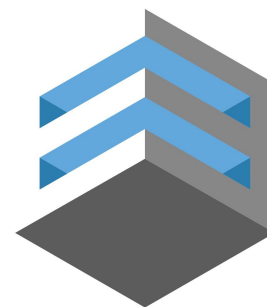


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Session 1: Word List

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**
She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

ancient

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

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories
They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

alien

- n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

planet

- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

conversation

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

involve

- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

unproven

adj. not tested or proved

(1) **unproven** efficacy, (2) scientifically **unproven**

The new treatment's long-term advantages are still **unproven**.

claim

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

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

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

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

pyramid

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

synonym : monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**

The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

survivor

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

synonym : subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**

The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym : landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

hieroglyph

n. a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt

synonym : character, cipher, figure

(1) Egyptian **hieroglyph**, (2) the **hieroglyph** of the bird

Each beautiful **hieroglyph** represents either an idea or a sound.

unfounded

adj. not based on good evidence or reason; without foundation or justification

synonym: baseless, groundless, untrue

(1) **unfounded** allegations, (2) **unfounded** fears

The accusations were **unfounded** and lacked evidence.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym: ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym: empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

crystal

n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

synonym: quartz

(1) liquid **crystal**, (2) **crystal** analyses

A vast **crystal** chandelier glittered brightly above us.

skull

n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

synonym: cranium, scalp, brain

(1) **skull** fracture, (2) have a thick **skull**

Archaeologists found a Neanderthal **skull** at that historic site.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

racist

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

synonym: discriminatory, prejudiced, bigoted

(1) far-right **racist**, (2) **racist** attitudes

The **racist** comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

xenophobic

adj. showing strong dislike or fear of people from other countries or cultures; having a strong bias or prejudice against outsiders

synonym: prejudiced, racist, intolerant

(1) **xenophobic** attitude, (2) **xenophobic** statements

The **xenophobic** rhetoric of the politician only seeks to sow

division and hatred among people.

influence

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

synonym: power, leverage, effect

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

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

accomplished

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

synonym: achieved, finished, completed

(1) **accomplished** at a very early age, (2) **accomplished** goal

She felt **accomplished** after finishing her book.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

colosseum

n. a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

(1) build a **colosseum** for gladiators, (2) **Colosseum** area
Rome's **Colosseum** gets busy in peak season.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

guidance

n. advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making

synonym: advice, direction, support

(1) vocational **guidance**, (2) **guidance** counselor

The mentor provided **guidance** to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.

offensive

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

synonym: disrespectful, abusive, attacking

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

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

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

sustain

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

synonym: maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

myth

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

synonym: fable, legend, lore

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

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

supremacy

n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

synonym: dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

disparage

v. to describe or represent as being of little worth or value; to belittle, degrade, or criticize unfairly

synonym: derogate, belittle, criticize

(1) **disparage** my work, (2) **disparage** a company's reputation

He didn't want to **disparage** his colleague in front of their boss.

discredit

v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

synonym: disprove, undermine, disgrace

(1) **discredit** a theory, (2) **discredit** a witness

The company's unethical practices have **discredited** its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

achievement

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

synonym: accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

fieldwork

n. real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.

(1) meticulous **fieldwork**, (2) perform **fieldwork**

Numerous instances from **fieldwork** show these hypotheses in great detail.

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

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

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

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

erode *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

synonym: wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

ceramics *n.* objects made from materials such as clay that are hardened by heat, often to create functional or decorative items

synonym: ceramicware, pottery, earthenware

(1) **ceramics** industry, (2) **ceramics** class

She makes beautiful **ceramics** in her studio and sells them at local markets.

slate *n.* a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order

synonym: chalkboard, blackboard, tablet

(1) **slate** tile, (2) **slate** roof

We need to add more names to the **slate** of candidates for the upcoming election.

carving *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

synonym: sculpture, engraving, sculpture

(1) a wood **carving**, (2) **carving** instrument

The intricate **carving** on the wooden box was the work of a

master craftsman.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

sarcophagus

n. a stone coffin, often adorned with sculpture or inscriptions, usually used to hold the remains of a deceased person or people

synonym: coffin, tomb, casket

(1) **sarcophagus** lid, (2) ancient **sarcophagus**

The pharaoh was buried in an ornate **sarcophagus** complete with intricate hieroglyphics.

lid

n. a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container

synonym: cover, top, cap

(1) container **lid**, (2) the **lid** of a box

He opened the **lid** of the jar to reveal the contents inside.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

deceased

adj. no longer alive; dead

synonym: dead, defunct, expired

(1) **deceased** loved one, (2) **deceased** relative

The **deceased** person's family was notified of their passing.

jaw

n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

synonym: mouth, (verb) chitchat

(1) snatch victory from the **jaws** of defeat, (2) **jaw** muscle
He dropped his **jaw** at the unexpected sight.

underworld

n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

synonym: hell, netherworld, underworld

(1) god of the **underworld**, (2) criminal **underworld**

The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the **underworld**, where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

reborn

adj. brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

synonym: regenerated, revived, renewed

(1) **reborn** soul, (2) **reborn** identity

After recovering from her illness, she felt like a **reborn** person with a new perspective on life.

deity

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

synonym: god, goddess, divine being

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

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

stylize

v. to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one

synonym: conventionalize

(1) **stylize** the behavior, (2) **stylize** the design

She wore a colorful- **stylized** scarf.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

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

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

realm

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

synonym: domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

religion

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

synonym: faith, creed, belief

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

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

cosmology

n. the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe

synonym: cosmogony

(1) physical **cosmology**, (2) modern **cosmology**

Cosmology evolved from people's philosophical questions about the natural world.

iconography

n. the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts

synonym: symbolism, iconology, representation

(1) religious **iconography**, (2) digital **iconography**

The **iconography** of the logo was immediately recognizable as belonging to the famous brand.

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym : event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

shock

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

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

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

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

marvel

n. something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym : wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

awe

n. a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

synonym : wonder, amazement, reverence

(1) a feeling of **awe**, (2) in **awe** of the situation

The **awe-inspiring** mountains dominate the landscape.

fictional

adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

synonym: imaginary, invented, made-up

(1) **fictional** character, (2) non- **fictional** text

The names of the company are entirely **fictional**.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

undoubtedly

adv. without a doubt; certainly; definitely

synonym: surely, unquestionably, indisputably

(1) **undoubtedly** successful, (2) **undoubtedly** talented

The singer's talent is **undoubtedly** one of the greatest in the music industry

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym: domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) **indigenous** crop, (2) **indigenous** peoples

The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

racism

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

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bias

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

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

exacerbate

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

synonym: worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

inequality

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

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

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

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

appreciate

- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

- (1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

diversity

- n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

- (1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

scare

- v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

synonym: frighten, spook, intimidate

- (1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

historic

- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

- (1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

pride

- n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym: district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

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.

placement

n. the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization

synonym: positioning, location, arrangement

(1) **placement** test, (2) **placement** agency

The **placement** of the advertisement on the billboard was strategic in attracting a large audience.

curriculum

n. a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.

synonym: program, syllabus, course of study

(1) a **curriculum** vitae, (2) an academic **curriculum**

A committee was appointed to manage the reorganization of the **curriculum**.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

removal

n. the act of taking something away or off from a particular place

synonym: extraction, elimination, eradication

(1) dental tartar **removal**, (2) **removal** truck

The **removal** of the statue caused much controversy in the community.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym: keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

vigorously

adv. in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic

synonym: energetically, forcefully, strongly

(1) **vigorously** shake, (2) mix **vigorously** by hand

He **vigorously** scrubbed the stains on the shirt.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym: boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym: commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

exception

n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

synonym: anomaly, rarity, exemption

(1) make an **exception**, (2) without **exception**

She was the **exception** to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym: middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal
He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

monument

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

synonym: memorial, marker, statue

(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring

The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym: contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

deface

v. to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it

synonym: disfigure, blemish, wreck

(1) **deface** private property, (2) **deface** the wall with graffiti

The teacher warned the boys not to **deface** public property.

praise

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

synonym: acclaim, honor, commendation

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

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

debunk

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

synonym: expose, discredit, demystify

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

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

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.

vigilant

adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

synonym: watchful, attentive, alert

(1) **vigilant** watch, (2) **vigilant** about hand-washing

The guards had to remain **vigilant** to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

lawless

adj. lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system

synonym: unlawful, illegal, criminal

(1) **lawless** society, (2) **lawless** behavior

The underground club was a **lawless** environment where anything could happen.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym: edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

xenophobia

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

synonym: fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

discipline

n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a

region of activity, knowledge, or influence

synonym: training, restraint, field

(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym: child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

groundbreaking

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

synonym: innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

excavate

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

synonym: dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

temple

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

synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue

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

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

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym: modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym: class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

colonial

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

synonym: imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style

The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

clerk

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

synonym: worker, record-keeper, letter-writer

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

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

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym : battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym : endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym : attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym : betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym : occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym : explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

radiocarbon

n. a radioactive form of carbon that is used to date ancient biological materials, such as bones or wood, by measuring the amount of carbon-14 remaining in them

synonym: carbon dating, radiometric dating, carbon-14

(1) **radiocarbon** decay, (2) **radiocarbon** analysis

The archaeologists used **radiocarbon** dating to determine the age of the artifacts.

theoretical

adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

synonym: conceptual, conjectural, ideal

(1) **theoretical** models, (2) **theoretical** physicist

Absolute zero is the lowest **theoretical** temperature.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

emerge

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

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

void

n. an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force

synonym: emptiness, vacuity, (adjective) null

(1) **void** of expression, (2) **void** contract

The **void** in her heart was filled with the love of her family.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

clip

n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

synonym: buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. cl__k job | <i>n.</i> a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers |
| 2. in___t gaze | <i>n.</i> a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something |
| 3. in_____ce the daily life | <i>n.</i> the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself |
| 4. historical co_____t | <i>n.</i> the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning |
| 5. gro_____ing concept | <i>adj.</i> producing fresh findings; using novel techniques |
| 6. pr_____s improvement | <i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products |
| 7. a cr_____l issue for women | <i>adj.</i> extremely vital or necessary |

ANSWERS: 1. clerk, 2. intent, 3. influence, 4. context, 5. groundbreaking, 6. process, 7. crucial

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| 8. vi____nt watch | <i>adj.</i> keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties |
| 9. ca__e a statue | <i>v.</i> to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply |
| 10. vocational gu____ce | <i>n.</i> advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making |
| 11. a feeling of a_e | <i>n.</i> a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired |
| 12. a truncated py____d | <i>n.</i> a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt |
| 13. cr____l information | <i>adj.</i> extremely vital or necessary |
| 14. sk__l fracture | <i>n.</i> a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape |
| 15. far-right ra____t | <i>adj.</i> characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others |
| 16. silly p_n | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 17. sy____l color | <i>n.</i> something visible that is used to represent something else |

ANSWERS: 8. vigilant, 9. carve, 10. guidance, 11. awe, 12. pyramid, 13. crucial, 14. skull, 15. racist, 16. pun, 17. symbol

18. und_____ly talented	<i>adv.</i> without a doubt; certainly; definitely
19. cr_____l analyses	<i>n.</i> a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
20. di_____ge a company's reputation	<i>v.</i> to describe or represent as being of little worth or value; to belittle, degrade, or criticize unfairly
21. an of_____ve smell	<i>adj.</i> rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
22. physical co_____gy	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe
23. re____e a message	<i>v.</i> to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
24. establish his ki_____m	<i>n.</i> the country ruled by a king or queen
25. ra____t attitudes	<i>adj.</i> characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
26. an elegant ent_____ent	<i>n.</i> public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

ANSWERS: 18. undoubtedly, 19. crystal, 20. disparage, 21. offensive, 22. cosmology, 23. relate, 24. kingdom, 25. racist, 26. entertainment

27. com_____ty theory	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
28. criminal und_____ld	<i>n.</i> the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
29. re___e a story	<i>v.</i> to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
30. ar__e a case	<i>v.</i> to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
31. pre-Christian an_____t	<i>adj.</i> relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
32. under the umbrella of cap_____sm	<i>n.</i> an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
33. third-generation des_____nt	<i>n.</i> children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
34. ab___d storyline	<i>adj.</i> ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
35. a friendly con_____ion	<i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
36. de_____ed relative	<i>adj.</i> no longer alive; dead
37. di_____it a witness	<i>v.</i> to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

ANSWERS: 27. complexity, 28. underworld, 29. relate, 30. argue, 31. ancient, 32. capitalism, 33. descendant, 34. absurd, 35. conversation, 36. deceased, 37. discredit

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| 38. s__t beliefs | <i>n.</i> a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream |
| 39. short video c__p | <i>n.</i> a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip |
| 40. military ca__e | <i>n.</i> a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society |
| 41. hi____ic accomplishment | <i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so |
| 42. common in____on | <i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing |
| 43. bat____und states | <i>n.</i> a place where a battle is fought |
| 44. ec____y of scale | <i>n.</i> the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel |
| 45. snatch victory from the j_ws of defeat | <i>n.</i> either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information |

ANSWERS: 38. sect, 39. clip, 40. caste, 41. historic, 42. invention, 43. battleground, 44. economy, 45. jaw

46. sar_____us lid	<i>n.</i> a stone coffin, often adorned with sculpture or inscriptions, usually used to hold the remains of a deceased person or people
47. n__m of action	<i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
48. in_____ve education	<i>adj.</i> including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
49. cultural n__m	<i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
50. technical ma____l	<i>n.</i> someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
51. cognitive com_____ty	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
52. re_____on leader	<i>n.</i> an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
53. dental tartar re_____l	<i>n.</i> the act of taking something away or off from a particular place
54. ca__e my name on the plate	<i>v.</i> to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
55. v__d of expression	<i>n.</i> an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
56. con_____ial policy	<i>adj.</i> causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
57. em____e from poverty	<i>v.</i> to move out of or away from something and become visible

ANSWERS: 46. sarcophagus, 47. norm, 48. inclusive, 49. norm, 50. marvel, 51. complexity, 52. rebellion, 53. removal, 54. carve, 55. void, 56. controversial, 57. emerge

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| 58. unsolved my____y | <i>n.</i> something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle |
| 59. pr____e a better relationship | <i>v.</i> to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank |
| 60. sl__e roof | <i>n.</i> a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order |
| 61. co____y seat | <i>n.</i> an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division |
| 62. de__y of commerce | <i>n.</i> a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture |
| 63. de____k an urban legend | <i>v.</i> to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless |
| 64. an____or language | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 65. universal pr____e | <i>n.</i> an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something |
| 66. des____nt of a pioneer | <i>n.</i> children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal |

ANSWERS: 58. mystery, 59. promote, 60. slate, 61. county, 62. deity, 63. debunk, 64. ancestor, 65. praise, 66. descendant

67. gu____ce counselor	<i>n.</i> advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
68. an____e a chemical compound	<i>v.</i> to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
69. er__e coast	<i>v.</i> to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
70. secret s__t	<i>n.</i> a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
71. sy___l for happiness	<i>n.</i> something visible that is used to represent something else
72. con_____ary leaders	<i>adj.</i> belonging to the same or present time
73. a remarkable ach_____nt	<i>n.</i> a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
74. in_____on behind his decision	<i>n.</i> something you want to do and are going to do
75. a silent pr____t	<i>n.</i> a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
76. hour of ent_____ent	<i>n.</i> public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
77. ex____d a line	<i>v.</i> to broaden in scope, range, or area

ANSWERS: 67. guidance, 68. analyze, 69. erode, 70. sect, 71. symbol, 72. contemporary, 73. achievement, 74. intention, 75. protest, 76. entertainment, 77. extend

78. a cur_____um vitae	<i>n.</i> a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
79. xen_____ic statements	<i>adj.</i> showing strong dislike or fear of people from other countries or cultures; having a strong bias or prejudice against outsiders
80. death from sh__k	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
81. earliest human an_____or	<i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
82. algebraic ine_____ty	<i>n.</i> the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
83. di_____ge my work	<i>v.</i> to describe or represent as being of little worth or value; to belittle, degrade, or criticize unfairly
84. sl__e tile	<i>n.</i> a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order
85. ex____d the warranty	<i>v.</i> to broaden in scope, range, or area
86. a speech co_____t	<i>n.</i> a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
87. ro____t fuel	<i>n.</i> a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

ANSWERS: 78. curriculum, 79. xenophobic, 80. shock, 81. ancestor, 82. inequality, 83. disparage, 84. slate, 85. extend, 86. contest, 87. rocket

88. j_w muscle	<i>n.</i> either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
89. ar__e passionately	<i>v.</i> to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
90. the di_____ty policy of the university	<i>n.</i> the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
91. for in_____ce	<i>n.</i> a particular example or single occurrence of something
92. a chick's tw__t	<i>n.</i> a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
93. vig_____ly shake	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic
94. pr__e of a company	<i>n.</i> a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
95. st_____e the behavior	<i>v.</i> to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
96. su_____n a good relationship with him	<i>v.</i> to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
97. container l_d	<i>n.</i> a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container

ANSWERS: 88. jaw, 89. argue, 90. diversity, 91. instance, 92. tweet, 93. vigorously, 94. pride, 95. stylize, 96. sustain, 97. lid

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| 98. con_____te to society | <i>v.</i> to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people |
| 99. pr_____e bad behavior | <i>v.</i> to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank |
| 100. ancient sar_____us | <i>n.</i> a stone coffin, often adorned with sculpture or inscriptions, usually used to hold the remains of a deceased person or people |
| 101. ovarian cancer su_____or | <i>n.</i> a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died |
| 102. co_____nt urinary diversion | <i>n.</i> one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex |
| 103. hide his pr___e | <i>n.</i> a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements |
| 104. app_____te her feedback | <i>v.</i> to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone |
| 105. pl_____nt agency | <i>n.</i> the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization |
| 106. oppressive co_____al rule | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony |

ANSWERS: 98. contribute, 99. promote, 100. sarcophagus, 101. survivor, 102. continent, 103. pride, 104. appreciate, 105. placement, 106. colonial

107. Peruvian ar____cts	<i>n.</i> a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
108. student ach____nt	<i>n.</i> a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
109. perpetuate a m__h	<i>n.</i> an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
110. v__d contract	<i>n.</i> an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
111. a wood ca____g	<i>n.</i> the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
112. the institute of arc____gy	<i>n.</i> the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
113. ce____cs class	<i>n.</i> objects made from materials such as clay that are hardened by heat, often to create functional or decorative items
114. without ex____on	<i>n.</i> something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
115. mix vig____ly by hand	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic
116. digital ico____hy	<i>n.</i> the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts

ANSWERS: 107. artifact, 108. achievement, 109. myth, 110. void, 111. carving, 112. archaeology, 113. ceramics, 114. exception, 115. vigorously, 116. iconography

117. non-fi_____al text	<i>adj.</i> imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
118. ine_____ty in salary	<i>n.</i> the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
119. liquid cr_____l	<i>n.</i> a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
120. religious ico_____hy	<i>n.</i> the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts
121. clear in_____on	<i>n.</i> something you want to do and are going to do
122. py_____d architecture	<i>n.</i> a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
123. the in____t of a question	<i>n.</i> a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
124. achieve the hi_____ic feat	<i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 117. fictional, 118. inequality, 119. crystal, 120. iconography, 121. intention, 122. pyramid, 123. intent, 124. historic

125. field of con_____ary art	<i>adj.</i> belonging to the same or present time
126. healthcare pro_____on	<i>n.</i> an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
127. con_____ial book	<i>adj.</i> causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
128. ind_____us peoples	<i>adj.</i> someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
129. ca__e-based discrimination	<i>n.</i> a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
130. build a co_____um for gladiators	<i>n.</i> a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80
131. di_____it a theory	<i>v.</i> to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
132. co_____al style	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
133. acc_____hed at a very early age	<i>adj.</i> having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
134. pro_____on choice	<i>n.</i> an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

ANSWERS: 125. contemporary, 126. profession, 127. controversial, 128. indigenous, 129. caste, 130. colosseum, 131. discredit, 132. colonial, 133. accomplished, 134. profession

135. ex___d a lineup	<i>v.</i> to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
136. in a_e of the situation	<i>n.</i> a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
137. te___e complex	<i>n.</i> a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
138. decision-making pr____s	<i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
139. end of the first ep____e	<i>n.</i> a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
140. de____yed evidence	<i>v.</i> to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
141. su____cy of a country	<i>n.</i> the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
142. a mailing la__l	<i>n.</i> a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 135. expand, 136. awe, 137. temple, 138. process, 139. episode, 140. destroy, 141. supremacy, 142. label

143. break dis_____ne	<i>n.</i> the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
144. a sk_____al attitude	<i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful
145. public re__m	<i>n.</i> a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
146. na___e to Africa	<i>adj.</i> connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
147. save the pl___t	<i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
148. ex___e the crowd	<i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
149. er__e trust	<i>v.</i> to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
150. god of the und_____ld	<i>n.</i> the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
151. resident al__ns	<i>n.</i> a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

ANSWERS: 143. discipline, 144. skeptical, 145. realm, 146. native, 147. planet, 148. excite, 149. erode, 150. underworld, 151. alien

152. make a fr__k apology	<i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
153. a ma___l of beauty	<i>n.</i> someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
154. sc__e the birds away	<i>v.</i> to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
155. lingual di_____ty	<i>n.</i> the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
156. ex___d agricultural output	<i>v.</i> to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
157. scientifically un_____en	<i>adj.</i> not tested or proved
158. vi_____nt about hand-washing	<i>adj.</i> keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
159. in the mi__t of a scandal	<i>n.</i> the middle part of people or things
160. abs_____ly against	<i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
161. de_____ed loved one	<i>adj.</i> no longer alive; dead
162. attain critical pr___e	<i>n.</i> an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
163. sh__k-resistant	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 152. frank, 153. marvel, 154. scare, 155. diversity, 156. expand, 157. unproven, 158. vigilant, 159. midst, 160. absolutely, 161. deceased, 162. praise, 163. shock

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| 164. con_____ion of armaments | <i>n.</i> the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else. |
| 165. the_____al models | <i>adj.</i> relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience |
| 166. Chinese cl_____c literature | <i>adj.</i> judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type |
| 167. completely fas_____ng to me | <i>adj.</i> extremely interesting |
| 168. an academic cur_____um | <i>n.</i> a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc. |
| 169. al__n fungi | <i>n.</i> a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere |
| 170. a subordinate ki_____m | <i>n.</i> the country ruled by a king or queen |
| 171. at inc_____le speed | <i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous |
| 172. a cl_____c experiment | <i>adj.</i> judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type |
| 173. the hie_____ph of the bird | <i>n.</i> a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt |
| 174. false cl__m | <i>v.</i> to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true |

ANSWERS: 164. concentration, 165. theoretical, 166. classic, 167. fascinating, 168. curriculum, 169. alien, 170. kingdom, 171. incredible, 172. classic, 173. hieroglyph, 174. claim

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| 175. re____e the right | <i>v.</i> to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance |
| 176. f__t accomplishment | <i>n.</i> a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery |
| 177. get up__t | <i>adj.</i> causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry |
| 178. rad_____on analysis | <i>n.</i> a radioactive form of carbon that is used to date ancient biological materials, such as bones or wood, by measuring the amount of carbon-14 remaining in them |
| 179. in the mi__t of the crowd | <i>n.</i> the middle part of people or things |
| 180. existence of a de__y | <i>n.</i> a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture |
| 181. con_____ion in English | <i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc. |
| 182. freedom of re_____on | <i>n.</i> a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny |
| 183. his latest tw__ts | <i>n.</i> a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application |
| 184. an_____e your real motives | <i>v.</i> to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning |

ANSWERS: 175. reserve, 176. feat, 177. upset, 178. radiocarbon, 179. midst, 180. deity, 181. conversation, 182. religion, 183. tweet, 184. analyze

185. de___e topic	<i>n.</i> a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
186. in_____e a high degree of risk	<i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
187. intellectual f__t	<i>n.</i> a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
188. a prior eng_____nt	<i>n.</i> a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
189. su_____n a wellness lifestyle	<i>v.</i> to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
190. fas_____ng story	<i>adj.</i> extremely interesting
191. la_____s behavior	<i>adj.</i> lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
192. cl__k position	<i>n.</i> a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers
193. my_____y novel	<i>n.</i> something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 185. debate, 186. involve, 187. feat, 188. engagement, 189. sustain, 190. fascinating, 191. lawless, 192. clerk, 193. mystery

194. humanity's mo____nt	<i>n.</i> a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
195. make an ex_____on	<i>n.</i> something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
196. ca_____g instrument	<i>n.</i> the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
197. cl__m responsibility	<i>v.</i> to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
198. ind_____us crop	<i>adj.</i> someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
199. an_____t stories	<i>adj.</i> relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
200. prehistoric arc_____gy	<i>n.</i> the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
201. a single su_____or	<i>n.</i> a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
202. as_____ut in training	<i>n.</i> a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
203. a close co_____t	<i>n.</i> a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

ANSWERS: 194. monument, 195. exception, 196. carving, 197. claim, 198. indigenous, 199. ancient, 200. archaeology, 201. survivor, 202. astronaut, 203. contest

204. historical phe_____on	<i>n.</i> something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
205. app_____te the value	<i>v.</i> to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
206. ro____t attack against the enemy	<i>n.</i> a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
207. un_____ed allegations	<i>adj.</i> not based on good evidence or reason; without foundation or justification
208. gro_____ing settlement	<i>adj.</i> producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
209. paleolithic ar_____cts	<i>n.</i> a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
210. perform fi_____rk	<i>n.</i> real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.
211. ex_____d to radiation	<i>adj.</i> having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
212. in_____ce a child's future	<i>n.</i> the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
213. beyond the re__m of possibility	<i>n.</i> a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
214. a profit ma____n	<i>n.</i> the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

ANSWERS: 204. phenomenon, 205. appreciate, 206. rocket, 207. unfounded, 208. groundbreaking, 209. artifact, 210. fieldwork, 211. exposed, 212. influence, 213. realm, 214. margin

215. la____s society	<i>adj.</i> lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
216. ex____te soil	<i>v.</i> to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
217. re____on sociology	<i>n.</i> a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
218. meticulous fi____rk	<i>n.</i> real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.
219. ex____e sports	<i>adj.</i> very great in amount or degree
220. Co____um area	<i>n.</i> a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80
221. st____e the design	<i>v.</i> to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
222. ex____te a deep hole	<i>v.</i> to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
223. de____e the wall with graffiti	<i>v.</i> to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it
224. ex____e weather events	<i>adj.</i> very great in amount or degree
225. excite re____on	<i>n.</i> an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

ANSWERS: 215. lawless, 216. excavate, 217. religion, 218. fieldwork, 219. extreme, 220. colosseum, 221. stylize, 222. excavate, 223. deface, 224. extreme, 225. rebellion

226. ma___n error	<i>n.</i> the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
227. the legal bat_____und	<i>n.</i> a place where a battle is fought
228. the inland of a co_____nt	<i>n.</i> one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
229. pl___t like the Earth	<i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
230. de_____y the ecosystem	<i>v.</i> to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
231. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl	<i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
232. break off an eng_____nt	<i>n.</i> a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
233. as_____ut mission	<i>n.</i> a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
234. in_____e a lot of paperwork	<i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
235. the l_d of a box	<i>n.</i> a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
236. a race for su_____cy	<i>n.</i> the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

ANSWERS: 226. margin, 227. battleground, 228. continent, 229. planet, 230. destroy, 231. absolutely, 232. engagement, 233. astronaut, 234. involve, 235. lid, 236. supremacy

237. de___k theory	<i>v.</i> to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
238. linguistic xen_____ia	<i>n.</i> extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
239. rigid dis_____ne	<i>n.</i> the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
240. tie c___p	<i>n.</i> a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
241. ep_____e of vertigo	<i>n.</i> a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
242. legal co_____t	<i>n.</i> the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
243. have an up__t stomach	<i>adj.</i> causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
244. modern co_____gy	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe
245. Egyptian hie_____ph	<i>n.</i> a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 237. debunk, 238. xenophobia, 239. discipline, 240. clip, 241. episode, 242. context, 243. upset, 244. cosmology, 245. hieroglyph

246. fr__k and open discussion	<i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
247. na___e language	<i>adj.</i> connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
248. und_____ly successful	<i>adv.</i> without a doubt; certainly; definitely
249. hold a pr____t	<i>n.</i> a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
250. exa_____te the situation	<i>v.</i> to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
251. ec_____y class	<i>n.</i> the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
252. re_____l truck	<i>n.</i> the act of taking something away or off from a particular place
253. the in_____on of new techniques	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
254. sc__e off her attacker by screaming	<i>v.</i> to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
255. suffer from xen_____ia	<i>n.</i> extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
256. exa_____te symptoms	<i>v.</i> to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

ANSWERS: 246. frank, 247. native, 248. undoubtedly, 249. protest, 250. exacerbate, 251. economy, 252. removal, 253. invention, 254. scare, 255. xenophobia, 256. exacerbate

257. advance cap_____sm	<i>n.</i> an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
258. notable in_____ce	<i>n.</i> a particular example or single occurrence of something
259. em___e as a butterfly	<i>v.</i> to move out of or away from something and become visible
260. a fully in_____ve price	<i>adj.</i> including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
261. ex___e rebellion	<i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
262. am_____g advances	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
263. sk_____al scientists	<i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful
264. throughout the co___y	<i>n.</i> an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
265. de___e private property	<i>v.</i> to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it
266. acc_____hed goal	<i>adj.</i> having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
267. the most am_____g feeling	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
268. de___e competition	<i>n.</i> a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 257. capitalism, 258. instance, 259. emerge, 260. inclusive, 261. excite, 262. amazing, 263. skeptical, 264. county, 265. deface, 266. accomplished, 267.

amazing, 268. debate

269. re___n identity	<i>adj.</i> brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
270. re_____e a concert ticket	<i>v.</i> to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
271. un_____en efficacy	<i>adj.</i> not tested or proved
272. l_b instrument	<i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
273. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund	<i>v.</i> to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
274. natural phe_____on	<i>n.</i> something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
275. have a thick sk__l	<i>n.</i> a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
276. an ex_____d rock	<i>adj.</i> having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
277. un_____ed fears	<i>adj.</i> not based on good evidence or reason; without foundation or justification
278. xen_____ic attitude	<i>adj.</i> showing strong dislike or fear of people from other countries or cultures; having a strong bias or prejudice against outsiders
279. rad_____on decay	<i>n.</i> a radioactive form of carbon that is used to date ancient biological materials, such as bones or wood, by measuring the amount of carbon-14 remaining in them

ANSWERS: 269. reborn, 270. reserve, 271. unproven, 272. lab, 273. contribute, 274. phenomenon, 275. skull, 276. exposed, 277. unfounded, 278. xenophobic, 279. radiocarbon

280. pl_____nt test	<i>n.</i> the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization
281. fi_____al character	<i>adj.</i> imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
282. la__l a bag with my name	<i>n.</i> a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
283. inc_____le amount	<i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous
284. his research area of con_____ion	<i>n.</i> the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
285. a tour guide at the te___e	<i>n.</i> a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
286. re___n soul	<i>adj.</i> brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature
287. the m__h of an old religion	<i>n.</i> an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
288. systemic ra___m	<i>n.</i> prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
289. an ab___d amount of money	<i>adj.</i> ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

ANSWERS: 280. placement, 281. fictional, 282. label, 283. incredible, 284. concentration, 285. temple, 286. reborn, 287. myth, 288. racism, 289. absurd

290. medical l_b	<i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
291. the_____al physicist	<i>adj.</i> relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
292. witty p_n	<i>n.</i> 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
293. research on anti-ra___m	<i>n.</i> prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
294. ce_____cs industry	<i>n.</i> objects made from materials such as clay that are hardened by heat, often to create functional or decorative items
295. mo_____nt honoring	<i>n.</i> a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
296. assume the of_____ve	<i>adj.</i> rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

ANSWERS: 290. lab, 291. theoretical, 292. pun, 293. racism, 294. ceramics, 295. monument, 296. offensive

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.
v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
2. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
3. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.
adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
4. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.
n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
5. The _____ at the store helped me find what I needed.
n. a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers
6. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.
v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
7. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 1. reserve, 2. influence, 3. absurd, 4. concentration, 5. clerk, 6. scare, 7. involves

8. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
9. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
10. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
11. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
12. The underground club was a _____ environment where anything could happen.
adj. lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
13. The _____ person's family was notified of their passing.
adj. no longer alive; dead
14. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
15. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 8. protest, 9. economy, 10. sect, 11. Capitalism, 12. lawless, 13. deceased, 14. historic, 15. argue

16. He quickly learned the military _____.

- n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

17. The new treatment's long-term advantages are still _____.

- adj.* not tested or proved

18. The city has a rich _____ history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

- adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

19. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.

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

20. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

21. The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the _____ where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

- n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

22. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

23. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

- n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 16. discipline, 17. unproven, 18. colonial, 19. lab, 20. amazing, 21. underworld, 22. debate, 23. symbol

24. The accusations were _____ and lacked evidence.

adj. not based on good evidence or reason; without foundation or justification

25. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

26. The teacher warned the boys not to _____ public property.

v. to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it

27. The _____ of the statue caused much controversy in the community.

n. the act of taking something away or off from a particular place

28. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

29. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

30. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

31. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

32. He _____ scrubbed the stains on the shirt.

adv. in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic

ANSWERS: 24. unfounded, 25. excited, 26. deface, 27. removal, 28. skeptical, 29. fascinating, 30. diversity, 31. intent, 32. vigorously

33. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
34. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
35. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
36. She was the _____ to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.
n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
37. The _____ mountains dominate the landscape.
n. a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
38. The _____ comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.
adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
39. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
n. the country ruled by a king or queen
40. The _____ of the advertisement on the billboard was strategic in attracting a large audience.
n. the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization

ANSWERS: 33. marvel, 34. carved, 35. analyze, 36. exception, 37. awe-inspiring, 38. racist, 39. kingdom, 40. placement

41. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

42. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

43. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.

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

44. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

45. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

46. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

47. _____ evolved from people's philosophical questions about the natural world.

n. the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe

48. This _____ has never been formally accepted.

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

ANSWERS: 41. absolutely, 42. pyramids, 43. inequality, 44. engagement, 45. promote, 46. Alien, 47. Cosmology, 48. achievement

49. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

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

50. A vast _____ chandelier glittered brightly above us.

n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

51. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

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

52. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

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

53. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

54. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

55. The drama series mainly received _____.

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

56. The city became a _____ during the war.

n. a place where a battle is fought

ANSWERS: 49. offensive, 50. crystal, 51. temple, 52. myth, 53. astronaut, 54. norms, 55. praise, 56. battleground

57. We need to add more names to the _____ of candidates for the upcoming election.
- n.* a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order
58. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.
- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
59. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
- n.* something you want to do and are going to do
60. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
61. The archaeologists used _____ dating to determine the age of the artifacts.
- n.* a radioactive form of carbon that is used to date ancient biological materials, such as bones or wood, by measuring the amount of carbon-14 remaining in them
62. The _____ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.
- n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
63. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

ANSWERS: 57. slate, 58. racism, 59. intentions, 60. invention, 61. radiocarbon, 62. xenophobia, 63. instances

64. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.

n. the middle part of people or things

65. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

66. The intricate _____ on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

67. He got an electric _____ at work.

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

68. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

69. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

70. We would _____ an early reply.

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

71. She makes beautiful _____ in her studio and sells them at local markets.

n. objects made from materials such as clay that are hardened by heat, often to create functional or decorative items

ANSWERS: 64. midst, 65. destroyed, 66. carving, 67. shock, 68. native, 69. entertainment, 70. appreciate, 71. ceramics

72. The _____ rhetoric of the politician only seeks to sow division and hatred among people.

adj. showing strong dislike or fear of people from other countries or cultures; having a strong bias or prejudice against outsiders

73. The stone _____ was built to commemorate the war heroes.

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

74. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

75. She wore a colorful-_____ scarf.

v. to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one

76. Rome's _____ gets busy in peak season.

n. a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

77. He opened the ____ of the jar to reveal the contents inside.

n. a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container

78. She teaches _____ at the local university.

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

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

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

ANSWERS: 72. xenophobic, 73. monument, 74. complexity, 75. stylized, 76. Colosseum, 77. lid, 78. archaeology, 79. deity

80. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.

adj. belonging to the same or present time

81. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

82. He fastens some sheets of paper with a _____.

n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

83. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

84. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

85. He dropped his _____ at the unexpected sight.

n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

86. The singer's talent is _____ one of the greatest in the music industry

adv. without a doubt; certainly; definitely

87. Numerous instances from _____ show these hypotheses in great detail.

n. real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.

ANSWERS: 80. Contemporary, 81. feat, 82. clip, 83. episode, 84. frank, 85. jaw, 86. undoubtedly, 87. fieldwork

88. The antigovernment _____ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

89. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

90. They have been living near water since _____ times.

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

91. He didn't want to _____ his colleague in front of their boss.

v. to describe or represent as being of little worth or value; to belittle, degrade, or criticize unfairly

92. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

93. He has produced _____ research on the subject.

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

94. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

95. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 88. rebellion, 89. process, 90. ancient, 91. disparage, 92. artifacts, 93. groundbreaking, 94. contribute, 95. conversation

96. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

97. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

98. Archaeologists found a Neanderthal _____ at that historic site.

n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

99. After recovering from her illness, she felt like a _____ person with a new perspective on life.

adj. brought back to life in a new form or with a new nature

100. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

101. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

102. The _____ of the logo was immediately recognizable as belonging to the famous brand.

n. the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts

103. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

ANSWERS: 96. pride, 97. ancestor, 98. skull, 99. reborn, 100. inclusive, 101. label, 102. iconography, 103. expand

104. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

105. The guards had to remain _____ to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

- adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

106. The heat wave _____ the drought conditions.

- v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

107. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

108. Absolute zero is the lowest _____ temperature.

- adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

109. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.

- n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

110. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

- adj.* very great in amount or degree

111. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.

- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 104. context, 105. vigilant, 106. exacerbated, 107. incredible, 108. theoretical, 109. rocket, 110. extreme, 111. tweet

112. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

113. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

114. The ongoing budget cuts have _____ the quality of education in many schools.

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

115. A rainbow is a natural _____.

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

116. She felt _____ after finishing her book.

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

117. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

118. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

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

119. The _____ plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

ANSWERS: 112. classic, 113. descendants, 114. eroded, 115. phenomenon, 116. accomplished, 117. continent, 118. religion, 119. indigenous

120. Each beautiful _____ represents either an idea or a sound.
- n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
121. The pharaoh was buried in an ornate _____ complete with intricate hieroglyphics.
- n.* a stone coffin, often adorned with sculpture or inscriptions, usually used to hold the remains of a deceased person or people
122. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.
- v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
123. The company's unethical practices have _____ its brand image in the eyes of consumers.
- v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
124. The mentor provided _____ to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.
- n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
125. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
126. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
- n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
127. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 120. hieroglyph, 121. sarcophagus, 122. extend, 123. discredited, 124. guidance, 125. planet, 126. margin, 127. pun

128. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

129. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

130. He was awfully _____ by the news.

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

131. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

132. The archaeologists _____ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

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

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

134. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

135. The _____ in her heart was filled with the love of her family.

n. an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force

ANSWERS: 128. realm, 129. county's, 130. upset, 131. profession, 132. excavated, 133. debunked, 134. contest, 135. void

136. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

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

137. A committee was appointed to manage the reorganization of the _____.

n. a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.

138. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

139. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

140. The empire's military power ensured its _____ over the neighboring states.

n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

141. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

142. He was born into a lower _____ and faced discrimination throughout his life.

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

143. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

ANSWERS: 136. emerged, 137. curriculum, 138. exposed, 139. controversial, 140. supremacy, 141. relate, 142. caste, 143. sustain

144. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.

adj. extremely vital or necessary

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

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

146. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

147. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved
by authorities.

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that
adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves
the solution of a crime or a puzzle

148. The names of the company are entirely _____.

adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

ANSWERS: 144. crucial, 145. claim, 146. survivor, 147. mystery, 148. fictional