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
391. na____y book *adj.* badly behaved; disobedient
392. re____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
393. sa____ze the kitchen *v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
394. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
395. a di____ve enzyme *adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food
396. in__t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

ANSWERS: 386. ax, 387. dairy, 388. shock, 389. lass, 390. doe, 391. naughty, 392. reclaim, 393. sanitize, 394. hire, 395. digestive, 396. insult

397. a baseball le___e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
398. first l___e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
399. an imperial h___r *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
400. no___l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
401. s___t a bullet *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
402. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
403. a cultured pe___l *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
404. neonatal fo_____in *n.* a retractable fold of skin that covers the head of the penis or clitoris
405. movie b___f *n.* a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery

ANSWERS: 397. league, 398. lane, 399. heir, 400. novel, 401. spit, 402. eventually, 403. pearl, 404. foreskin, 405. buff

406. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
407. we__h on a promise *v.* to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement
408. clear cen_____ip by the Education Ministry *n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security
409. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
410. s_p a drink *v.* to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (noun) a small drink of something
411. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
412. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
413. ob_____e literature *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
414. a first of_____e *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
415. gyn_____gy exam *n.* the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system
416. hu_____ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

ANSWERS: 406. novel, 407. welsh, 408. censorship, 409. bang, 410. sup, 411. pause, 412. regard, 413. obscene, 414. offense, 415. gynecology, 416. humanize

417. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
418. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
419. re_____s gene expression *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
420. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
421. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
422. medieval b__d *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
423. a pr_____ly-owned railway *adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
424. se_____us behavior *adj.* saying or doing something that is intended to encourage or incite rebellion or resistance against an established authority or government; promoting or advocating rebellion or insurrection
425. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
426. mo_____nt of troops *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

ANSWERS: 417. settle, 418. unleash, 419. repress, 420. boom, 421. drone, 422. bard, 423. privately, 424. seditious, 425. release, 426. movement

427. a sm_____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
428. vu____r content *adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions
429. of____d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
430. ornate sc_____rd *n.* a sheath or container used to protect and hold a sword or other bladed weapon; a protective cover or case used to store or transport various other tools or weapons
431. behave with mo_____y *n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful
432. giant c__m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
433. pe____c pain *adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
434. ro__h estimation *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
435. gr__l menacingly *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

ANSWERS: 427. smashing, 428. vulgar, 429. offend, 430. scabbard, 431. modesty, 432. clam, 433. pelvic, 434. rough, 435. growl

436. underground gr___o *n.* (also grot) a small cave or cavern, often with a natural or artificial structure that makes it suitable for use as a shelter, shrine, or place of worship
437. Shakespeare's so___ts *n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme
438. c__p stick *n.* a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind
439. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
440. we__h on the deal *v.* to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement
441. bl_____my against the law *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
442. s__t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
443. c_w herd *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
444. br__k wall *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
445. propaganda pa_____et *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

ANSWERS: 436. grotto, 437. sonnet, 438. chap, 439. fashion, 440. welsh, 441. blasphemy, 442. spit, 443. cow, 444. brick, 445. pamphlet

446. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
447. Caribbean bu_____er *n.* a person who engages in piracy or other criminal activities at sea; a pirate or rogue adventurer
448. an ob_____e story *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
449. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
450. infection of the va____a *n.* the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus
451. fo_____n duties *n.* a male servant who attends to the needs of household guests, often standing at the entrance to open the door and offering assistance with coats and bags
452. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
453. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
454. de____e knowledge from books *v.* to obtain or receive something from a source
455. me__t-based *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
456. a fountain of wi____m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

ANSWERS: 446. vast, 447. buccaneer, 448. obscene, 449. fascinate, 450. vagina, 451. footman, 452. dam, 453. modern, 454. derive, 455. merit, 456. wisdom

457. sh____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
458. a black be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
459. pr__k a balloon *v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication
460. the story is bi____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
461. cultural and ar____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
462. cu____n against inflation *n.* a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage
463. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
464. serving as a fo____n *n.* a male servant who attends to the needs of household guests, often standing at the entrance to open the door and offering assistance with coats and bags
465. burial mo__d *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
466. sl____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 457. shocking, 458. beard, 459. prick, 460. bizarre, 461. artistic, 462. cushion, 463. wrap, 464. footman, 465. mound, 466. slightly

467. the pro_____ion of social media *n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
468. j__y duty *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
469. ba__n sandwich *n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig
470. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
471. fresh lo_____r *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
472. od__y familiar *adv.* in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar
473. cu_____g plan *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
474. 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.
475. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
476. sh_____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

ANSWERS: 467. proliferation, 468. jury, 469. bacon, 470. slightly, 471. lobster, 472. oddly, 473. cunning, 474. bust, 475. odd, 476. shyness

477. c__y animation *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
478. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
479. im___t goods *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
480. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
481. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
482. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
483. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
484. ch__e under pressure *v.* to rub or graze against something, causing irritation, soreness, or annoyance; to become irritated or annoyed due to frustration or impatience
485. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
486. pi_____l moment *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

ANSWERS: 477. clay, 478. lab, 479. import, 480. odd, 481. strike, 482. absolute, 483. relation, 484. chafe, 485. boundary, 486. pivotal

487. m__s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
488. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
489. fe_____st perspective *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
490. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
491. ex___d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
492. je_____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
493. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
494. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
495. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 487. moss, 488. fascinate, 489. feminist, 490. lord, 491. extend, 492. jealousy, 493. shock, 494. pun, 495. cult

496. han_____ng sample *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
497. qu___t cottage *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
498. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
499. pa___r game *n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents
500. planting al_____c *n.* a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year
501. humorous en_____re *n.* (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive
502. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
503. geographical bo_____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
504. b__falo buff *n.* a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery

ANSWERS: 496. handwriting, 497. quaint, 498. rebuild, 499. parlor, 500. almanac, 501. entendre, 502. bug, 503. boundary, 504. buff

505. co_____on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
506. write a des_____ve essay *adj.* serving to describe or inform, or characterized by description
507. ha_____at zone *n.* a type of helmet worn for protection on construction sites or in other dangerous or industrial settings; (adjective) related to or associated with industrial work, construction, or manual labor
508. pa_____le solution *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
509. ecological res_____on *n.* the act or process of restoring or returning something to its original or former state; a renewal or revitalization of something that has been damaged or lost
510. gr_____ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
511. s__f the waves *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
512. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 505. cognition, 506. descriptive, 507. hard-hat, 508. palatable, 509. restoration, 510. graffiti, 511. surf, 512. industrious

513. female pu____um *n.* the external genitals, especially of the female, including the labia majora and labia minora, clitoris, and vaginal opening
514. sue a person for li__l *n.* a false and damaging statement about someone that is published or broadcast to a wide audience, often to harm their reputation or character
515. al____c information *n.* a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year
516. p__d along in mediocrity *v.* to walk or move heavily and slowly; to work or progress at a slow and steady pace, often in a way that is seen as tedious or uncreative
517. bi____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
518. a na__y smell *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
519. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
520. end_____nt nickname *n.* a word or act expressing affection or love towards someone
521. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
522. pr__k up her ears *v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication

ANSWERS: 513. pudendum, 514. libel, 515. almanac, 516. plod, 517. bizarre, 518. nasty, 519. folk, 520. endearment, 521. creditor, 522. prick

523. straight g__h *n.* a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin
524. k_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
525. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
526. ro__h and tough *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
527. ab____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
528. gr__l a command *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
529. traffic in____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
530. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
531. have not one d__m of learning *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
532. ha___t village *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
533. bu___t wound *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
534. school di____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
535. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 523. gash, 524. ken, 525. define, 526. rough, 527. absolute, 528. growl, 529. incident, 530. stab, 531. dram, 532. hamlet, 533. bullet, 534. district, 535. warn

536. bat_____und states *n.* a place where a battle is fought
537. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
538. sign an email al____s *n.* an assumed or false name often used to conceal one's true identity; (adverb) as known or named at another time or place
539. day nu_____y *n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
540. sw____r a blue streak *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
541. historic ha____t *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
542. her major is lin_____ics *adj.* relating to language or the study of language
543. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
544. han_____ng identification *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
545. proper n____n *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
546. perfect ut____a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

ANSWERS: 536. battleground, 537. violent, 538. alias, 539. nursery, 540. swear, 541. hamlet, 542. linguistic, 543. unleash, 544. handwriting, 545. noun, 546. utopia

547. a mi____ss of comedy *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
548. leather b__t *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
549. sim_____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
550. have un___y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
551. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
552. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
553. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
554. inflammation of the vu__a *n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs
555. the science of ge____cs *n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
556. ca___l encounter *adj.* relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones

ANSWERS: 547. mistress, 548. belt, 549. simultaneously, 550. uneasy, 551. tower, 552. greet, 553. dam, 554. vulva, 555. genetics, 556. carnal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He lifted her _____ with both hands.
n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

2. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.
adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

3. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

4. The _____ speech incited the crowd to riot against the government.
adj. saying or doing something that is intended to encourage or incite rebellion or resistance against an established authority or government; promoting or advocating rebellion or insurrection

5. The team discovered a hidden _____ in the desert.
n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

6. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's ____.
n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

7. _____ arrow is known to strike at unexpected moments and unite people.
n. (of Roman mythology) the god of love and desire, typically depicted as a cherub or a winged boy with a bow and arrows that cause people to fall in love; a metaphor or symbol for love, romance, or matchmaking

ANSWERS: 1. veil, 2. aggressive, 3. doe, 4. seditious, 5. mound, 6. lab, 7. Cupid's

8. The _____ thief slipped into the house through an unlocked window.
adj. behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness
9. The _____ in the book helped me understand the concept better.
n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
10. The _____ performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.
n. a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
11. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
12. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
13. The international community condemned the _____ in the country.
n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
14. I work at the breeding _____ where we grow and sell a variety of plants.
n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
15. The bodybuilder's _____ was impressive.
n. physical strength and muscular development; meat from a pig's or calf's head that has been cooked and jellied

ANSWERS: 8. sneaky, 9. illustration, 10. bard's, 11. drone, 12. absolute, 13. genocide, 14. nursery, 15. brawn

16. The _____ thick fur and tough skin make it well-suited for digging and burrowing in rough terrain.
- n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
17. We were looking at a severe _____ indeed.
- n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
18. He moved his body _____ to the left.
- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
19. He educated his teenage son about maintaining good hygiene with an uncircumcised _____ to prevent infections.
- n.* a retractable fold of skin that covers the head of the penis or clitoris
20. The student struggled to pronounce the _____ words in the vocabulary list.
- n.* a word consisting of only one syllable, for example, "it" or "no"; a single-syllable word
21. She was offended by his _____ gesture.
- adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions
22. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.
- adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

ANSWERS: 16. badger's, 17. contender, 18. slightly, 19. foreskin, 20. monosyllable, 21. vulgar, 22. shocking

23. She only reads _____ literature, such as classic novels and philosophical essays.
adj. relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
24. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
25. The pirate movie featured a notorious _____ as the main character.
n. a person who engages in piracy or other criminal activities at sea; a pirate or rogue adventurer
26. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
27. We _____ on a new project.
v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
28. The band was _____ out old songs in response to audience requests.
v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
29. The poem had a consistent _____ scheme throughout.
n. a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
30. 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

ANSWERS: 23. highbrow, 24. district, 25. buccaneer, 26. largely, 27. embarked, 28. belting, 29. rhyme, 30. strike

31. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

adj. harsh or cruel

32. She used to be his _____ before the death of his first wife.

n. a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others

33. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

34. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

35. The city became a _____ during the war.

n. a place where a battle is fought

36. He is a specialist in the _____ of aging.

n. the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms

37. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

38. The _____ industry is a significant contributor to the economy.

n. a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese

ANSWERS: 31. brutal, 32. mistress, 33. lane, 34. wisdom, 35. battleground, 36. genetics, 37. boom, 38. dairy

39. Despite the heavy snowfall, the hiker continued to _____ along the trail.
- v.* to walk or move heavily and slowly; to work or progress at a slow and steady pace, often in a way that is seen as tedious or uncreative
40. 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
41. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.
- n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
42. The _____ odor from the trash can made it clear that it needed to be emptied immediately.
- adj.* undergoing the process of decay; rotting or decomposing, often with a foul smell
43. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
- n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
44. I ordered a plate of fresh _____ at the seafood restaurant.
- n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
45. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
46. In some foreign languages, the gender of _____ exists.
- n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

ANSWERS: 39. plod, 40. movement, 41. dam, 42. putrescent, 43. sights, 44. crab, 45. celebrated, 46. nouns

47. He accidentally _____ his finger with the needle.

- v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication

48. She wrapped herself in the luxurious _____ coat on the cold winter day.

- n.* a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe

49. The charity event aims to _____ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

- v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

50. He poured himself a _____ of whiskey to relax after a long day at work.

- n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages

51. Some cultures see _____ as a virtue and practice abstinence before marriage.

- n.* the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty

52. She tried to _____ out the gum that she had been chewing.

- v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

53. 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

ANSWERS: 47. pricked, 48. mink, 49. humanize, 50. dram, 51. chastity, 52. spit, 53. sweep

54. The poet wrote a _____ to express his love for his wife.
n. a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme
55. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
56. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
57. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
58. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
59. The surgeon's _____ was impressive during the delicate surgery.
n. skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems
60. Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile _____.
n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
61. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 54. sonnet, 55. poem, 56. military, 57. Translate, 58. exploded, 59. dexterity, 60. offenses, 61. unleash

62. He _____ the memories of his traumatic childhood.

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

63. He gently touched her apple-red _____ and whispered that he loved her.

n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

64. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

65. The woodsman used a sharp _____ to chop firewood for the winter.

n. a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone

66. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

67. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.

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

68. She _____ the mystery novel in one sitting.

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

69. He placed a _____ on the floor for his dog to lie on.

n. a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage

ANSWERS: 62. repressed, 63. cheek, 64. release, 65. hatchet, 66. violent, 67. polls, 68. devoured, 69. cushion

70. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
71. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
v. to build again or anew
72. The _____ ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.
adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
73. The new rescue dog was covered in thick, _____ fur that kept him warm in cold weather.
adj. covered with hair or having a furry texture; difficult, dangerous, or complicated
74. The restaurant served a delicious _____ steamed to perfection.
n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
75. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.
n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
76. I _____ I didn't mean to break your vase.
v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
77. The carpenter applied _____ to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.
n. a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

ANSWERS: 70. settle, 71. rebuild, 72. feminist, 73. hairy, 74. lobster, 75. variation, 76. swear, 77. glue

78. He used a _____ to lift the car to change the tire.
n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
79. A lot of _____ words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.
n. informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
80. He used an ___ to chop the firewood for the campfire.
n. a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
81. Our naive experience undoubtedly contains a _____ aspect.
adj. relating to language or the study of language
82. The penny fell _____ the piano.
adv. under or below something else
83. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
84. The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of _____ easier than ever before.
n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
85. Though I love literature, I'm a bad _____.
n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

ANSWERS: 78. jack, 79. slang, 80. ax, 81. linguistic, 82. underneath, 83. jealousy, 84. pornography, 85. linguist

86. She _____ the flowers off the bush.

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

87. The vehicle bounced along the _____ mountain road.

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

88. The _____ on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.

n. a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

89. The kids loved playing with the green _____ but it was a nightmare to clean up.

n. a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet

90. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

91. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

92. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

93. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

94. The _____ fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.

adj. clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

ANSWERS: 86. plucked, 87. rough, 88. peddler, 89. slime, 90. smashing, 91. artistic, 92. insult, 93. maintain, 94. cunning

95. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

96. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

97. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

98. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

99. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

100. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

101. The knight drew his sword from its _____ to defend himself against the enemy.

n. a sheath or container used to protect and hold a sword or other bladed weapon; a protective cover or case used to store or transport various other tools or weapons

102. The comedian's _____ had the audience laughing out loud.

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 95. industrious, 96. lord, 97. horrible, 98. awesome, 99. edit, 100. visual, 101. scabbard, 102. pun

103. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

104. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

105. The _____ dress code required students to wear long sleeves and pants, even on hot days.

adj. showing an excessive sense of modesty or propriety, particularly when it comes to matters involving sex or sensuality; excessively proper or conservative in behavior or attitudes

106. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

107. I'll _____ the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

108. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

109. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.

adv. at the same time

110. He made _____ comments about her appearance and intelligence.

adj. expressing a low opinion; insulting

ANSWERS: 103. novel, 104. rolled, 105. prudish, 106. fascinated, 107. surf, 108. enormous, 109. simultaneously, 110. derogatory

111. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

112. The sculptor carefully molded the _____ into the desired shape.

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

113. The volcano started to _____ lava and ash, causing panic among residents.

v. to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

114. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

115. This movie is _____ of his intellectual exploration.

adj. serving to describe or inform, or characterized by description

116. A nutritious diet improves _____ functions.

adj. relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food

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

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

118. The professor focused on the research of infant _____.

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

ANSWERS: 111. offensive, 112. clay, 113. spew, 114. confused, 115. descriptive, 116. digestive, 117. ancient, 118. cognition

119. These English words are _____ from Latin.

v. to obtain or receive something from a source

120. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

121. The earring on her earlobe would _____ as she moved her head.

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

122. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the _____.

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

123. Sweetheart is a term of _____ that some couples use.

n. a word or act expressing affection or love towards someone

124. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

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

125. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the _____ on the buildings downtown.

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

126. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

ANSWERS: 119. derived, 120. offended, 121. dangle, 122. womb, 123. endearment, 124. religion, 125. graffiti, 126. league

127. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

128. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

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

129. The _____ digs through the sand to a significant depth.

n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

130. The _____ of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.

n. a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

131. The shepherd had to _____ some of the animals due to illness.

v. to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement

132. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

133. He grew a thick _____ to change his appearance.

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

134. He was _____ about the situation and didn't know what to do.

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

135. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 127. tower, 128. define, 129. clam, 130. flap, 131. welsh, 132. vast, 133. beard, 134. uneasy, 135. folk

136. This town _____ a national park.

- v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

137. The town's economy experienced a _____ after opening a new factory.

- n.* an instance of bringing something back to life, popularity, or prominence; a period of renewed interest or enthusiasm in something that was previously considered outdated or old-fashioned

138. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.

- n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

139. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

- adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

140. 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

141. The family gathered in the _____ to celebrate their grandmother's 90th birthday.

- n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents

142. She is a talented ____ who has been recognized for her work.

- n.* a person who writes poetry

143. Due to the _____ of job applications, it took many weeks for the company to find the perfect candidate.

- n.* an excess or overabundance of something, often food or drink, that leads to sickness or discomfort; an excessive or inappropriately indulgent amount of something

ANSWERS: 136. boasts, 137. revival, 138. bug, 139. medical, 140. recognize, 141. parlor, 142. poet, 143. surfeit

144. There was a long _____ at the popular attraction.

n. a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building, waiting for something to become available

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

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

146. The comedian's _____ jokes offended some of the audience members.

adj. crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior

147. His grandfather was an _____ man.

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

148. The church considers _____ desires to be sinful.

adj. relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones

149. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

150. He made an _____ gesture.

adj. offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

151. 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)

152. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 144. queue, 145. bricks, 146. lewd, 147. odd, 148. carnal, 149. liberated, 150. obscene, 151. racial, 152. chased

153. The company _____ raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.
- v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
154. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something
155. My fear of public speaking is my biggest _____.
- n.* a psychological or emotional difficulty or barrier that interferes with one's ability to function normally or achieve one's goals
156. He finally overcame his _____.
- n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
157. The ancient temple has a beautiful indoor _____ with natural rock formations.
- n.* (also grot) a small cave or cavern, often with a natural or artificial structure that makes it suitable for use as a shelter, shrine, or place of worship
158. A famous artist painted the room in a _____ pink hue.
- adj.* not readily apparent or visible
159. The surgeon decided to remove part of the _____ to remedy the patient's skin disease.
- n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs
160. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
- v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

ANSWERS: 153. imports, 154. origin, 155. hang-up, 156. shyness, 157. grotto, 158. subtle, 159. vulva, 160. ban

161. The CEO's decision was _____ in the success of the company's expansion plans.
adj. relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
162. The truth was more _____ than expected.
adj. very strange or unusual
163. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.
n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
164. He walked into the party with an _____ dressed companion, causing everyone to stare.
adv. in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar
165. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.
n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
166. The _____ of the historic building took years, but the result was worth it.
n. the act or process of restoring or returning something to its original or former state; a renewal or revitalization of something that has been damaged or lost
167. Certain medical conditions, such as an imperforate _____ may require surgical intervention for normal menstruation and sexual function.
n. a thin membrane that typically surrounds the opening of the vagina in women and may be torn or stretched during sexual intercourse or other activities
168. The _____ of fast-food restaurants has contributed to the obesity epidemic.
n. a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively

ANSWERS: 161. pivotal, 162. bizarre, 163. tongue, 164. oddly, 165. boundary, 166. restoration, 167. hymen, 168. proliferation

169. The enemy fell right into the _____.

- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

170. The muscle around the _____ is elastic enough to allow the passage of a fetus.

- n.* the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus

171. _____ grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

- n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

172. Only the _____ tower remained standing.

- adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

173. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

- n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

174. In the _____ meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

- adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else

175. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.

- v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area

176. Many people with true talent show a sense of _____ rather than arrogance.

- n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful

ANSWERS: 169. trap, 170. vagina, 171. Moss, 172. medieval, 173. coal, 174. subsequent, 175. extend, 176. modesty

177. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

- v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

178. The professor handed out the _____ on the first day of class.

- n.* an outline or summary of the topics, themes, and assignments to be covered in a particular course or educational program; a list or summary of key themes or components of a particular document, work, or project

179. The little ____ said her prayers before going to bed every night.

- n.* a young woman or girl

180. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

- n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

181. She was promoted based on her _____ as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

- n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

182. She was accused of _____ after publishing an article that made false and damaging statements about a public figure.

- n.* a false and damaging statement about someone that is published or broadcast to a wide audience, often to harm their reputation or character

183. We _____ taking media training every six months.

- v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

184. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.

- v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

ANSWERS: 177. reclaim, 178. syllabus, 179. lass, 180. creditor, 181. merits, 182. libel, 183. recommend, 184. regarded

185. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

186. She's a history _____ and can tell you everything about the American Revolution.

n. a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about a particular subject or activity; a soft, furry animal hide that has been treated and prepared for use in clothing, accessories, or upholstery

187. He got an electric _____ at work.

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

188. She kept _____ for an ambulance.

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

189. 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

190. The _____ on the note was barely legible.

n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

191. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

192. He suffered a painful _____ on his hand after working with chemicals.

n. a crack in the skin, especially on the lips or hands, caused by dryness or cold weather; a man or boy; (verb) to crack, split, or roughen the skin, especially as a result of exposure to cold weather or wind

ANSWERS: 185. greeted, 186. buff, 187. shock, 188. screaming, 189. warn, 190. handwriting, 191. cult, 192. chap

193. Newspapers were subjected to _____ a few days later.

- n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security

194. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.

- n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

195. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

196. These are significantly more exquisite than typical _____ bracelets.

- n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

197. The _____ at the store helped me find what I needed.

- n.* a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers

198. He spoke with _____ confidence in front of the crowd.

- adj.* not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame

199. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.

- adj.* having a very close friendship, personal

200. The male _____ fertilizes the female egg.

- n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal

ANSWERS: 193. censorship, 194. mainstream, 195. germ, 196. charm, 197. clerk, 198. unabashed, 199. intimate, 200. sperm

201. He sealed the letter with a ____ seal.

- n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large

202. Legends often describe mythical creatures as _____ beings.

- adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

203. The _____ community shunned those who did not adhere to their strict moral code.

- n.* a member of a Protestant religious group in the 16th and 17th centuries who believed in strict moral and religious principles, such as predestination and the rejection of religious iconography and ritual

204. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

- v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

205. The author often writes under the _____ of a fictional character.

- n.* an assumed or false name often used to conceal one's true identity; (adverb) as known or named at another time or place

206. He claimed he could finish the project in a day, _____ in just a few hours.

- adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote

207. The team refused to _____ even after falling three points behind.

- v.* to soften or become less severe, particularly in response to pressure or persuasion; to abandon a harsh or demanding attitude or stance

208. I need to purchase a new English _____.

- n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

ANSWERS: 201. wax, 202. immortal, 203. puritan, 204. slide, 205. alias, 206. nay, 207. relent, 208. dictionary

209. The man _____ before opening the door.

- v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

210. 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

211. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.

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

212. The _____ region is an important area of the human anatomy.

- adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips

213. She has a thick southern _____.

- n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

214. The company's European _____ has been growing steadily over the past year.

- adj.* of secondary or lesser importance; providing support to a larger or primary organization or entity

215. We must pass through the narrow _____ with a stream running through it.

- n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

ANSWERS: 209. paused, 210. grace, 211. reputation, 212. pelvic, 213. accent, 214. subsidiary, 215. gorge

216. I consult my astrological _____ every month to stay attuned to the movements of the planets and stars.
- n.* a calendar that provides daily, monthly, and annual information on astronomical events, weather patterns, and other relevant topics; an annual publication that contains such information, along with predictions and advice for the coming year
217. The judge instructed the _____ on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.
- n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
218. The stray _____ went through the window and hit the wall.
- n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
219. Oysters are believed to be a natural _____ encouraging sexual desire.
- n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
220. The priest held the _____ during the Mass to offer the wine to the congregation.
- n.* a cup or goblet, often with a stem and base, used for drinking liquids, especially wine, during religious ceremonies; a cup-shaped flower or part of a plant
221. The comedian's jokes were filled with _____ and double entendres, making some in the audience uncomfortable.
- n.* obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt
222. This operation requires both patience and _____.
- n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate

ANSWERS: 216. almanac, 217. jury, 218. bullet, 219. aphrodisiac, 220. chalice, 221. smut, 222. precision

223. She recognized me as her lawful _____.

- n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

224. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

- v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

225. His eyes _____ with mischief.

- v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

226. The weather turned _____.

- adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

227. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

228. It is _____ to say such a thing.

- n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion

229. The financial industry _____ was responsible for ensuring that companies followed the laws.

- n.* a person or thing that controls or balances something; a person or an organization that is responsible for control and supervision of a particular activity or area of public interest

230. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

- v.* to give somebody a job

ANSWERS: 223. heir, 224. handle, 225. twinkled, 226. nasty, 227. modern, 228. blasphemy, 229. regulator, 230. hire

231. That style is no longer in _____.

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

232. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

233. The concept of _____ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

234. He received a deep _____ on his leg from the accident.

n. a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin

235. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

236. Patients with Crohn's disease who have developed narrowings in their small intestines may benefit from a stricture _____.

n. a surgical procedure that involves the shaping or molding of tissue or bone, particularly for reconstructive purposes

237. The farmer milked the _____ every morning before breakfast.

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

238. I love the smell of _____ sizzling in the morning.

n. a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig

ANSWERS: 231. fashion, 232. eventually, 233. utopia, 234. gash, 235. bang, 236. plasty, 237. cows, 238. bacon

239. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.
- n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
240. I'm going to ____ with my friends tonight at the pub.
- v.* to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (noun) a small drink of something
241. The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small _____.
- n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
242. The dog began to _____ at the stranger approaching the house.
- v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
243. She recommended that her patient be examined for the nerve of the _____.
- n.* the external genitals, especially of the female, including the labia majora and labia minora, clitoris, and vaginal opening
244. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
245. The study of _____ helps us to understand the origins of words.
- n.* the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
246. A rose has thorns on its _____.
- n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

ANSWERS: 239. affair, 240. sup, 241. hamlet, 242. growl, 243. pudendum, 244. obvious, 245. etymology, 246. stem

247. It is _____ to see criminal behavior even though it is minor.

adj. not enjoyable or comfortable

248. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

249. Her dress _____ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

250. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

251. Their dream is to buy a _____ house.

adj. no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement

252. 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

253. The _____ department at the hospital offers state-of-the-art treatments for women's health issues.

n. the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system

254. The double _____ in the comedian's joke had the audience laughing.

n. (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive

ANSWERS: 247. unpleasant, 248. alternative, 249. glittered, 250. Wrap, 251. detached, 252. relations, 253. gynecology, 254. entendre

255. He was _____ many times with scissors.

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

256. The bread's _____ was golden brown and crispy.

n. a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture

257. She wore a _____ necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

258. The political organization handed out _____ to raise awareness about their cause.

n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

259. The wealthy family had a royal _____ to attend to their needs.

n. a male servant who attends to the needs of household guests, often standing at the entrance to open the door and offering assistance with coats and bags

260. I love to _____ in nature and feel its calming effects on me.

v. to live or reside in a particular place; to think, speak, or write at length on a particular subject; to linger or remain as if unwilling to leave

261. 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.

262. I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly _____.

adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

ANSWERS: 255. stabbed, 256. crust, 257. pearl, 258. pamphlets, 259. footman, 260. dwell, 261. bust, 262. palatable

263. I always _____ my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.
- v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
264. The priest performed an _____ to rid the haunted house of its evil spirits.
- n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
265. The new shoes are starting to _____ my feet after walking for hours.
- v.* to rub or graze against something, causing irritation, soreness, or annoyance; to become irritated or annoyed due to frustration or impatience
266. The _____ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.
- adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
267. He was forced to _____ in the dark for the light switch.
- v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
268. He had a good _____ of the city and could easily find his way around.
- n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
269. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.
- n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
270. The couple _____ exchanged their vows before the ceremony began.
- adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly

ANSWERS: 263. sanitize, 264. exorcism, 265. chafe, 266. graphic, 267. grope, 268. ken, 269. incident, 270. privately

271. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

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

272. The _____ storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.

adj. causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying

273. I can't stop _____ my arm because of the mosquito bite.

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

274. The newspaper editor decided to _____ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

275. All construction workers must wear a _____ on the worksite for safety reasons.

n. a type of helmet worn for protection on construction sites or in other dangerous or industrial settings; (adjective) related to or associated with industrial work, construction, or manual labor

276. The _____ old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.

adj. attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

277. The child was being _____ and would not listen to his mother.

adj. badly behaved; disobedient

ANSWERS: 271. suppose, 272. horrendous, 273. itching, 274. censor, 275. hard-hat, 276. quaint, 277. naughty

278. His abusive words made me _____.

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

ANSWERS: 278. uncomfortable