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Session 1: Word List

- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym : revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- vanity** *n.* excessive pride in or admiration of one's appearance or achievements
synonym : conceit, egotism, self-importance
(1) out of **vanity**, (2) wounded **vanity**
His **vanity** prevented him from seeing his flaws.
- conservative** *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
synonym : traditional, reactionary, cautious
(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production
He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

bump

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

synonym : collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

advocacy

n. the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying

synonym : support, promotion, defense

(1) **advocacy** group, (2) consumer **advocacy** group

The group engages in **advocacy** through lobbying and campaigning for policy changes.

scrutiny

n. careful and detailed examination

synonym : examination, analysis, inspection

(1) additional **scrutiny**, (2) public **scrutiny**

All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous **scrutiny**.

cleavage

n. a division or gap between two parts, particularly a split in rocks or the separation of the breasts in clothing; the sexual attraction of a person's breasts

synonym : split, division, separation

(1) **cleavage** shirt, (2) **cleavage** area

The surgical procedure involved making an incision along the natural **cleavage** lines of the skin.

corset

n. a tightly fitting undergarment worn to shape the torso, particularly to create an hourglass figure by compressing the waist and supporting the bust

synonym : waist cincher, stays, girdle

(1) leather **corset**, (2) orthopedic **corset**

She wore a **corset** under her dress to give her waist a more defined shape.

sultry

adj. hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure

synonym : hot, humid, oppressive

(1) **sultry** perfume, (2) **sultry** weather

The **sultry** summer heat made it difficult to sleep at night.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

mascara

n. a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes

synonym : eyeliner, kohl

(1) waterproof **mascara**, (2) **mascara** smudge

She applied the **mascara** to her lashes for a dramatic look.

banter

n. playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way

synonym : teasing, raillery, chitchat

(1) **banter** back and forth, (2) playful **banter**

The **banter** between the two colleagues lightened the mood in the office.

makeup

n. colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance

synonym : maquillage, composition, cosmetic

(1) **makeup** artist, (2) take the **makeup** off her face

Her beauty resulted from a good night's sleep rather than **makeup**.

- nail** *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
synonym : pin, tack, fastener
(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper
He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on the fence.
- polish** *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
synonym : shine, buff, gloss
(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**
I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.
- slam** *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
synonym : bang, crash, shut
(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall
She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.
- decision** *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
synonym : choice, determination, judgment
(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**
She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.
- portray** *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
synonym : depict, describe, illustrate
(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition
We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym : fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym : excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

feminist

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

synonym : egalitarian

(1) **feminist** movement, (2) **feminist** perspective

The **feminist** ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

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.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

preference

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

synonym : taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

liberalism

n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality

synonym : progressivism, open-mindedness, humanism

(1) classical **liberalism**, (2) economic **liberalism**

His political views are rooted in neo- **liberalism**.

clash

n. a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something

synonym : blow, conflict, disagreement

(1) a **clash** of viewpoints, (2) a **clash** between the two task forces

Her dress was a disturbing **clash** of colors.

upward

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

synonym : skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend

The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

revise

v. to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it

synonym: alter, revamp, modify

(1) **revise** the plan, (2) **revise** his belief

The prediction method has been **revised** drastically.

subway

n. an underground railway system, typically in a city

synonym: underground, metro, tube

(1) **subway** train, (2) rapid transit **subway**

He took the **subway** to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

charm

n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

synonym: allure, appeal, beauty

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

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

transsexual

adj. of or relating to a person who identifies as the opposite sex to the one they were assigned at birth and may seek medical intervention, such as hormone therapy or surgery, to transition to their chosen gender identity physically

synonym: transgender, non-conforming, gender variant

(1) **transsexual** person, (2) **transsexual** surgery

She underwent a **transsexual** transformation to live as her true gender identity.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym : extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

thesis

n. a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

synonym : dissertation, argument, treatise

(1) a drift of a **thesis**, (2) master **thesis**

His **thesis** on the effects of climate change won several awards.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

confess

v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

synonym : admit, acknowledge, own up

(1) **confess** sin, (2) **confess** truth

He **confessed** to his crime and turned himself into the police.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

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.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden
Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

mandate

n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

synonym : command, instruction, authority

(1) **mandate** obligation, (2) an Imperial **mandate**
The **mandate** given to the new government is to improve the economy.

medical

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

synonym : health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment
The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws
The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable

energy sources.

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.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

confirmation

n. a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite

synonym : validation, verification, affirmation

(1) **confirmation** of purchase, (2) **confirmation** bias

The **confirmation** of his appointment as CEO was met with mixed reactions.

surgery

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

synonym : operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**

He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

phase

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

synonym : degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

procedure

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

synonym: action, approach, course

(1) undergo a surgical **procedure**, (2) standard **procedure**

The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out **procedure**.

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.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

committee

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

synonym: panel, board, council

(1) **committee** meeting, (2) **committee** member

The ad hoc **committee** met to discuss the proposal.

hypothesize

v. to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate

synonym: speculate, theorize, conjecture

(1) **hypothesize** as to outcomes, (2) **hypothesize** what could have happened

Scientists **hypothesize** that the new fish species evolved to survive in deep-sea environments.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym : trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

endorse

v. to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something

synonym : approve, support, advocate

(1) **endorse** candidate, (2) **endorse** a check

The celebrity **endorsed** the new product on social media.

feminine

adj. relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women

synonym : womanly, womanlike, femalelike

(1) add a **feminine** touch, (2) the sacred **feminine**

The dress mixes sophisticated lines with an appealing floral design for a classically **feminine** style.

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.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym : artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

transgression

n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle

synonym : misdeed, crime, wrongdoing

(1) inexcusable **transgression**, (2) commit a **transgression**

Reporters questioned the politician about his past **transgression**.

boundary

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

synonym : border, frontier, limitation

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

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

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym : chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

exclude

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

synonym : expel, ban, bar

(1) **exclude** a newcomer, (2) **exclude** all other possibilities

The cost for the trip **excludes** food and beverages.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym : terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

patriarchy

n. a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property

synonym : male-dominated society, male domination

(1) **patriarchy** system, (2) ancient **patriarchy**

The feminist movement aims to challenge and dismantle **patriarchy** society and promote gender equality.

hormone

n. a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

(1) **hormone** secretion, (2) female **hormone**

The doctor diagnosed me with a **hormone** disorder.

doe

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

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

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

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

survivor

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

synonym : subsister

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

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

edition

n. a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;

synonym: version, release, volume

(1) a paper **edition**, (2) **edition** deluxe

They issued a limited **edition** of the artist's recordings.

inquiry

n. the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

synonym: question, research, exploration

(1) **inquiry** about the product, (2) launch an **inquiry**

Our tech support responds to the first **inquiry** exceptionally promptly.

analyze

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

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

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

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

prevailing

adj. most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend

synonym: dominant, prevalent, current

(1) **prevailing** wind, (2) **prevailing** trend

The **prevailing** opinion was that the project would be a success.

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym: buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

has-been

n. a person or thing that is no longer popular, successful, or effective; someone who was once well-known or successful but is no longer so

synonym : former celebrity, washed-up, ex-star

(1) political **has-been**, (2) **has-been** athlete

The **has-been** actor was desperate to revive his career and took any role he could get.

muss

v. to make something messy, disheveled, or untidy; to wrinkle or ruffle something, such as hair or clothing

synonym : dishevel, tangle, mess up

(1) **muss** up my makeup, (2) **muss** up clothes

She didn't want to **muss** her hair before the party, so she wore a hat.

relate

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

synonym : connect, link, associate

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

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

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.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat
The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

feminism

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

synonym: women's rights, gender equality

(1) radical **feminism**, (2) liberal **feminism**

She is a strong advocate for **feminism** and works tirelessly for women's rights.

mainstream

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

synonym: prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs
His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

literati

n. people with a scholarly or academic background or interest; the literary or intellectual elite

synonym: intellectuals, elite, cultured

(1) **literati** circles, (2) elite **literati**

The city **literati** gathered at the book fair to discuss the latest literary works.

whoop

v. to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise

synonym: yell, shout, cheer

(1) **whoop** with joy, (2) **whoop** it up at a party

The winning team began to **whoop** and holler with excitement.

rejection

n. the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response

that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign

synonym : refusal, denial, repudiation

(1) transplant **rejection**, (2) **rejection** by community

His proposals were met with **rejection**.

fatalism

n. the belief that all events, including human actions, are predetermined and inevitable; the acceptance of fate or destiny without resistance

synonym : determinism, inevitability

(1) **fatalism** philosophy, (2) cultural **fatalism**

Society's deep-rooted **fatalism** made it difficult for progress to be made.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym : alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

godsend

n. something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial

synonym : blessing, gift, windfall

(1) **godsend** opportunity, (2) a **godsend** for farmers

The extra funding for the project was a **godsend** and allowed us to complete it on time.

chic

n. a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated elegance or gracefulness, particularly in dress or behavior;
(adjective) sophisticated, elegant, and fashionable

synonym : style, fashion, trend

(1) **chic** boutique, (2) casual **chic**

She's always dressed in the latest **chic**, making her the envy of her friends.

effortless

adj. requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish

synonym: easy, simple, uncomplicated

(1) **effortless** victory, (2) **effortless** beauty

The dancer made her performance look **effortless** and graceful.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

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

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

unlit

adj. not having been lit or ignited; without any source of light

synonym: dark, dim, unilluminated

(1) **unlit** candle, (2) **unlit** cigarette

The **unlit** alleyway made her feel nervous walking alone.

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

synonym: curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

inscribe

v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

synonym: engrave, carve, etch

(1) **inscribe** a message, (2) **inscribe** in her mind clearly

The artist **inscribed** a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym: below, under, beneath

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

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

transit

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

synonym: transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**
The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

shave

v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

synonym: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

needle

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

synonym: thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

laser

n. a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

synonym: beam, bar, ray

(1) **laser** printer, (2) pulse **laser**

The company holds patents on core components of **laser** jet printers.

removal

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

synonym: extraction, elimination, eradication

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

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

appointment

n. a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility

synonym : assignment, selection, commission

(1) **appointment** calendar, (2) take up an **appointment**

We had to reschedule the dentist's **appointment**.

chug

v. to make a dull, steady, and repetitive sound, as if from an engine or machine; to drink, especially alcohol, quickly and in large quantities; (noun) the sound made by a vehicle, particularly a train or a boat, as it moves steadily and slowly

synonym : chuff, puff, toot

(1) **chug** on a cigarette, (2) **chug** beer

The old locomotive **chugged** slowly along the tracks, pulling a long line of freight cars.

flask

n. a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids

synonym : bottle, container, vial

(1) lab **flask**, (2) vacuum **flask**

The chemist poured the solution from the beaker into the **flask**.

vodka

n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring

synonym : spirit, liquor, distilled beverage

(1) **vodka** shot, (2) flavored **vodka**

I ordered a **vodka** tonic at the bar.

session

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a

particular activity

synonym : conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

laxative

adj. relating to or causing the relief of constipation or bowel movements; describing a substance that promotes the cleansing of the bowels

synonym : purgative, evacuant, cathartic

(1) **laxative** effect, (2) liquid **laxative**

The **laxative** medication caused discomfort but ultimately helped relieve my constipation.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

breast

n. either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth

synonym : bosom, chest, bust

(1) **breast** cancer, (2) the mountain's **breast**

He grilled the **breast** meat of a chicken.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym: decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

waist

n. the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals

synonym: midriff, torso, abdomen

(1) **waist** measurement, (2) a slim **waist**

She cinched her dress at the **waist** to accentuate her hourglass figure.

vagina

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

synonym: genitalia, vulva, pudenda

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

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

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym: assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

vast

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

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

strangle

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

synonym : choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

synonym : entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

slaughter

n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals

synonym : thrashing, massacre, carnage

(1) **slaughter** of animals, (2) senseless **slaughter**

The **slaughter** of endangered animals must be stopped.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

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.

dissatisfy

v. to fail to satisfy someone

synonym : disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

embodiment

n. someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea

synonym : image, avatar, incarnation

(1) **embodiment** of evil, (2) illustrative **embodiment**

The devil is the **embodiment** of wicked ideas.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

hoop

n. a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

synonym : ring, circle, band

(1) **hoop** earring, (2) basketball **hoop**

The circus clown jumped through a fiery **hoop** as the audience gasped in amazement.

cosmetic

adj. relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive

synonym: adorning, embellishing, ornamental

(1) minor **cosmetic** changes, (2) **cosmetic** fenders on cars
Cosmetic surgery is becoming more common in Asia due to lowering prices.

citizenship

n. the status of being a member of a particular country

synonym: nationality, belonging, residency

(1) dual **citizenship**, (2) **citizenship** rights

Her **citizenship** application was denied due to a technical error.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

synonym: wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

chill

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

synonym: coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**

His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. gl_____us movie stars | <i>adj.</i> highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people |
| 2. two-ph__e structure | <i>n.</i> any stage in a series of events, change, or development |
| 3. infection of the va___a | <i>n.</i> the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus |
| 4. playful ba___r | <i>n.</i> playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way |
| 5. a tr_____t visa | <i>n.</i> the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation |
| 6. co_____ee member | <i>n.</i> a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization |
| 7. wounded va___y | <i>n.</i> excessive pride in or admiration of one's appearance or achievements |
| 8. mu___r in the second degree | <i>n.</i> the crime of killing somebody intentionally |
| 9. pat_____hy system | <i>n.</i> a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property |

ANSWERS: 1. glamorous, 2. phase, 3. vagina, 4. banter, 5. transit, 6. committee, 7. vanity, 8. murder, 9. patriarchy

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| 10. gu_____ee a high quality | <i>v.</i> | to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met |
| 11. victim of sexual ab__e | <i>n.</i> | the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner |
| 12. ge___r-blind policies | <i>n.</i> | the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology |
| 13. de_____on authority | <i>n.</i> | the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options |
| 14. vacuum fl__k | <i>n.</i> | a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids |
| 15. double qu_____on marks | <i>n.</i> | a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker |
| 16. fa_____sm philosophy | <i>n.</i> | the belief that all events, including human actions, are predetermined and inevitable; the acceptance of fate or destiny without resistance |
| 17. master th___s | <i>n.</i> | a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject |

ANSWERS: 10. guarantee, 11. abuse, 12. gender, 13. decision, 14. flask, 15. quotation, 16. fatalism, 17. thesis

18. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
19. classical lib_____sm *n.* a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
20. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
21. c__g on a cigarette *v.* to make a dull, steady, and repetitive sound, as if from an engine or machine; to drink, especially alcohol, quickly and in large quantities; (noun) the sound made by a vehicle, particularly a train or a boat, as it moves steadily and slowly
22. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
23. cl_____ge area *n.* a division or gap between two parts, particularly a split in rocks or the separation of the breasts in clothing; the sexual attraction of a person's breasts
24. attempted mu____r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
25. cardiac su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
26. la__r printer *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

ANSWERS: 18. radical, 19. liberalism, 20. eventually, 21. chug, 22. mere, 23. cleavage, 24. murder, 25. surgery, 26. laser

27. additional sc____ny *n.* careful and detailed examination
28. cl____ge shirt *n.* a division or gap between two parts, particularly a split in rocks or the separation of the breasts in clothing; the sexual attraction of a person's breasts
29. con_____ion bias *n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
30. co____ic fenders on cars *adj.* relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive
31. surface po____h *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
32. cultural fa____sm *n.* the belief that all events, including human actions, are predetermined and inevitable; the acceptance of fate or destiny without resistance
33. take up an app_____nt *n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
34. c__c boutique *n.* a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated elegance or gracefulness, particularly in dress or behavior; (adjective) sophisticated, elegant, and fashionable

ANSWERS: 27. scrutiny, 28. cleavage, 29. confirmation, 30. cosmetic, 31. polish, 32. fatalism, 33. appointment, 34. chic

35. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
36. illustrative emb_____nt *n.* someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea
37. public sc_____ny *n.* careful and detailed examination
38. ma_____e obligation *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
39. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
40. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
41. political ha_____en *n.* a person or thing that is no longer popular, successful, or effective; someone who was once well-known or successful but is no longer so
42. the mountain's br____t *n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
43. the court se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
44. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 35. blame, 36. embodiment, 37. scrutiny, 38. mandate, 39. moral, 40. judge, 41. has-been, 42. breast, 43. session, 44. starve

45. su___y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
46. a go_____d for farmers *n.* something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial
47. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
48. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
49. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
50. en_____e a check *v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
51. re_____l truck *n.* the act of taking something away or off from a particular place
52. 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
53. n__l clipper *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
54. economic lib_____sm *n.* a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
55. ne___e prick *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

ANSWERS: 45. subway, 46. godsend, 47. mere, 48. moral, 49. vast, 50. endorse, 51. removal, 52. movement, 53. nail, 54. liberalism, 55. needle

56. liberal fe_____sm
- n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
57. get r_d of the rats
- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
58. pronounce m__e
- n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
59. fe_____st perspective
- adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
60. m__s up clothes
- v.* to make something messy, disheveled, or untidy; to wrinkle or ruffle something, such as hair or clothing
61. di_____le a system
- v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

ANSWERS: 56. feminism, 57. rid, 58. meme, 59. feminist, 60. muss, 61. dismantle

62. p__e a significant threat to my company
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
63. transplant re_____on
n. the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign
64. pulse la__r
n. a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
65. b__p against a wall
v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
66. rapid transit su___y
n. an underground railway system, typically in a city
67. sta_____cs for cancer
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
68. sc__y story
adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
69. the professor of su___y
n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

ANSWERS: 62. pose, 63. rejection, 64. laser, 65. bump, 66. subway, 67. statistics, 68. scary, 69. surgery

70. dental tartar re____l *n.* the act of taking something away or off from a particular place
71. do____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
72. in____be in her mind clearly *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
73. ch__m against bad luck *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
74. wh__p with joy *v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
75. enter on the last ph__e *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
76. take the ma____p off her face *n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
77. er__e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
78. senseless sl____er *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
79. ho____e secretion *n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

ANSWERS: 70. removal, 71. dominant, 72. inscribe, 73. charm, 74. whoop, 75. phase, 76. makeup, 77. erase, 78. slaughter, 79. hormone

80. en_____e candidate *v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
81. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
82. go_____d opportunity *n.* something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial
83. masculine ch__m *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
84. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
85. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
86. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
87. ex_____e all other possibilities *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
88. dis_____fy people with service *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
89. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
90. li_____ti circles *n.* people with a scholarly or academic background or interest; the literary or intellectual elite
91. elite li_____ti *n.* people with a scholarly or academic background or interest; the literary or intellectual elite

ANSWERS: 80. endorse, 81. medical, 82. godsend, 83. charm, 84. radical, 85. prefer, 86. underneath, 87. exclude, 88. dissatisfy, 89. circumstance, 90. literati, 91. literati

92. basketball h__p *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
93. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
94. co_____s truth *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
95. consumer ad_____cy group *n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
96. su___y perfume *adj.* hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure
97. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
98. join the mai_____am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
99. emb_____nt of evil *n.* someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea
100. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 92. hoop, 93. gender, 94. confess, 95. advocacy, 96. sultry, 97. survival, 98. mainstream, 99. embodiment, 100. discovery

101. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
102. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
103. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
104. ed_____n deluxe *n.* a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;
105. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
106. ovarian cancer su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
107. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
108. casual c__c *n.* a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated elegance or gracefulness, particularly in dress or behavior; (adjective)
sophisticated, elegant, and fashionable
109. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
110. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
111. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 101. statistics, 102. prefer, 103. survival, 104. edition, 105. blame, 106. survivor, 107. victim, 108. chic, 109. desert, 110. slam, 111. decide

112. in_____be a message *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
113. an Imperial ma_____e *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
114. leather co____t *n.* a tightly fitting undergarment worn to shape the torso, particularly to create an hourglass figure by compressing the waist and supporting the bust
115. ma_____a smudge *n.* a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes
116. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
117. hum_____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
118. mass tr_____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
119. un__t candle *adj.* not having been lit or ignited; without any source of light
120. ma____e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
121. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
122. h__p earring *n.* a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration

ANSWERS: 112. inscribe, 113. mandate, 114. corset, 115. mascara, 116. preference, 117. human-made, 118. transit, 119. unlit, 120. marine, 121. damn, 122. hoop

123. co_____s sin *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
124. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
125. a single su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
126. ha_____en athlete *n.* a person or thing that is no longer popular, successful, or effective; someone who was once well-known or successful but is no longer so
127. eff_____ss beauty *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
128. st_____le a cry *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
129. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
130. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
131. un__t cigarette *adj.* not having been lit or ignited; without any source of light
132. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 123. confess, 124. boundary, 125. survivor, 126. has-been, 127. effortless, 128. strangle, 129. identity, 130. institutionalize, 131. unlit, 132. decision

133. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
134. an____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
135. rusty n__l *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
136. ma____p artist *n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
137. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
138. re____t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
139. co____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
140. hyp____ze what could have happened *v.* to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate
141. sewing ne____e *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
142. as____n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

ANSWERS: 133. abuse, 134. analyze, 135. nail, 136. makeup, 137. rid, 138. reject, 139. conclude, 140. hypothesize, 141. needle, 142. assign

143. ex____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
144. co____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
145. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
146. re____e the plan *v.* to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it
147. pro____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
148. geographical bo____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
149. lab fl__k *n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids
150. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
151. re____on by community *n.* the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign

ANSWERS: 143. exchange, 144. conclude, 145. scary, 146. revise, 147. progression, 148. boundary, 149. flask, 150. doe, 151. rejection

152. la____ve effect *adj.* relating to or causing the relief of constipation or bowel movements; describing a substance that promotes the cleansing of the bowels
153. wa__t measurement *n.* the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals
154. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
155. ex_____e a newcomer *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
156. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
157. a slim wa__t *n.* the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals
158. waterproof ma_____a *n.* a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes
159. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
160. app_____nt calendar *n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility

ANSWERS: 152. laxative, 153. waist, 154. relate, 155. exclude, 156. spot, 157. waist, 158. mascara, 159. circumstance, 160. appointment

161. po____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
162. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
163. ad_____cy group *n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
164. flavored vo__a *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring
165. tra_____al surgery *adj.* of or relating to a person who identifies as the opposite sex to the one they were assigned at birth and may seek medical intervention, such as hormone therapy or surgery, to transition to their chosen gender identity physically
166. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
167. the morning se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
168. b__p up prices *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

ANSWERS: 161. portray, 162. guarantee, 163. advocacy, 164. vodka, 165. transsexual, 166. decide, 167. session, 168. bump

169. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
170. sl_____er of animals *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
171. ar___e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
172. feel a slight ch___l *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
173. fe_____st movement *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
174. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
175. a paper ed_____n *n.* a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;
176. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
177. oasis in the de___t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

ANSWERS: 169. empire, 170. slaughter, 171. argue, 172. chill, 173. feminist, 174. outcome, 175. edition, 176. glamorous, 177. desert

178. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
179. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
180. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
181. as___n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
182. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
183. pre_____ng wind *adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend
184. va___a cancer care *n.* the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus
185. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
186. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
187. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
188. fa_____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

ANSWERS: 178. conservative, 179. essentially, 180. doe, 181. assign, 182. medical, 183. prevailing, 184. vagina, 185. portray, 186. analyze, 187. underneath, 188. fantasy

189. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
190. vo__a shot *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring
191. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
192. mai_____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
193. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
194. in_____y about the product *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
195. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
196. the ch__l of autumn *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
197. hyp_____ze as to outcomes *v.* to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate

ANSWERS: 189. alternative, 190. vodka, 191. sham, 192. mainstream, 193. starve, 194. inquiry, 195. empire, 196. chill, 197. hypothesize

198. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
199. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
200. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
201. ancient pat_____hy *n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
202. liquid la_____ve *adj.* relating to or causing the relief of constipation or bowel movements; describing a substance that promotes the cleansing of the bowels
203. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
204. ba___r back and forth *n.* playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way
205. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 198. relate, 199. spot, 200. vast, 201. patriarchy, 202. laxative, 203. dismantle, 204. banter, 205. rev

206. sh__e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
207. launch an in____y *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
208. 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
209. there is no other alt____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
210. inexcusable tra____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
211. dis____fy the users with bugs *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
212. undergo a surgical pr____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
213. a cl__h of viewpoints *n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something
214. ex____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 206. shave, 207. inquiry, 208. movement, 209. alternative, 210. transgression, 211. dissatisfy, 212. procedure, 213. clash, 214. exchange

215. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
216. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
217. a drift of a th____s *n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
218. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
219. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
220. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
221. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
222. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
223. br____t cancer *n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
224. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
225. look up____d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

ANSWERS: 215. discovery, 216. human-made, 217. thesis, 218. sham, 219. essentially, 220. eventually, 221. shave, 222. transition, 223. breast, 224. institutionalize, 225. upward

226. eff_____ss victory *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
227. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
228. female ho_____e *n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood
229. po____h finishing *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
230. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
231. the sacred fe_____ne *adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
232. radical fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
233. re____t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
234. a cl__h between the two task forces *n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something
235. pre_____ng trend *adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend

ANSWERS: 226. effortless, 227. quotation, 228. hormone, 229. polish, 230. progression, 231. feminine, 232. feminism, 233. reject, 234. clash, 235. prevailing

236. c__g beer
- v. to make a dull, steady, and repetitive sound, as if from an engine or machine; to drink, especially alcohol, quickly and in large quantities; (noun) the sound made by a vehicle, particularly a train or a boat, as it moves steadily and slowly
237. standard pr_____re
- n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
238. low-r_v engine
- n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
239. religious m__e
- n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
240. ar__e a case
- v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
241. wh__p it up at a party
- v. to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
242. commit a tra_____ion
- n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle

ANSWERS: 236. chug, 237. procedure, 238. rev, 239. meme, 240. argue, 241. whoop, 242. transgression

243. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
244. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
245. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
246. minor co_____ic changes *adj.* relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive
247. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
248. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
249. dual cit_____ip *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
250. demonstrate an up____d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
251. orthopedic co____t *n.* a tightly fitting undergarment worn to shape the torso, particularly to create an hourglass figure by compressing the waist and supporting the bust

ANSWERS: 243. aesthetic, 244. stereotype, 245. identity, 246. cosmetic, 247. transition, 248. judge, 249. citizenship, 250. upward, 251. corset

252. s__m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
253. con_____ion of purchase *n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
254. m__s up my makeup *v.* to make something messy, disheveled, or untidy; to wrinkle or ruffle something, such as hair or clothing
255. out of va___y *n.* excessive pride in or admiration of one's appearance or achievements
256. tra_____al person *adj.* of or relating to a person who identifies as the opposite sex to the one they were assigned at birth and may seek medical intervention, such as hormone therapy or surgery, to transition to their chosen gender identity physically
257. co_____ee meeting *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
258. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
259. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
260. cit_____ip rights *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
261. lif_____ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

ANSWERS: 252. slam, 253. confirmation, 254. muss, 255. vanity, 256. transsexual, 257. committee, 258. aesthetic, 259. fantasy, 260. citizenship, 261. lifesaving

262. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
263. st_____le economic growth *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
264. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
265. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
266. add a fe_____ne touch *adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
267. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
268. re___e his belief *v.* to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it
269. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
270. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

ANSWERS: 262. shrink, 263. strangle, 264. outcome, 265. erase, 266. feminine, 267. victim, 268. revise, 269. stereotype, 270. damn

271. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
272. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
273. lif_____ng device *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
274. p___e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
275. his meal pre_____ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
276. variety of ma___e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
277. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
278. su___y weather *adj.* hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure

ANSWERS: 271. shrink, 272. conservative, 273. lifesaving, 274. pose, 275. preference, 276. marine, 277. dominant, 278. sultry

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
2. The company's results _____ everyone.
v. to fail to satisfy someone
3. The devil is the _____ of wicked ideas.
n. someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea
4. The dress mixes sophisticated lines with an appealing floral design for a classically _____ style.
adj. relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
5. The winning team began to _____ and holler with excitement.
v. to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
6. The bridge is a _____ structure and was built to span the river.
adj. created or produced by humans; artificial
7. Her _____ application was denied due to a technical error.
n. the status of being a member of a particular country
8. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

ANSWERS: 1. circumstances, 2. dissatisfy, 3. embodiment, 4. feminine, 5. whoop, 6. human-made, 7. citizenship, 8. empire

9. All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous _____.
- n.* careful and detailed examination
10. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.
- n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
11. The old locomotive _____ slowly along the tracks, pulling a long line of freight cars.
- v.* to make a dull, steady, and repetitive sound, as if from an engine or machine; to drink, especially alcohol, quickly and in large quantities; (noun) the sound made by a vehicle, particularly a train or a boat, as it moves steadily and slowly
12. The patient needs a _____ transplant operation.
- n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
13. Society's deep-rooted _____ made it difficult for progress to be made.
- n.* the belief that all events, including human actions, are predetermined and inevitable; the acceptance of fate or destiny without resistance
14. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
- v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
15. The prediction method has been _____ drastically.
- v.* to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it
16. The artist _____ a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.
- v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

ANSWERS: 9. scrutiny, 10. quotation, 11. chugged, 12. lifesaving, 13. fatalism, 14. relate, 15. revised, 16. inscribed

17. She underwent a _____ transformation to live as her true gender identity.
adj. of or relating to a person who identifies as the opposite sex to the one they were assigned at birth and may seek medical intervention, such as hormone therapy or surgery, to transition to their chosen gender identity physically
18. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
19. She cinched her dress at the _____ to accentuate her hourglass figure.
n. the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals
20. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
21. The _____ between the two colleagues lightened the mood in the office.
n. playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way
22. Scientists _____ that the new fish species evolved to survive in deep-sea environments.
v. to form or present a theory or explanation without sufficient evidence; to speculate
23. He grilled the _____ meat of a chicken.
n. either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth

ANSWERS: 17. transsexual, 18. discovery, 19. waist, 20. prefer, 21. banter, 22. hypothesize, 23. breast

24. The _____ of endangered animals must be stopped.
- n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
25. The ad hoc _____ met to discuss the proposal.
- n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
26. 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
27. The group engages in _____ through lobbying and campaigning for policy changes.
- n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
28. He _____ to his crime and turned himself into the police.
- v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
29. The _____ of the statue caused much controversy in the community.
- n.* the act of taking something away or off from a particular place
30. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
31. She wore a _____ under her dress to give her waist a more defined shape.
- n.* a tightly fitting undergarment worn to shape the torso, particularly to create an hourglass figure by compressing the waist and supporting the bust

ANSWERS: 24. slaughter, 25. committee, 26. dismantled, 27. advocacy, 28. confessed, 29. removal, 30. decision, 31. corset

32. This shirt will _____ in the wash.

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

33. The _____ summer heat made it difficult to sleep at night.

adj. hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure

34. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

35. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

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

36. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

37. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

38. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

39. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 32. shrink, 33. sultry, 34. transition, 35. rejected, 36. preference, 37. institutionalize, 38. meme, 39. survival

40. They issued a limited _____ of the artist's recordings.
n. a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;
41. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
42. The _____ given to the new government is to improve the economy.
n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
43. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
44. Her dress was a disturbing _____ of colors.
n. a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something
45. The cost for the trip _____ food and beverages.
v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
46. She applied the _____ to her lashes for a dramatic look.
n. a cosmetic product used to darken, thicken, and define eyelashes
47. 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

ANSWERS: 40. edition, 41. guarantee, 42. mandate, 43. radical, 44. clash, 45. excludes, 46. mascara, 47. movement

48. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial _____ of history.
n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development
49. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
50. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.
n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
51. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.
v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
52. The circus clown jumped through a fiery _____ as the audience gasped in amazement.
n. a circular band or ring, often made of metal or wood, used as a toy, a part of the equipment, or a decoration
53. The city _____ gathered at the book fair to discuss the latest literary works.
n. people with a scholarly or academic background or interest; the literary or intellectual elite
54. The dancer made her performance look _____ and graceful.
adj. requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
55. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 48. phase, 49. eventually, 50. transit, 51. portray, 52. hoop, 53. literati, 54. effortless, 55. statistics

56. The _____ opinion was that the project would be a success.

adj. most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend

57. The _____ medication caused discomfort but ultimately helped relieve my constipation.

adj. relating to or causing the relief of constipation or bowel movements; describing a substance that promotes the cleansing of the bowels

58. The acupuncturist inserted _____ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

59. The data he prepared was completely _____.

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

60. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

61. The south coast is less _____ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

62. Our tech support responds to the first _____ exceptionally promptly.

n. the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

63. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

ANSWERS: 56. prevailing, 57. laxative, 58. needles, 59. sham, 60. murder, 61. glamorous, 62. inquiry, 63. assign

64. His proposals were met with _____.
- n.* the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign
65. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.
- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
66. He used a hammer and round _____ to fix the loose board on the fence.
- n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
67. His _____ prevented him from seeing his flaws.
- n.* excessive pride in or admiration of one's appearance or achievements
68. The extra funding for the project was a _____ and allowed us to complete it on time.
- n.* something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial
69. The _____ actor was desperate to revive his career and took any role he could get.
- n.* a person or thing that is no longer popular, successful, or effective; someone who was once well-known or successful but is no longer so
70. This region is predominantly _____.
- n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

ANSWERS: 64. rejection, 65. starve, 66. nail, 67. vanity, 68. godsend, 69. has-been, 70. desert

71. His swear words cast a _____ on the party.

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

72. She didn't want to _____ her hair before the party, so she wore a hat.

v. to make something messy, disheveled, or untidy; to wrinkle or ruffle something, such as hair or clothing

73. I used a special _____ to make my car's paint shine.

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

74. I ordered a _____ tonic at the bar.

n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring

75. _____ surgery is becoming more common in Asia due to lowering prices.

adj. relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive

76. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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

77. The _____ ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

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

ANSWERS: 71. chill, 72. muss, 73. polish, 74. vodka, 75. Cosmetic, 76. argue, 77. feminist

78. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.

- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

79. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

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

80. She's always dressed in the latest _____ making her the envy of her friends.

- n.* a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated elegance or gracefulness, particularly in dress or behavior; (adjective) sophisticated, elegant, and fashionable

81. We _____ a cease-fire.

- v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

82. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

83. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

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

84. The company holds patents on core components of _____ jet printers.

- n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

85. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

- adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

ANSWERS: 78. exchange, 79. analyze, 80. chic, 81. concluded, 82. gender, 83. doe, 84. laser, 85. aesthetic

86. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

87. He lost the election by _____ votes.

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

88. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

89. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.

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

90. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

91. His political views are rooted in neo-_____.

n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality

92. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

93. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

94. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

ANSWERS: 86. underneath, 87. mere, 88. vast, 89. mainstream, 90. slammed, 91. liberalism, 92. pose, 93. marine, 94. blamed

95. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

96. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

- adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

97. The doctor diagnosed me with a _____ disorder.

- n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

98. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

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

99. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.

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

100. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.

- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

101. Parliament is now in _____.

- n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

102. Her company soon won a _____ market share.

- adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

ANSWERS: 95. rev, 96. moral, 97. hormone, 98. medical, 99. boundary, 100. rid, 101. session, 102. dominant

103. The _____ of his appointment as CEO was met with mixed reactions.
n. a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
104. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.
n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
105. The celebrity _____ the new product on social media.
v. to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
106. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
107. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
108. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
109. The muscle around the _____ is elastic enough to allow the passage of a fetus.
n. the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus
110. She is a strong advocate for _____ and works tirelessly for women's rights.
n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

ANSWERS: 103. confirmation, 104. survivor, 105. endorsed, 106. outcome, 107. victim, 108. Essentially, 109. vagina, 110. feminism

111. The surgical procedure involved making an incision along the natural _____ lines of the skin.
- n.* a division or gap between two parts, particularly a split in rocks or the separation of the breasts in clothing; the sexual attraction of a person's breasts
112. The company adjusted the revenue _____.
- adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
113. The killer used his hands to _____ his victim.
- v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
114. Her beauty resulted from a good night's sleep rather than _____.
- n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
115. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.
- v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
116. We had to reschedule the dentist's _____.
- n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
117. His _____ on the effects of climate change won several awards.
- n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
118. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 111. cleavage, 112. upward, 113. strangle, 114. makeup, 115. erase, 116. appointment, 117. thesis, 118. stereotypes

119. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
- v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
120. She accidentally _____ into him in the crowded room.
- v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
121. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
- n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
122. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
123. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.
- v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
124. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
125. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
- n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
126. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 119. damn, 120. bumped, 121. progression, 122. identity, 123. shave, 124. alternative, 125. abuse, 126. spot

127. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out _____.
- n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
128. Reporters questioned the politician about his past _____.
- n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
129. The feminist movement aims to challenge and dismantle _____ society and promote gender equality.
- n.* a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of a property
130. These are significantly more exquisite than typical _____ bracelets.
- n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
131. He took the _____ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.
- n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
132. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
133. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.
- adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
134. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.
- adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
135. The chemist poured the solution from the beaker into the _____.
- n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids

ANSWERS: 127. procedure, 128. transgression, 129. patriarchy, 130. charm, 131. subway, 132. decide, 133. conservative, 134. scary, 135. flask

136. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

137. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

138. The _____ alleyway made her feel nervous walking alone.

adj. not having been lit or ignited; without any source of light

139. He had undergone heart _____ years before.

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

ANSWERS: 136. judge, 137. fantasy, 138. unlit, 139. surgery