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Session 1: Word List

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers
A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

republic

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

synonym : democracy, federation, commonwealth

(1) **republic** democracy, (2) the **republic** of art

The United States is a federal presidential constitutional **republic**.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym : coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

synonym: calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

military

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

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

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

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

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

occupation

n. a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession

synonym: job, profession, vocation

(1) **occupation** disease, (2) **occupation** of a building

The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and **occupation**.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

coup

n. a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement

synonym: revolution, overthrow, takeover

(1) **coup** plotters, (2) military **coup**

The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the **coup**.

rig

v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

synonym: set up, prepare, arrange

(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails

He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym : enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

gross

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

synonym : before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

domestic

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

synonym : endemic, private, household

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

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

monopoly

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

synonym : cartel, trust, ownership

(1) a government **monopoly**, (2) **monopoly** in distribution

The government strived to protect its tobacco **monopoly**.

rename

v. to give a new name to something; to change the name of something

synonym : rebrand, rechristen, re-label

(1) **rename** the street, (2) **rename** in plain English

The new owners **renamed** the restaurant to give it a fresh start.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym : illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym : show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

atrocious

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

synonym : evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**

The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

massacre

n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

synonym : slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

maintain

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

true

synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain

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

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

opponent

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

synonym: adversary, competitor, enemy

(1) computer **opponent**, (2) death-penalty **opponent**

He was attempting to confuse his **opponent**.

countryside

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

synonym: rural, rustic, pastoral

(1) **countryside** scenery, (2) **countryside** lifestyle

The small village in the **countryside** was perfect for a quiet getaway.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information

on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

oppress

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

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

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

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

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym:

chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

invitation

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

synonym: request, asking, proposal

(1) a letter of **invitation**, (2) **invitation** of foreign investment

I will be very happy to accept your **invitation**.

attempt

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

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

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

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

reception

n. the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people

synonym: welcome, greeting, party

(1) a cold **reception**, (2) **reception** desk

The wedding **reception** was held in the grand ballroom of the hotel.

eventually

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

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

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

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco

business.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise
The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

seldom

adv. not often; rarely

synonym: rarely, hardly, infrequently

(1) **seldom** try to walk, (2) **seldom** fluctuate

He **seldom** went out to socialize, preferring to spend evenings at home.

disrespect

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

synonym: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

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

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

confiscate

v. to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules

synonym:

seize, take, expropriate

(1) **confiscate** drugs, (2) **confiscate** property

The security officer had to **confiscate** the weapon from the suspect.

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym: completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;
(verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

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.

oversee

v. to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly

synonym: manage, command, supervise

(1) **oversee** the process, (2) properly **oversee** the staff

A committee was appointed to **oversee** a huge budget.

conviction

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

synonym: belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder

She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

crush

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

synonym: destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

overthrow

v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

synonym: defeat, destroy, conquer

(1) **overthrow** the government, (2) **overthrow** the theory

The group aims to **overthrow** the military regime.

movement

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

synonym: motion, progression, action

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

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

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym: go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

clandestine

adj. done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed

synonym: secret, hidden, covert

(1) non- **clandestine** expenses, (2) a **clandestine** location

The spy carried out the mission in a **clandestine** manner.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

pamphlet

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

synonym: brochure, leaflet, booklet

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

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

violation

n. an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

synonym: breach, transgression, infraction

(1) **violation** law, (2) commit a traffic **violation**

The international community has widely condemned the **violation** of human rights.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym: spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

uprising

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

synonym: revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

spy

n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

synonym: agent, undercover operative

(1) **spy** cameras, (2) digital **spy** tools

The government recruited a **spy** to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

revolutionary

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

synonym: radical, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **revolutionary** change, (2) enforce **revolutionary** justice

The **revolutionary** leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

transmit

v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

synonym: convey, share, dispatch

(1) **transmit** the disease, (2) **transmit** information

Parents often **transmit** their characteristics to their children.

rebel

n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

synonym: insurgent, dissenter, mutineer

(1) **rebel** uprising, (2) group of **rebels**

The **rebels** fought against the government for their independence.

church

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

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

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

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

regime

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

synonym : administration, establishment, government

(1) a puppet **regime**, (2) exercise **regime**

Totalitarian **regimes** are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

stability

n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

synonym : resilience, solidity, steadiness

(1) **stability** pact, (2) fiscal **stability** pact

The policy should increase the country's monetary **stability**.

ego

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

synonym : self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

asphyxiate

v. to make someone unable to breathe, usually resulting in unconscious or death

synonym: suffocate, choke, stifle

(1) **asphyxiate** him to death, (2) **asphyxiate** rival companies

Three people were **asphyxiated** in the crowd crush of the demo.

roll

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

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

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

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

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym : brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

backfire

v. to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion

synonym : recoil, boomerang, misfire

(1) **backfire** big time, (2) **backfire** spectacularly

The company's decision to lay off a large number of employees **backfired** as it led to a decrease in productivity.

flimsy

adj. very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used

synonym : delicate, insubstantial, fragile

(1) a **flimsy** structure, (2) make a **flimsy** excuse

His arguments are based on **flimsy** evidence.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym : criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

assassination

n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

synonym : murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot
The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

embassy

n. the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
synonym: consulate, mission, legation

(1) **embassy** staff, (2) **embassy** function

The **embassy** building was heavily guarded by security personnel.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

reign

n. the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen

synonym: rule, governance, sovereignty

(1) **reign** of a dictator, (2) **reign** as sovereign

The dictator's **reign** was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

synonym: excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

clutch

v. to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
synonym: grip, hold, grab

(1) **clutch** at any straw, (2) **clutched** her daughter to her breast

The boy **clutched** his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

synonym: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

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.

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym: honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed

The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

anniversary

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

synonym: commemoration, celebration, observance

(1) **anniversary** celebration, (2) a bicentennial **anniversary**

They celebrated their 10th **anniversary** with a romantic dinner.

elimination

n. the act or process of removing or getting rid of something or someone

synonym: removal, eradication, extinction

(1) waste **elimination**, (2) an **elimination** tournament

The government's efforts toward disease **elimination** have been successful in many regions.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

Session 2: Spelling

1. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
2. se___m try to walk *adv.* not often; rarely
3. im_____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
4. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
5. asp_____te him to death *v.* to make someone unable to breathe, usually resulting in unconscious or death
6. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
7. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
8. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 1. hero, 2. seldom, 3. imprison, 4. honor, 5. asphyxiate, 6. roll, 7. disrespect, 8. hero

9. ty____y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
10. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
11. re_____ic democracy *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
12. a cla_____ne location *adj.* done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed
13. tr____c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
14. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
15. give si____t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
16. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
17. ch____h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
18. ass_____ion plot *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

ANSWERS: 9. tyranny, 10. courageous, 11. republic, 12. clandestine, 13. tragic, 14. maintain, 15. silent, 16. statistics, 17. church, 18. assassination

19. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
20. the gr__s amount *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
21. waste eli_____on *n.* the act or process of removing or getting rid of something or someone
22. a man of pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
23. tr___c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
24. the life cycle of a bu_____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
25. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
26. cou_____de lifestyle *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
27. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
28. c__p plotters *n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement

ANSWERS: 19. invest, 20. gross, 21. elimination, 22. property, 23. tragic, 24. butterfly, 25. structure, 26. countryside, 27. degree, 28. coup

29. a bicentennial ann_____ry *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
30. animal ma_____re *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
31. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
32. commit at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
33. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
34. humanity's mo_____nt *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
35. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
36. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
37. non-cla_____ne expenses *adj.* done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed
38. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 29. anniversary, 30. massacre, 31. graduated, 32. atrocity, 33. inspire, 34. monument, 35. rank, 36. representative, 37. clandestine, 38. church

39. st_____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
40. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
41. s_y cameras *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
42. ba_____re spectacularly *v.* to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion
43. properly ov_____e the staff *v.* to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly
44. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
45. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
46. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
47. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
48. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
49. computer op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

ANSWERS: 39. stabilize, 40. opposition, 41. spy, 42. backfire, 43. oversee, 44. threaten, 45. underground, 46. silent, 47. survive, 48. display, 49. opponent

50. tr____it information *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
51. at____d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
52. mu____r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
53. a fl____y structure *adj.* very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used
54. cause an ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
55. ar____t the thief *v.* to take into custody
56. re__n as sovereign *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
57. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
58. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
59. mo____nt honoring *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
60. commit a traffic vi____on *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
61. po____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

ANSWERS: 50. transmit, 51. attend, 52. murder, 53. flimsy, 54. accident, 55. arrest, 56. reign, 57. nation, 58. threaten, 59. monument, 60. violation, 61. portrait

62. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
63. a letter of inv_____on *n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
64. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
65. gr__s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
66. ann_____ry celebration *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
67. asp_____te rival companies *v.* to make someone unable to breathe, usually resulting in unconscious or death
68. propaganda pa_____et *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
69. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
70. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
71. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
72. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 62. creative, 63. invitation, 64. accident, 65. gross, 66. anniversary, 67. asphyxiate, 68. pamphlet, 69. military, 70. graduated, 71. courageous, 72. elect

73. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
74. violent up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
75. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
76. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
77. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
78. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
79. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
80. decision-making pr_____s *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

ANSWERS: 73. maintain, 74. uprising, 75. movement, 76. courage, 77. attempt, 78. relative, 79. ego, 80. process

81. com_____te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
82. ba_____re big time *v.* to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion
83. in_____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
84. a picture fr____e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
85. en_____h public services *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
86. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
87. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
88. de_____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
89. cold-blooded at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
90. cl____hed her daughter to her breast *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
91. military c____p *n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement

ANSWERS: 81. commemorate, 82. backfire, 83. invite, 84. frame, 85. enrich, 86. creative, 87. revolution, 88. declare, 89. atrocity, 90. clutch, 91. coup

92. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
93. national e_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
94. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
95. cl___h at any straw *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
96. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
97. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
98. con_____on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
99. a puppet re___e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
100. stage an up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
101. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 92. dictator, 93. ego, 94. disrespect, 95. clutch, 96. dictator, 97. discuss, 98. conviction, 99. regime, 100. uprising, 101. invite

102. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
103. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
104. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
105. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
106. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
107. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
108. the re_____ic of art *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
109. re_____on desk *n.* the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people
110. fiscal st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

ANSWERS: 102. nation, 103. roll, 104. elect, 105. violent, 106. representative, 107. struggle, 108. republic, 109. reception, 110. stability

111. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
112. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
113. a po_____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
114. digital s_y tools *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
115. moral con_____on *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
116. ma_____re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
117. exercise re_____e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
118. r_g a ship with new sails *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
119. la_____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 111. communal, 112. attempt, 113. portrait, 114. spy, 115. conviction, 116. massacre, 117. regime, 118. rig, 119. launch

120. pr_____s improvement *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
121. occ_____on of a building *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
122. re____t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
123. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
124. ov_____ow the theory *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
125. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
126. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
127. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
128. ar____t the progress *v.* to take into custody
129. vi_____on law *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
130. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 120. process, 121. occupation, 122. reject, 123. deny, 124. overthrow, 125. advance, 126. display, 127. communal, 128. arrest, 129. violation, 130. opposition

131. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
132. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
133. pa_____et in English *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
134. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
135. re__l uprising *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
136. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
137. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
138. brutal ty_____y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
139. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 131. inspire, 132. property, 133. pamphlet, 134. frame, 135. rebel, 136. collapse, 137. honor, 138. tyranny, 139. oppress

140. do____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
141. inv_____on of foreign investment *n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
142. cr__h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
143. cou_____de scenery *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
144. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
145. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
146. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
147. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
148. bu_____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

ANSWERS: 140. domestic, 141. invitation, 142. crush, 143. countryside, 144. discuss, 145. deny, 146. launch, 147. torture, 148. butterfly

149. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
150. con_____te property *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
151. r_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
152. a cold re_____on *n.* the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people
153. re___e the street *v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
154. enforce rev_____ary justice *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
155. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
156. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
157. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
158. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
159. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

ANSWERS: 149. underground, 150. confiscate, 151. rig, 152. reception, 153. rename, 154. revolutionary, 155. release, 156. statistics, 157. advance, 158. condemn, 159. decline

160. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
161. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
162. en___h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
163. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
164. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
165. inspire co____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
166. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
167. re__n of a dictator *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
168. re___e in plain English *v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
169. co____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
170. st____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

ANSWERS: 160. hunt, 161. relative, 162. enrich, 163. degree, 164. struggle, 165. courage, 166. reject, 167. reign, 168. rename, 169. condemn, 170. stability

171. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
172. com_____te a deed *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
173. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
174. su_____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
175. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
176. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
177. failed ass_____ion attempt *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
178. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
179. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
180. se___m fluctuate *adv.* not often; rarely
181. death-penalty op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

ANSWERS: 171. rank, 172. commemorate, 173. critic, 174. surpass, 175. revolution, 176. committed, 177. assassination, 178. military, 179. collapse, 180. seldom, 181. opponent

182. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
183. su_____s imagination *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
184. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
185. at____d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
186. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
187. cr__h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
188. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
189. ov_____ow the government *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
190. as____e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
191. an eli_____on tournament *n.* the act or process of removing or getting rid of something or someone
192. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

ANSWERS: 182. eventually, 183. surpass, 184. structure, 185. attend, 186. critic, 187. crush, 188. survive, 189. overthrow, 190. assume, 191. elimination, 192. hunt

193. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
194. im_____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
195. a do_____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
196. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
197. make a fl___y excuse *adj.* very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used
198. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
199. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
200. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
201. tr_____it the disease *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
202. group of re__ls *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
203. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 193. murder, 194. imprison, 195. domestic, 196. assume, 197. flimsy, 198. eventually, 199. distribute, 200. violent, 201. transmit, 202. rebel, 203. distribute

204. de_____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
205. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
206. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
207. em_____y staff *n.* the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
208. mo_____ly in distribution *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
209. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
210. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
211. occ_____on disease *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
212. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 204. declare, 205. invest, 206. movement, 207. embassy, 208. monopoly, 209. oppress, 210. release, 211. occupation, 212. torture

213. a government mo____ly *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
214. de____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
215. con____te drugs *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
216. em____y function *n.* the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
217. st____ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
218. in a co____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
219. ov____e the process *v.* to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly
220. rev____ary change *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

ANSWERS: 213. monopoly, 214. decline, 215. confiscate, 216. embassy, 217. stabilize, 218. committed, 219. oversee, 220. revolutionary

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company's decision to lay off a large number of employees _____ as it led to a decrease in productivity.
 - v. to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion

2. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
 - n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

3. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.
 - n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

4. His estate was _____ to his sons.
 - v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

5. The dictator's _____ was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.
 - n. the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen

6. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
 - v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

7. The spy carried out the mission in a _____ manner.
 - adj. done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed

ANSWERS: 1. backfired, 2. degree, 3. butterfly, 4. distributed, 5. reign, 6. invite, 7. clandestine

8. The government recruited a ____ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell
- n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
9. The government's efforts toward disease _____ have been successful in many regions.
- n.* the act or process of removing or getting rid of something or someone
10. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
- v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
11. We must _____ to this matter.
- v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
12. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
13. The media _____ had special passes.
- n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
14. His arguments are based on _____ evidence.
- adj.* very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used

ANSWERS: 8. spy, 9. elimination, 10. elected, 11. attend, 12. launch, 13. representatives, 14. flimsy

15. The anti-government _____ was successful in overthrowing the regime.
n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
16. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
17. The country _____ the war heroes on Memorial Day.
v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
18. The third _____ was far more successful.
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
19. GDP stands for gross _____ product.
adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
20. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
21. I will be very happy to accept your _____.
n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
22. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 15. uprising, 16. statistics, 17. commemorated, 18. attempt, 19. domestic, 20. nation, 21. invitation, 22. eventually

23. The boy _____ his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.
v. to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
24. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
n. a thing or things that belong to someone
25. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
26. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
27. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.
v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
28. The _____ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.
n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
29. 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
30. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 23. clutched, 24. property, 25. dictator, 26. committed, 27. enriches, 28. massacre, 29. process, 30. military

31. The United States is a federal presidential constitutional _____.
- n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
32. The stone _____ was built to commemorate the war heroes.
- n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
33. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
- adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
34. Totalitarian _____ are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.
- n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
35. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.
- v.* to take into custody
36. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
37. He _____ the game so he could win the prize.
- v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
38. The _____ fought against the government for their independence.
- n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

ANSWERS: 31. republic, 32. monument, 33. underground, 34. regimes, 35. arrest, 36. rolled, 37. rigged, 38. rebels

39. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's _____ profits.

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

40. She spoke with _____ about the importance of education.

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

41. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

42. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

43. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

44. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

45. He was _____ for embezzlement.

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

46. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

ANSWERS: 39. gross, 40. conviction, 41. silent, 42. collapsed, 43. accident, 44. rank, 45. imprisoned, 46. tragic

47. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

48. The government strived to protect its tobacco _____.

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

49. The small village in the _____ was perfect for a quiet getaway.

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

50. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

51. A committee was appointed to _____ a huge budget.

v. to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly

52. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

53. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

54. They celebrated their 10th _____ with a romantic dinner.

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

ANSWERS: 47. hunt, 48. monopoly, 49. countryside, 50. revolution, 51. oversee, 52. relatives, 53. hero, 54. anniversary

55. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

56. The country was ruled by a _____ that oppressed its citizens.

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

57. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

58. The athlete's record-breaking performance _____ all expectations.

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

59. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

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

60. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

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

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

62. The _____ building was heavily guarded by security personnel.

n. the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based

ANSWERS: 55. murder, 56. tyranny, 57. survive, 58. surpassed, 59. church, 60. atrocity, 61. movement, 62. embassy

63. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
64. He was attempting to confuse his _____.
- n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
65. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
66. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
67. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
68. The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the _____.
- n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement
69. I claim on my _____ that it is true.
- n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
70. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.
- v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

ANSWERS: 63. frame, 64. opponent, 65. critics, 66. struggle, 67. maintain, 68. coup, 69. honor, 70. declared

71. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
72. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
73. He _____ went out to socialize, preferring to spend evenings at home.
adv. not often; rarely
74. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
75. The _____ of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.
n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
76. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
77. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
78. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
79. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 71. threatening, 72. display, 73. seldom, 74. release, 75. assassination, 76. courageous, 77. discuss, 78. opposition, 79. oppressed

80. The policy should increase the country's monetary _____.
- n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
81. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
82. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
- v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
83. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
- v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
84. The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and _____.
- n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
85. The security officer had to _____ the weapon from the suspect.
- v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
86. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
87. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.
- n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
88. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 80. stability, 81. assumes, 82. denying, 83. rejected, 84. occupation, 85. confiscate, 86. Communal, 87. portrait, 88. invest

89. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

90. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

91. The wedding _____ was held in the grand ballroom of the hotel.

n. the act of receiving or the state of being received, especially warmly or kindly; a formal party of people

92. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

93. The car was completely _____ in the accident.

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

94. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

95. The _____ leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

96. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 89. graduated, 90. condemned, 91. reception, 92. structure, 93. crushed, 94. declines, 95. revolutionary, 96. courage

97. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

98. Three people were _____ in the crowd crush of the demo.

v. to make someone unable to breathe, usually resulting in unconscious or death

99. The group aims to _____ the military regime.

v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

100. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

101. The political organization handed out _____ to raise awareness about their cause.

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

102. She was constantly trying to boost her ____ by talking about her accomplishments.

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

103. The new owners _____ the restaurant to give it a fresh start.

v. to give a new name to something; to change the name of something

104. The raising of interest rates _____ the inflation rate.

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

ANSWERS: 97. violent, 98. asphyxiated, 99. overthrow, 100. creative, 101. pamphlets, 102. ego, 103. renamed, 104. stabilizes

105. The international community has widely condemned the _____ of human rights.

- n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

106. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

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

107. Parents often _____ their characteristics to their children.

- v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

108. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

- v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

109. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.

- n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

110. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 105. violation, 106. disrespectful, 107. transmit, 108. advance, 109. torture, 110. inspired