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Session 1: Word List

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.

censor

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) **censor** a book, (2) **censor** a TV program

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

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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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**.

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.

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 shepherd had to **welsh** some of the animals due to illness.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

seditious

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) **seditious** libel, (2) **seditious** behavior

The **seditious** 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bat_____und states *n.* a place where a battle is fought
2. 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
3. bo__t of his success *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
4. 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
5. unspoken end_____nt *n.* a word or act expressing affection or love towards someone
6. an ob_____e story *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
7. 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
8. 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
9. gyn_____gy exam *n.* the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system

ANSWERS: 1. battleground, 2. twinkle, 3. boast, 4. mound, 5. endearment, 6. obscene, 7. libel, 8. quaint, 9. gynecology

18. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
19. the texture of m__k *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe
20. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
21. sn___y tactics *adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness
22. vu___r content *adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions
23. 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
24. propaganda pa_____et *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
25. 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
26. unintended en_____re *n.* (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive

ANSWERS: 18. fascinate, 19. mink, 20. industrious, 21. sneaky, 22. vulgar, 23. footman, 24. pamphlet, 25. badger, 26. entendre

27. 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
28. m__s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
29. neonatal fo_____in *n.* a retractable fold of skin that covers the head of the penis or clitoris
30. gr__l a command *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
31. give sm_____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
32. sl__e bacteria *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
33. giant c__m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
34. 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
35. 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
36. pa_____et in English *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

ANSWERS: 27. quaint, 28. moss, 29. foreskin, 30. growl, 31. smashing, 32. slime, 33. clam, 34. hymen, 35. peddler, 36. pamphlet

37. ca___l pleasure *adj.* relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones
38. 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
39. 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
40. 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
41. di_____ve juices *adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food
42. cu_____g plan *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
43. Caribbean bu_____er *n.* a person who engages in piracy or other criminal activities at sea; a pirate or rogue adventurer
44. 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

ANSWERS: 37. carnal, 38. modesty, 39. embark, 40. cognition, 41. digestive, 42. cunning, 43. buccaneer, 44. puritan

45. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
46. gr__l menacingly *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
47. 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
48. have not one d__m of learning *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
49. 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
50. un___y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
51. 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
52. pe___c pain *adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
53. gyn_____gy clinic *n.* the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system

ANSWERS: 45. greet, 46. growl, 47. etymology, 48. dram, 49. chap, 50. uneasy, 51. exorcism, 52. pelvic, 53. gynecology

54. je____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
55. co____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
56. re____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
57. shuck a c__m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
58. bu____er ship *n.* a person who engages in piracy or other criminal activities at sea; a pirate or rogue adventurer
59. 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
60. han____ng sample *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
61. 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
62. tumor of w__b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
63. hu____ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

ANSWERS: 54. jealousy, 55. confuse, 56. reclaim, 57. clam, 58. buccaneer, 59. cupid, 60. handwriting, 61. lobster, 62. womb, 63. humanize

64. put_____nt debris *adj.* undergoing the process of decay; rotting or decomposing, often with a foul smell
65. 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
66. 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
67. 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
68. bl_____my against the law *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
69. of____d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
70. pu_____um muliebre *n.* the external genitals, especially of the female, including the labia majora and labia minora, clitoris, and vaginal opening
71. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
72. ch_____ty belt *n.* the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty

ANSWERS: 64. putrescent, 65. bard, 66. veil, 67. surfeit, 68. blasphemy, 69. offend, 70. pudendum, 71. confuse, 72. chastity

73. a di_____ve enzyme *adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food
74. 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
75. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
76. powerful aph_____ac *n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
77. gl_____r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
78. 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
79. 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
80. a black be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
81. 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

ANSWERS: 73. digestive, 74. scabbard, 75. industrious, 76. aphrodisiac, 77. glitter, 78. chalice, 79. slang, 80. beard, 81. grotto

82. ob____e literature *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
83. 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
84. beauty pa____r *n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents
85. de____r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
86. 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
87. pi____l moment *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
88. 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
89. 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
90. a sm____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

ANSWERS: 82. obscene, 83. dangle, 84. parlor, 85. devour, 86. mound, 87. pivotal, 88. doe, 89. lobster, 90. smashing

91. un____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
92. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
93. s__w carbon dioxide *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
94. pi____l role *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
95. gr__e for an answer *v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
96. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
97. commit bl____my *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
98. 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
99. cu____g thief *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
100. 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
101. vu____r language *adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions

ANSWERS: 91. unleash, 92. stab, 93. spew, 94. pivotal, 95. grope, 96. greet, 97. blasphemy, 98. drone, 99. cunning, 100. rhyme, 101. vulgar

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. purity and ch____ty *n.* the state or practice of refraining from sexual activity, particularly outside of marriage; moral and sexual purity or modesty
104. s__w insults *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
105. im____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
106. pr____h nature *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
107. 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
108. sn___y behavior *adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness
109. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 102. relent, 103. chastity, 104. spew, 105. immortal, 106. prudish, 107. almanac, 108. sneaky, 109. fascinate

110. m__k fur *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe
111. have der_____ry eyes *adj.* expressing a low opinion; insulting
112. gr_____ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
113. of___d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
114. a hor_____us crime *adj.* causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying
115. g__h wound *n.* a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin
116. shrine 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
117. 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
118. foreign li_____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
119. country l__s *n.* a young woman or girl

ANSWERS: 110. mink, 111. derogatory, 112. graffiti, 113. offend, 114. horrendous, 115. gash, 116. grotto, 117. censor, 118. linguist, 119. lass

120. ha____t job *n.* a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone
121. straight g__h *n.* a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin
122. we__h on a promise *v.* to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement
123. 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
124. green m__s *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
125. 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
126. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
127. 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
128. i__h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
129. within my k_n *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

ANSWERS: 120. hatchet, 121. gash, 122. welsh, 123. hymen, 124. moss, 125. sanitize, 126. stab, 127. etymology, 128. itch, 129. ken

130. im____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
131. 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
132. 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
133. 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
134. with un_____ed curiosity *adj.* not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame
135. we__h on the deal *v.* to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement
136. der_____ry language *adj.* expressing a low opinion; insulting
137. 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
138. become put_____nt in a short time *adj.* undergoing the process of decay; rotting or decomposing, often with a foul smell

ANSWERS: 130. immortal, 131. chap, 132. rhyme, 133. buff, 134. unabashed, 135. welsh, 136. derogatory, 137. ax, 138. putrescent

139. li____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
140. un_____ed honesty *adj.* not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame
141. 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
142. 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
143. 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
144. vu__a cancer *n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs
145. shave my be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
146. presidential co_____er *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
147. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
148. 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

ANSWERS: 139. liberate, 140. unabashed, 141. utopia, 142. bard, 143. prick, 144. vulva, 145. beard, 146. contender, 147. jealousy, 148. chafe

149. pa_____le solution *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
150. 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
151. cannot re_____s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
152. 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
153. 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
154. s__t film *n.* obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt
155. 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
156. 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

ANSWERS: 149. palatable, 150. relent, 151. repress, 152. buff, 153. seditious, 154. smut, 155. cognition, 156. utopia

157. 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
158. 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
159. 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
160. historic ha___t *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
161. pa_____le food *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
162. have un___y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
163. the use of mon_____bles *n.* a word consisting of only one syllable, for example, "it" or "no"; a single-syllable word
164. 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
165. Shakespeare's so___ts *n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme
166. 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: 157. plod, 158. slang, 159. dexterity, 160. hamlet, 161. palatable, 162. uneasy, 163. monosyllable, 164. heir, 165. sonnet, 166. modesty

167. 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
168. the legal bat_____und
n. a place where a battle is fought
169. pl__k a gray hair
v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
170. 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
171. pe___c exam
adj. of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
172. 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
173. 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
174. humorous en____re
n. (also entente) a word or expression that has a double meaning, often one that is sexual or suggestive
175. 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

ANSWERS: 167. twinkle, 168. battleground, 169. pluck, 170. drone, 171. pelvic, 172. smut, 173. plod, 174. entendre, 175. dexterity

176. 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
177. said n_y *adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; (noun) a negative response or vote
178. 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
179. 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
180. 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
181. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
182. 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
183. hor_____us traffic *adj.* causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying
184. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

ANSWERS: 176. pun, 177. nay, 178. embark, 179. puritan, 180. brawn, 181. reclaim, 182. ax, 183. horrendous, 184. liberate

185. hu____ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
186. l__s singer *n.* a young woman or girl
187. 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
188. l__d comments *adj.* crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior
189. 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
190. ex____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
191. 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
192. gl____r against her skin *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
193. end____nt nickname *n.* a word or act expressing affection or love towards someone
194. 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

ANSWERS: 185. humanize, 186. lass, 187. heir, 188. lewd, 189. sanitize, 190. explode, 191. gorge, 192. glitter, 193. endearment, 194. libel

195. bo__t a long history *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
196. scotch d__m *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
197. gr____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
198. championship co____er *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
199. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
200. so___t poetry *n.* a 14-line poem, typically with a formal rhyme scheme
201. s__t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
202. 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
203. female pu____um *n.* the external genitals, especially of the female, including the labia majora and labia minora, clitoris, and vaginal opening
204. sl__e mold *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
205. n_y vote *adv.* not this merely but also; not only so but; *(noun)* a negative response or vote

ANSWERS: 195. boast, 196. dram, 197. graffiti, 198. contender, 199. creditor, 200. sonnet, 201. spit, 202. pun, 203. pudendum, 204. slime, 205. nay

206. han_____ng identification *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
207. antibiotic-resistant g__m *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
208. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
209. 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
210. ha___t village *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
211. fo_____in inflammation *n.* a retractable fold of skin that covers the head of the penis or clitoris
212. inflammation of the vu__a *n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs
213. de___r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
214. 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

ANSWERS: 206. handwriting, 207. germ, 208. doe, 209. censor, 210. hamlet, 211. foreskin, 212. vulva, 213. devour, 214. seditious

215. i__h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
216. 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
217. l__d behavior *adj.* crude, vulgar, or offensive in a sexual manner; given to lustful or licentious behavior
218. 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
219. br__n drain *n.* physical strength and muscular development; meat from a pig's or calf's head that has been cooked and jellied
220. 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
221. mon_____ble word *n.* a word consisting of only one syllable, for example, "it" or "no"; a single-syllable word
222. gr__e after the truth *v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
223. 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

ANSWERS: 215. itch, 216. badger, 217. lewd, 218. germ, 219. brawn, 220. peddler, 221. monosyllable, 222. grope, 223. hatchet

224. 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
225. 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
226. s__t a bullet *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
227. w__b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
228. 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
229. cognitive li____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
230. ca___l encounter *adj.* relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones
231. re____s gene expression *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
232. 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

ANSWERS: 224. highbrow, 225. cupid, 226. spit, 227. womb, 228. prudish, 229. linguist, 230. carnal, 231. repress, 232. highbrow

233. cast the go__e *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
234. herbal aph____ac *n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
235. 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
236. 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
237. k_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
238. pa____r game *n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents
239. 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
240. 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

ANSWERS: 233. gorge, 234. aphrodisiac, 235. scabbard, 236. prick, 237. ken, 238. parlor, 239. exorcism, 240. chafe

241. 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

242. un____h a hound

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

ANSWERS: 241. almanac, 242. unleash

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. He _____ the memories of his traumatic childhood.
 - v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
3. 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
4. Oysters are believed to be a natural _____ encouraging sexual desire.
 - n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
5. He was _____ about the situation and didn't know what to do.
 - adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
6. 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
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. graffiti, 2. repressed, 3. humanize, 4. aphrodisiac, 5. uneasy, 6. mound, 7. chalice

8. 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
9. The political organization handed out _____ to raise awareness about their cause.
n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
10. He spoke with _____ confidence in front of the crowd.
adj. not embarrassed or ashamed; bold and without shame
11. 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
12. 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
13. The church considers _____ desires to be sinful.
adj. relating to physical or bodily needs, desires, or appetites, particularly sexual ones
14. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

ANSWERS: 8. putrescent, 9. pamphlets, 10. unabashed, 11. chap, 12. gynecology, 13. carnal, 14. offended

15. 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
16. 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
17. She _____ the mystery novel in one sitting.
- v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
18. 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
19. 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
20. 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
21. 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
22. 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

ANSWERS: 15. dram, 16. monosyllable, 17. devoured, 18. cognition, 19. plod, 20. spew, 21. embarked, 22. growl

23. 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
24. 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
25. 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
26. She tried to _____ out the gum that she had been chewing.
v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
27. 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
28. 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
29. _____ 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
30. 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

ANSWERS: 23. blasphemy, 24. ken, 25. grotto, 26. spit, 27. foreskin, 28. pun, 29. Cupid's, 30. pelvic

31. 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
32. 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
33. 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
34. He was forced to _____ in the dark for the light switch.
- v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
35. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
36. 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
37. 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
38. A nutritious diet improves _____ functions.
- adj.* relating to or capable of causing or promoting digestion of food

ANSWERS: 31. rhyme, 32. hymen, 33. immortal, 34. grope, 35. exploded, 36. censor, 37. slime, 38. digestive

39. He grew a thick _____ to change his appearance.

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

40. 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

41. 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

42. 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

43. 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

44. 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

45. 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

46. She was offended by his _____ gesture.

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

ANSWERS: 39. beard, 40. glittered, 41. smashing, 42. prudish, 43. linguist, 44. mink, 45. gorge, 46. vulgar

47. 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
48. 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
49. 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
50. 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
51. 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
52. 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
53. 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
54. The _____ thief slipped into the house through an unlocked window.
- adj.* behaving in a deceptive or underhanded way; characterized by stealth or secretiveness

ANSWERS: 47. chafe, 48. scabbard, 49. germ, 50. pudendum, 51. ax, 52. unleash, 53. exorcism, 54. sneaky

55. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the _____.
n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
56. His eyes _____ with mischief.
v. to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
57. 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
58. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
59. 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
60. 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
61. 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
62. 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

ANSWERS: 55. womb, 56. twinkled, 57. relent, 58. liberated, 59. chastity, 60. slang, 61. lobster, 62. buccaneer

63. 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
64. 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
65. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
- v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
66. 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
67. 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
68. This town _____ a national park.
- v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
69. 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
70. 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

ANSWERS: 63. jealousy, 64. brawn, 65. greeted, 66. quaint, 67. highbrow, 68. boasts, 69. modesty, 70. buff

71. 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
72. The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small _____.
- n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
73. 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
74. 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
75. She _____ the flowers off the bush.
- v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
76. 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
77. The surgeon decided to remove part of the _____ to remedy the patient's skin disease.
- n.* the outside parts of the female sex organs

ANSWERS: 71. puritan, 72. hamlet, 73. heir, 74. drone, 75. plucked, 76. surfeit, 77. vulva

78. 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

79. 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

80. We were looking at a severe _____ indeed.

- n.* the contestant you hope to defeat

81. The poet wrote a _____ to express his love for his wife.

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

82. 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

83. The magic tricks _____ the children.

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

84. He made _____ comments about her appearance and intelligence.

- adj.* expressing a low opinion; insulting

85. 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

ANSWERS: 78. doe, 79. pricked, 80. contender, 81. sonnet, 82. footman, 83. fascinated, 84. derogatory, 85. parlor

86. 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
87. The _____ on the note was barely legible.
n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
88. 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
89. 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
90. He made an _____ gesture.
adj. offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
91. 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
92. 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. bard's, 87. handwriting, 88. seditious, 89. badger's, 90. obscene, 91. pivotal, 92. cunning

93. 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

94. 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

95. 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

96. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

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

97. The city became a _____ during the war.

n. a place where a battle is fought

98. 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

99. 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

100. 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

ANSWERS: 93. veil, 94. itching, 95. palatable, 96. reclaim, 97. battleground, 98. entendre, 99. smut, 100. dexterity

101. The little _____ said her prayers before going to bed every night.
n. a young woman or girl
102. 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
103. 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
104. Sweetheart is a term of _____ that some couples use.
n. a word or act expressing affection or love towards someone
105. 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
106. 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
107. 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
108. 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

ANSWERS: 101. lass, 102. peddler, 103. utopia, 104. endearment, 105. etymology, 106. lewd, 107. horrendous, 108. libel

109. 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
110. _____ 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
111. 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
112. 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
113. He was _____ many times with scissors.
v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
114. 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
115. 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

ANSWERS: 109. nay, 110. Moss, 111. hatchet, 112. almanac, 113. stabbed, 114. dangle, 115. sanitize

116. 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
117. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
118. 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
119. He received a deep _____ on his leg from the accident.
n. a deep cut or wound, especially in the skin
120. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
121. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 116. welsh, 117. industrious, 118. clam, 119. gash, 120. confused, 121. creditor