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Session 1: Word List

misdeed

n. an act that is thought to be wrong or illegal; a wrongful or illegal action

synonym: transgression, wrongdoing, offense

(1) **misdeed** accusation, (2) a history of **misdeeds**

I apologize for my **misdeed** and promise it won't happen again.

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym: destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage
Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

enlist

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym: join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

antislavery

adj. opposed to, or prohibiting the practice of, slavery (= the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work)

synonym: abolitionist, emancipatory, freedom-loving

(1) **antislavery** legislation, (2) **antislavery** activists

Her speech was filled with an **antislavery** message that resonated with the audience.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym: voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

instructive

adj. serving to provide knowledge or information; tending to instruct or educate

synonym: educational, informative, enlightening

(1) **instructive** example, (2) **instructive** video

The book provided **instructive** advice on how to improve your public speaking skills.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry
synonym : motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

sibling

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

synonym : brother, sister, relative

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

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

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

synonym : bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

delicatessen

n. a shop or restaurant that specializes in offering high-quality, ready-to-eat cuisine or food products, such as cheese, cured meat, salads, and sandwiches

synonym : deli, food shop, gourmet store

(1) gourmet **delicatessen**, (2) traditional **delicatessen**

I ordered a breakfast bagel with cream cheese and lox from the **delicatessen**.

wade

v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

synonym : paddle, trudge, slish

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork

I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

pollutant

n. a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil

synonym : contaminant, toxic substance

(1) noxious **pollutant**, (2) water **pollutant**

The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant **pollutant** in the area.

conservationist

n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

synonym : environmentalist

(1) wildlife **conservationist**, (2) dedicated **conservationist**

The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for **conservationists**.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

lawmaker

n. a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws

synonym : lawgiver, legislator, solon

(1) female **lawmaker**, (2) incumbent **lawmaker**

This company has increased political contributions to federal **lawmakers**.

lifesaving

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

resurgent

adj. rising again; becoming active or strong again

synonym: renascent, revived, invigorated

(1) **resurgent** demand, (2) **resurgent** forest

The **resurgent** stock market has led to increased investor confidence

derision

n. contemptuous ridicule or mockery

synonym: ridicule, mockery, satire

(1) laugh in **derision**, (2) public **derision**

The proposal was met with **derision** from the opposition.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

airbag

n. a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death

synonym: air cushion, safety bag, crash bag

(1) defective **airbag**, (2) **airbag** deployment

The **airbag** system in the car saved the driver's life in a severe crash.

crashworthy

adj. designed to withstand an impact or collision and minimize injury or damage to people or property; able to protect occupants during a crash or collision

synonym: safe, durable, rugged

(1) **crashworthy** design, (2) **crashworthy** aircraft

The military vehicles are built with **crashworthy** structures to protect soldiers in combat situations.

hitchhike

v. to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle

synonym: thumb a ride, bum a ride

(1) **hitchhike** a ride, (2) **hitchhike** across the country

She had to **hitchhike** to the nearest gas station when her car broke down.

ghastly

adj. causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad

synonym: horrifying, dreadful, terrifying

(1) **ghastly** sight, (2) **ghastly** mistake

The child's **ghastly** scream echoed through the haunted house.

drowsy

adj. feeling or showing a strong desire to sleep; causing a feeling of sleepiness or lethargy

synonym: sleepy, lethargic, dozy

(1) **drowsy** feeling, (2) **drowsy** voice

I'm feeling **drowsy** after staying up late last night.

paraplegia

n. a form of paralysis that affects all or part of the lower body, typically caused by injury to the spinal cord or nervous system

synonym: spinal cord injury, paralysis

(1) **paraplegia** treatment, (2) traumatic **paraplegia**

After his accident, he was left with **paraplegia** and had to use a wheelchair.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

horsepower

n. a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time

synonym: HP, power, energy

(1) maximum **horsepower**, (2) engine **horsepower**

The company's new generator has a **horsepower** rating of 1000, making it ideal for large buildings.

negligent

adj. not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters

synonym: careless, reckless, inattentive

(1) **negligent** behavior, (2) sit in a **negligent** posture

The **negligent** driver caused the accident by failing to stop at the red light.

occupant

n. a person who lives or works at a particular place for a long time or who was born there

synonym: denizen, dweller, resident

(1) illegal **occupant**, (2) rear seat **occupants**

He found graffiti left by a previous **occupant** of the house.

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.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

capitol

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

synonym: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym: discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

receptive

adj. willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

synonym: open-minded, sensory, sensorial

(1) **receptive** audience, (2) **receptive** to change

The voters appeared to be **receptive** to his new ideas.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

divulge

v. to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden

synonym : reveal, disclose, expose

(1) **divulge** whereabouts, (2) **divulge** information

He promised not to **divulge** confidential information to anyone.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

nanoscale

adj. on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale

(1) **nanoscale** device, (2) things at the **nanoscale**

This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the **nanoscale** lattice structure of the metal.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

mind-boggling

adj. extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine

synonym : overwhelming, amazing, astonishing

(1) a **mind-boggling** puzzle, (2) a **mind-boggling** display

Educating hundreds of thousands of recruits is a **mind-boggling** task.

climax

n. the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

synonym : finale, pinnacle, apex

(1) emotional **climax**, (2) reach a **climax**

The **climax** of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.

earnest

adj. characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

synonym : sincere, serious, genuine

(1) **earnest** attempt, (2) **earnest** conversation

He spoke in an **earnest** tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

whistleblower

n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

synonym : informant, snitch

(1) anonymous **whistleblower**, (2) government **whistleblower**

The government has laws in place to protect **whistleblowers** from retaliation.

arouse

v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

synonym : excite, stimulate, stir

(1) **arouse** desire, (2) **arouse** suspicion

The rousing speech by the politician **aroused** the audience to action.

smoker

n. a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

(1) **smoker** behavior, (2) an inveterate **smoker**

Many **smokers** are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

nicotine

n. a colorless, oily, poisonous chemical compound found in tobacco leaves, which is highly addictive and acts as a stimulant, affecting the nervous system

synonym: tobacco, smoke

(1) **nicotine** patch, (2) **nicotine** replacement therapy

Smoking cigarettes exposes the body to high levels of **nicotine**, which can be addictive.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

counterattack

n. an attack made in response to an attack by an enemy or opponent often intended to stop or oppose against it

synonym: retaliation, reprisal, response

(1) gear up for a **counterattack**, (2) launch a **counterattack**

The company launched a **counterattack** against its rivals with a new marketing campaign.

fervor

n. intense and passionate feeling or enthusiasm for something

synonym: passion, zeal, enthusiasm

(1) the **fervor** for a cause, (2) religious **fervor**

The protesters marched with **fervor**, demanding change from their government.

vigilance

n. the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage

synonym: watchfulness, attentiveness, alertness

(1) exercise **vigilance**, (2) heightened **vigilance**

Constant **vigilance** is crucial for preventing home burglaries.

stamina

n. the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively

synonym: endurance, staying power, resilience

(1) **stamina** training, (2) lose **stamina**

The athlete's **stamina** was tested during the grueling triathlon.

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

synonym: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym: terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

bankrupt

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

synonym: insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close

its doors permanently.

outnumber

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

synonym: surpass, exceed

(1) **outnumber** our opponents, (2) **outnumber** males

The number of tourists in the city now **outnumbers** the locals.

watchdog

n. a person or an organization that monitors or keeps a close watch on a particular activity, situation, or group, especially to ensure that the ethical or legal standards are met; a component or feature designed to monitor and ensure the proper functioning of the system

synonym: guardian, sentinel, protector

(1) **watchdog** timer, (2) financial **watchdog**

The **watchdog** group helped expose corruption in the local government.

marinade

n. a liquid mixture of herbs, spices, oil, and vinegar or citrus juice used to flavor and tenderize meat or fish before cooking; a soaking or immersion in this mixture

synonym: marinate, dressing, sauce

(1) **marinade** sauce, (2) **marinade** meat

I love to use a citrus-based **marinade** for seafood dishes.

abdicate

v. to give up, renounce, or relinquish a throne, right, or responsibility

synonym: relinquish, renounce, abandon

(1) **abdicate** his duties, (2) **abdicate** from the crown

The king **abdicated** his throne in favor of his son.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

fascist

adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

synonym : authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian

(1) **fascist** propaganda, (2) **fascist** policies

The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym : call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

legislator

n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

synonym : lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent **legislator**

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

fountainhead

n. a source or origin of something, particularly a principle, idea, or belief; the original or primary location of a water source, such as a spring or large well

synonym : source, origin, wellspring

(1) the **fountainhead** in the park, (2) artistic **fountainhead**

The company's founder is considered to be the **fountainhead** of its success.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

boomerang

n. a curved, flat wooden or metal weapon that is thrown and can return to the thrower; a plan, action, or attempt that unintentionally rebounds on the person who initiates it

synonym : bouncing bomb, comeback, backfire

(1) **boomerang** effect, (2) throw a **boomerang**

The criticism that he gave to his boss ended up **boomeranging** on himself.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym : dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

hesitancy

n. the state of being hesitant or unsure; a delay or reluctance to act or make a decision

synonym : reluctance, indecision, doubt

(1) have no **hesitancy** in making requests, (2) social **hesitancy**

Her **hesitancy** to speak up in meetings hindered her career advancement.

crucible

n. a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience

synonym: melting pot, cauldron, furnace

(1) electric **crucible** furnace, (2) fire **crucible**

The scientific experiment required the use of a high-temperature **crucible**.

perverse

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

synonym: stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude

His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

synonym: exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence

He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

enlightened

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

synonym : educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision

The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym : disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

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.

foresight

n. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

synonym : prescience, prediction, clairvoyance

(1) strategic **foresight**, (2) **foresight** planning

With **foresight**, she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---|---|
| 1. the early inh_____nts of Europe | <i>n.</i> a person or an animal that lives in a particular place |
| 2. re_____ve to change | <i>adj.</i> willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions |
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| 9. el_____e a close relationship | <i>v.</i> to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position |
| 10. traumatic par_____ia | <i>n.</i> a form of paralysis that affects all or part of the lower body, typically caused by injury to the spinal cord or nervous system |

ANSWERS: 1. inhabitant, 2. receptive, 3. unfold, 4. hesitancy, 5. avert, 6. instructive, 7. moreover, 8. senator, 9. elevate, 10. paraplegia

11. a history of mi____ds *n.* an act that is thought to be wrong or illegal; a wrongful or illegal action
12. w__e down a street *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
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20. Ca_____l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
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29. reach a cl____x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

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31. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
32. ba_____pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
33. cra_____hy aircraft *adj.* designed to withstand an impact or collision and minimize injury or damage to people or property; able to protect occupants during a crash or collision
34. su___n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
35. ma_____de meat *n.* a liquid mixture of herbs, spices, oil, and vinegar or citrus juice used to flavor and tenderize meat or fish before cooking; a soaking or immersion in this mixture
36. defective ai___g *n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death
37. cra_____hy design *adj.* designed to withstand an impact or collision and minimize injury or damage to people or property; able to protect occupants during a crash or collision
38. heightened vi_____ce *n.* the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage

ANSWERS: 30. arouse, 31. pandemic, 32. bankrupt, 33. crashworthy, 34. summon, 35. marinade, 36. airbag, 37. crashworthy, 38. vigilance

39. a min_____ing display *adj.* extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine
40. ant_____ry activists *adj.* opposed to, or prohibiting the practice of, slavery (= the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work)
41. ou_____er males *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
42. bo_____ng effect *n.* a curved, flat wooden or metal weapon that is thrown and can return to the thrower; a plan, action, or attempt that unintentionally rebounds on the person who initiates it
43. dr____y voice *adj.* feeling or showing a strong desire to sleep; causing a feeling of sleepiness or lethargy
44. di_____it a witness *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
45. Se____e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
46. incumbent la_____er *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
47. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 39. mind-boggling, 40. antislavery, 41. outnumber, 42. boomerang, 43. drowsy, 44. discredit, 45. Senate, 46. lawmaker, 47. diminish

48. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
49. re_____ve audience *adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
50. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
51. the fou_____ead in the park *n.* a source or origin of something, particularly a principle, idea, or belief; the original or primary location of a water source, such as a spring or large well
52. the fe___r for a cause *n.* intense and passionate feeling or enthusiasm for something
53. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
54. ho_____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
55. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
56. public de_____on *n.* contemptuous ridicule or mockery
57. financially ba_____pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
58. mo_____er, she decided to go *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

ANSWERS: 48. Senate, 49. receptive, 50. greedy, 51. fountainhead, 52. fervor, 53. dismantle, 54. horrific, 55. industrialize, 56. derision, 57. bankrupt, 58. moreover

59. ma____de sauce *n.* a liquid mixture of herbs, spices, oil, and vinegar or citrus juice used to flavor and tenderize meat or fish before cooking; a soaking or immersion in this mixture
60. pe____se attitude *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
61. launch a cou_____ack *n.* an attack made in response to an attack by an enemy or opponent often intended to stop or oppose against it
62. noxious po_____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
63. se____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
64. qualified for an el____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
65. st____a training *n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
66. pe____se idea *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
67. sm____r behavior *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

ANSWERS: 59. marinade, 60. perverse, 61. counterattack, 62. pollutant, 63. senator, 64. elector, 65. stamina, 66. perverse, 67. smoker

68. ab____te his duties *v.* to give up, renounce, or relinquish a throne, right, or responsibility
69. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
70. ni____ne patch *n.* a colorless, oily, poisonous chemical compound found in tobacco leaves, which is highly addictive and acts as a stimulant, affecting the nervous system
71. ov____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
72. water po____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
73. hi____ke a ride *v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
74. enl____ed age *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
75. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
76. el____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
77. throw a bo____ng *n.* a curved, flat wooden or metal weapon that is thrown and can return to the thrower; a plan, action, or attempt that unintentionally rebounds on the person who initiates it

ANSWERS: 68. abdicate, 69. empower, 70. nicotine, 71. overlook, 72. pollutant, 73. hitchhike, 74. enlightened, 75. quo, 76. elevate, 77. boomerang

78. fire cr____le *n.* a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience
79. ni____ne replacement therapy *n.* a colorless, oily, poisonous chemical compound found in tobacco leaves, which is highly addictive and acts as a stimulant, affecting the nervous system
80. liv____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
81. a leg____or appointed by the party *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
82. presidential el____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
83. dev____on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
84. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
85. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
86. anonymous whi____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
87. avoid climate cat____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

ANSWERS: 78. crucible, 79. nicotine, 80. livelihood, 81. legislator, 82. elector, 83. devastation, 84. peril, 85. disrupt, 86. whistleblower, 87. catastrophe

88. gh____y mistake *adj.* causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad
89. gourmet del_____sen *n.* a shop or restaurant that specializes in offering high-quality, ready-to-eat cuisine or food products, such as cheese, cured meat, salads, and sandwiches
90. engine hor_____er *n.* a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time
91. ea____t conversation *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
92. play with my si____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
93. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
94. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
95. en____t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
96. ou_____er our opponents *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
97. female la____er *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws

ANSWERS: 88. ghastly, 89. delicatessen, 90. horsepower, 91. earnest, 92. sibling, 93. opportune, 94. sibling, 95. enlist, 96. outnumber, 97. lawmaker

98. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
99. ai___g deployment *n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death
100. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
101. run a ba___y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
102. wa_____og timer *n.* a person or an organization that monitors or keeps a close watch on a particular activity, situation, or group, especially to ensure that the ethical or legal standards are met; a component or feature designed to monitor and ensure the proper functioning of the system
103. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
104. sit in a ne_____nt posture *adj.* not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters
105. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
106. government whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

ANSWERS: 98. quo, 99. airbag, 100. industrious, 101. bakery, 102. watchdog, 103. inhabitant, 104. negligent, 105. trump, 106. whistleblower

107. hi_____ke across the country *v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
108. ea_____t attempt *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
109. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
110. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
111. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
112. social he_____cy *n.* the state of being hesitant or unsure; a delay or reluctance to act or make a decision
113. gh_____y sight *adj.* causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad
114. av__t a strike *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
115. ins_____ve video *adj.* serving to provide knowledge or information; tending to instruct or educate
116. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
117. strategic fo_____ht *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

ANSWERS: 107. hitchhike, 108. earnest, 109. quitter, 110. trump, 111. empower, 112. hesitancy, 113. ghastly, 114. avert, 115. instructive, 116. medicinal, 117. foresight

118. mi____d accusation *n.* an act that is thought to be wrong or illegal; a wrongful or illegal action
119. dedicated con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
120. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
121. re_____nt demand *adj.* rising again; becoming active or strong again
122. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
123. par_____ia treatment *n.* a form of paralysis that affects all or part of the lower body, typically caused by injury to the spinal cord or nervous system
124. gear up for a cou_____ack *n.* an attack made in response to an attack by an enemy or opponent often intended to stop or oppose against it
125. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
126. maximum hor_____er *n.* a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time

ANSWERS: 118. misdeed, 119. conservationist, 120. sentimental, 121. resurgent, 122. seize, 123. paraplegia, 124. counterattack, 125. disrupt, 126. horsepower

127. laugh in de____on *n.* contemptuous ridicule or mockery
128. di____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
129. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
130. lose st____a *n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
131. exercise vi____ce *n.* the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage
132. su____n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
133. traditional del____sen *n.* a shop or restaurant that specializes in offering high-quality, ready-to-eat cuisine or food products, such as cheese, cured meat, salads, and sandwiches
134. lif____ng device *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
135. fo____ht planning *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

ANSWERS: 127. derision, 128. diminish, 129. industrious, 130. stamina, 131. vigilance, 132. summon, 133. delicatessen, 134. lifesaving, 135. foresight

136. ne_____nt behavior *adj.* not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters
137. artistic fou_____ead *n.* a source or origin of something, particularly a principle, idea, or belief; the original or primary location of a water source, such as a spring or large well
138. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
139. ex__t influence *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
140. dr___y feeling *adj.* feeling or showing a strong desire to sleep; causing a feeling of sleepiness or lethargy
141. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
142. ho_____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
143. di_____e whereabouts *v.* to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden
144. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
145. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

ANSWERS: 136. negligent, 137. fountainhead, 138. quote, 139. exert, 140. drowsy, 141. opportune, 142. horrific, 143. divulge, 144. catastrophe, 145. descendant

146. di_____it a theory *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
147. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
148. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
149. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
150. na_____le device *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
151. ab_____te from the crown *v.* to give up, renounce, or relinquish a throne, right, or responsibility
152. ant_____ry legislation *adj.* opposed to, or prohibiting the practice of, slavery (= the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work)
153. religious fe___r *n.* intense and passionate feeling or enthusiasm for something
154. an inveterate sm___r *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
155. financial dev_____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
156. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
157. w__e through paperwork *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

ANSWERS: 146. discredit, 147. overlook, 148. exert, 149. industrialize, 150. nanoscale, 151. abdicate, 152. antislavery, 153. fervor, 154. smoker, 155. devastation, 156. livelihood, 157. wade

158. financial wa_____og *n.* a person or an organization that monitors or keeps a close watch on a particular activity, situation, or group, especially to ensure that the ethical or legal standards are met; a component or feature designed to monitor and ensure the proper functioning of the system
159. ba____y industry *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
160. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
161. illegal oc_____nt *n.* a person who lives or works at a particular place for a long time or who was born there
162. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
163. di_____le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
164. make an enl_____ed decision *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
165. gr____y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
166. re_____nt forest *adj.* rising again; becoming active or strong again
167. the nation's ca_____l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

ANSWERS: 158. watchdog, 159. bakery, 160. sentimental, 161. occupant, 162. peril, 163. dismantle, 164. enlightened, 165. greedy, 166. resurgent, 167. capitol

168. fa____t propaganda *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
169. en___t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
170. fa____t policies *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
171. third-generation des____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
172. di____e information *v.* to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden

ANSWERS: 168. fascist, 169. enlist, 170. fascist, 171. descendant, 172. divulge

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
2. The regime was accused of being _____ for their oppressive tactics.
adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
3. Constant _____ is crucial for preventing home burglaries.
n. the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage
4. I could no longer earn my own _____.
n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
5. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
6. The _____ group helped expose corruption in the local government.
n. a person or an organization that monitors or keeps a close watch on a particular activity, situation, or group, especially to ensure that the ethical or legal standards are met; a component or feature designed to monitor and ensure the proper functioning of the system
7. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 1. siblings, 2. fascist, 3. vigilance, 4. livelihood, 5. seize, 6. watchdog, 7. unfolded

8. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

9. The rousing speech by the politician _____ the audience to action.

v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

10. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

11. The king _____ his throne in favor of his son.

v. to give up, renounce, or relinquish a throne, right, or responsibility

12. The child's _____ scream echoed through the haunted house.

adj. causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad

13. The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for _____.

n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

14. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

15. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

ANSWERS: 8. sentimental, 9. aroused, 10. quitter, 11. abdicated, 12. ghastly, 13. conservationists, 14. industrious, 15. catastrophe

16. The company is environmentally conscious, and _____ it uses sustainable materials in its products.

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

17. He worked at the _____ as a baker.

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

18. Unfortunately, the company went _____ and had to close its doors permanently.

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

19. The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to _____ flooding during the rainy season

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

20. The _____ stock market has led to increased investor confidence

adj. rising again; becoming active or strong again

21. I ordered a breakfast bagel with cream cheese and lox from the _____.

n. a shop or restaurant that specializes in offering high-quality, ready-to-eat cuisine or food products, such as cheese, cured meat, salads, and sandwiches

22. With _____ she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.

n. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

23. The patient needs a _____ transplant operation.

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

ANSWERS: 16. moreover, 17. bakery, 18. bankrupt, 19. avert, 20. resurgent, 21. delicatessen, 22. foresight, 23. lifesaving

24. Smoking cigarettes exposes the body to high levels of _____ which can be addictive.
- n.* a colorless, oily, poisonous chemical compound found in tobacco leaves, which is highly addictive and acts as a stimulant, affecting the nervous system
25. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.
- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
26. The government has laws in place to protect _____ from retaliation.
- n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
27. The company's new generator has a _____ rating of 1000, making it ideal for large buildings.
- n.* a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time
28. The company launched a _____ against its rivals with a new marketing campaign.
- n.* an attack made in response to an attack by an enemy or opponent often intended to stop or oppose against it
29. He decided to _____ in the military after graduating from high school.
- v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
30. This company has increased political contributions to federal _____.
- n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws

ANSWERS: 24. nicotine, 25. quo, 26. whistleblowers, 27. horsepower, 28. counterattack, 29. enlist, 30. lawmakers

31. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
32. 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
33. The proposal was met with _____ from the opposition.
n. contemptuous ridicule or mockery
34. The scientific experiment required the use of a high-temperature _____.
n. a vessel made of ceramic, metal, or other materials used for melting or fusing substances at high temperatures; a difficult or trying experience that tests one's character or resilience
35. I apologize for my _____ and promise it won't happen again.
n. an act that is thought to be wrong or illegal; a wrongful or illegal action
36. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
37. I'm feeling _____ after staying up late last night.
adj. feeling or showing a strong desire to sleep; causing a feeling of sleepiness or lethargy
38. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

ANSWERS: 31. pandemic, 32. discredited, 33. derision, 34. crucible, 35. misdeed, 36. summoning, 37. drowsy, 38. devastation

39. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
n. a person who has the right to vote in an election
40. The _____ system in the car saved the driver's life in a severe crash.
n. a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death
41. After his accident, he was left with _____ and had to use a wheelchair.
n. a form of paralysis that affects all or part of the lower body, typically caused by injury to the spinal cord or nervous system
42. His _____ sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.
adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
43. The book provided _____ advice on how to improve your public speaking skills.
adj. serving to provide knowledge or information; tending to instruct or educate
44. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
45. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.
adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
46. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
v. to organize the production of something into an industry

ANSWERS: 39. elector, 40. airbag, 41. paraplegia, 42. perverse, 43. instructive, 44. Senate, 45. greedy, 46. industrialize

47. The voters appeared to be _____ to his new ideas.

adj. willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

48. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

49. The _____ of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.

n. the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

50. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

51. He _____ himself to lift the heavyweight.

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

52. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.

n. serious and great danger or risk

53. The protesters marched with _____ demanding change from their government.

n. intense and passionate feeling or enthusiasm for something

54. Corporate executives and _____ are still overwhelmingly men.

n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

55. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 47. receptive, 48. horrific, 49. climax, 50. dismantled, 51. exerted, 52. peril, 53. fervor, 54. legislators, 55. opportune

56. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.
- v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
57. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
- v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
58. I had to _____ through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.
- v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
59. The military vehicles are built with _____ structures to protect soldiers in combat situations.
- adj. designed to withstand an impact or collision and minimize injury or damage to people or property; able to protect occupants during a crash or collision
60. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
- v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
61. The company's founder is considered to be the _____ of its success.
- n. a source or origin of something, particularly a principle, idea, or belief; the original or primary location of a water source, such as a spring or large well
62. Educating hundreds of thousands of recruits is a _____ task.
- adj. extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine

ANSWERS: 56. quoted, 57. elevates, 58. wade, 59. crashworthy, 60. overlook, 61. fountainhead, 62. mind-boggling

63. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

64. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

65. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

66. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.

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

67. The athlete's _____ was tested during the grueling triathlon.

n. the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively

68. This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the _____ lattice structure of the metal.

adj. on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale

69. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

70. The hawkish _____ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

ANSWERS: 63. empowered, 64. medicinal, 65. disrupt, 66. descendants, 67. stamina, 68. nanoscale, 69. trump, 70. senator

71. The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant _____ in the area.
- n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
72. She had to _____ to the nearest gas station when her car broke down.
- v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
73. As people get old, their energies may _____.
- v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
74. He found graffiti left by a previous _____ of the house.
- n.* a person who lives or works at a particular place for a long time or who was born there
75. The criticism that he gave to his boss ended up _____ on himself.
- n.* a curved, flat wooden or metal weapon that is thrown and can return to the thrower; a plan, action, or attempt that unintentionally rebounds on the person who initiates it
76. He promised not to _____ confidential information to anyone.
- v.* to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden
77. Her _____ to speak up in meetings hindered her career advancement.
- n.* the state of being hesitant or unsure; a delay or reluctance to act or make a decision
78. The _____ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.
- n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

ANSWERS: 71. pollutant, 72. hitchhike, 73. diminish, 74. occupant, 75. boomeranging, 76. divulge, 77. hesitancy, 78. capitol

79. Many _____ are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.
- n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
80. He spoke in an _____ tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.
- adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
81. I love to use a citrus-based _____ for seafood dishes.
- n.* a liquid mixture of herbs, spices, oil, and vinegar or citrus juice used to flavor and tenderize meat or fish before cooking; a soaking or immersion in this mixture
82. The _____ driver caused the accident by failing to stop at the red light.
- adj.* not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters
83. The _____ teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.
- adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
84. Her speech was filled with an _____ message that resonated with the audience.
- adj.* opposed to, or prohibiting the practice of, slavery (= the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work)
85. The number of tourists in the city now _____ the locals.
- v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

ANSWERS: 79. smokers, 80. earnest, 81. marinade, 82. negligent, 83. enlightened, 84. antislavery, 85. outnumber

86. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

ANSWERS: 86. inhabitant