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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### dappled

*adj.* marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades; having a mottled or speckled appearance; characterized by a play of light and shadow

*synonym* : spotted, mottled, speckled

(1) **dappled** light, (2) olive- **dappled** landscape

The **dappled** sunlight filtered through the leaves of the trees.

### birthmark

*n.* a mark or discolored spot on the skin that is present at birth or appears soon after, usually caused by a concentration of pigment or blood vessels

*synonym* : nevus

(1) congenital **birthmark**, (2) permanent **birthmark**

The **birthmark** on her forehead was shaped like a star and made her stand out from the crowd.

### folk

*n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

*synonym* : community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

### predict

*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

*synonym* : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive  
It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

## princess

*n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

*synonym* : royal, noble, queen

(1) crown **princess**, (2) a Royal **Princess**

The prince fell in love with the **princess** and asked her to marry him.

## rumor

*n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

*synonym* : gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

## wicked

*adj.* morally bad or evil

*synonym* : evil, sinful, nefarious

(1) **wicked** thoughts, (2) **wicked** grin

The **wicked** witch cast a spell on the kingdom.

## hurtle

*v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

*synonym* : throw, hurl, fling

(1) **hurtle** into a tunnel, (2) **hurtle** through life

The car **hurtled** down the highway at breakneck speed.

## infant

*n.* a baby or very young child

*synonym* : baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

## realm

*n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

*synonym* : domain, empire, kingdom

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

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

## 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.

## strap

*n.* a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport

*synonym* : band, belt, sling

(1) leather **strap**, (2) camera **strap**

The athlete tightened the **strap** on his running shoes before the race.

## uncanny

*adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling

*synonym* : arcane, astonishing, eerie

(1) in an **uncanny** manner, (2) **uncanny** resemblance

She has an **uncanny** sense of who is telling a lie.

## confirm

*v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

*synonym* : affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

## origin

*n.* the first existence or beginning of something

*synonym* : root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

**sly** *adj.* having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals

*synonym* : crafty, sneaky, devious

(1) **sly** tactics, (2) **sly** fox

He had a **sly** smile on his face as he told his joke.

**entrust** *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment

*synonym* : trust, delegate, hand over

(1) **entrust** with responsibility, (2) **entrust** money to him

I **entrusted** my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.

**eager** *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

*synonym* : keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

**roam** *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

*synonym* : wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

**bandit** *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

*synonym* : robber, thief, outlaw

(1) wilderness **bandit**, (2) notorious **bandit**

A group of armed **bandits** attacked the villagers during the night.

**stumble** *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

*synonym* : bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

## brutal

*adj.* harsh or cruel

*synonym* : harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

## pity

*n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain

*synonym* : sympathy, compassion, mercy

(1) allow self- **pity**, (2) **pity** speech

It is a **pity** that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.

## 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.

## scribble

*v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

*synonym* : scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

## palace

*n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

*synonym* : mansion, manor, castle

(1) a **palace** garden, (2) ancestral **palace**

The imperial **palace** is currently undergoing reforms.

## destine

*v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

*synonym* : ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

## approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

*synonym* : accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

## whirlwind

n. a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage

*synonym* : tornado, waterspout, dust devil

(1) economic **whirlwind**, (2) **whirlwind** of events

We went on a **whirlwind** visit to the sightseeing spot.

## furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

*synonym* : angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

## execute

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

*synonym* : direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play

The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

## beloved

adj. loved very much

*synonym* : adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people

I am here to save my **beloved**.

## devise

*v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

*synonym* : create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

## diabolical

*adj.* characterized by extreme wickedness, cruelty, or evil; devilish or inhuman in nature or character

*synonym* : wicked, evil, sinister

(1) **diabolical** revenge, (2) **diabolical** media mogul

The **diabolical** plan was to steal the diamond using sophisticated traps and deception.

## hell

*n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

*synonym* : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

## pluck

*v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

*synonym* : grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

## devil

*n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

*synonym* : demon, fiend, satan

(1) **devil's** advocate, (2) **devil** horns

There are various ways to ward off the **devil**, including prayer and holy water.

- bride** *n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married  
*synonym*: groom, fiancée, wife-to-be  
(1) **bride** of noble birth, (2) June **bride**  
The young **bride** looked stunning in her wedding gown.
- erie** *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural  
*synonym*: bizarre, creepy, dreadful  
(1) **erie** silence, (2) the **erie** whistle of dropping bombs  
The street was entirely silent and a bit **erie**.
- villager** *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community  
*synonym*: resident, inhabitant, countryperson  
(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**  
The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.
- refuse** *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something  
*synonym*: turn down, deny, decline  
(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company  
My initial reaction was to **refuse**.
- contemplate** *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully  
*synonym*: think over, ponder, consider  
(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school  
I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
- gnarled** *adj.* twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface  
*synonym*: knotty, twisted, contorted  
(1) **gnarled** fingers, (2) **gnarled** branches



The **gnarled** tree roots made the path difficult to walk on.

## dock

*n.* a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained

*synonym* : harbor, pier, quay

(1) fishing **dock**, (2) loading **dock**

The ship pulled to the **dock**, and we disembarked to start our adventure.

## elderly

*adj.* (a polite word for) old

*synonym* : aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

## ferry

*n.* a boat or ship used to transport people, vehicles, or goods across a body of water, especially on a regular schedule

*synonym* : ferryboat, water taxi, barge

(1) **ferry** service, (2) **ferry** terminal

The **ferry** across the river offers a convenient transportation option for commuters.

## await

*v.* to wait or stay ready for something; to expect or anticipate something

*synonym* : expect, wait for, anticipate

(1) **await** your reply, (2) **await** a decision

We **await** the results of the election with bated breath.

## paddle

*n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

*synonym* : oar, oarlock, scull

(1) **paddle** strokes, (2) canoe **paddle**

The **paddle** boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.

## rasp

*n.* a coarse file or tool used for shaping or smoothing rough surfaces; a harsh, grating sound made by rubbing or scraping or as the result of wheezing or breathing difficulties

*synonym* : grater, file, scraper

(1) **rasp** of laughter, (2) the **rasp** of the wind

The **rasp** of the saw filled the workshop.

## interminable

*adj.* endless or seemingly endless; boring or tedious to the point of being intolerable; never-ending or without pause or interruption

*synonym* : never-ending, ceaseless, unending

(1) **interminable** wait, (2) an **interminable** meeting

The **interminable** traffic jam made me late for my appointment.

## hut

*n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

*synonym* : shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

## sink

*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

*synonym* : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

## swampy

*adj.* characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation

*synonym* : marshy, boggy, mucky

(1) **swampy** grounds, (2) **swampy** terrain

The hiking trail was closed due to the **swampy** conditions caused by heavy rain.

## reluctantly

*adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation

*synonym* : unwillingly, hesitantly, grudgingly

(1) **reluctantly** approve the idea, (2) **reluctantly** leave  
He **reluctantly** agreed to go to the party.

## rot

*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

*synonym* : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

## footstep

*n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

*synonym* : footfall, step

(1) **footsteps** in the corridor, (2) approaching **footsteps**

The sound of oncoming **footsteps** grew louder, closer.

## warn

*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

*synonym* : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

## 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.

## lift

*v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

*synonym* : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

## sleeve

*n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm  
*synonym*: arm covering, armband

(1) a wide **sleeve**, (2) **sleeve** length

He rolled up his **sleeves** to get ready to work.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym*: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## lavish

*adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive

*synonym*: grate, grand, splendid

(1) **lavish** lifestyle, (2) enjoy a **lavish** trip abroad

He has earned **lavish** praise for his achievement.

## asleep

*adj.* in a state of sleep

*synonym*: sleeping, fallen, at rest

(1) **asleep** at the wheel, (2) dead **asleep**

He lay down and fell **asleep** immediately.

## deft

*adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness

*synonym*: skillful, dexterous, adept

(1) **deft** handling of the problem, (2) **deft** touch

The **deft** musician played the complex piece flawlessly.

## gleam

*v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

*synonym*: glitter, shimmer, shine

(1) **gleam** in eyes, (2) **gleam** like honey

The diamond ring **gleamed** in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.

## complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

*synonym* : gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently  
Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

## depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

*synonym* : go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith  
We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

## oar

n. a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water

*synonym* : paddle, row, scull

(1) sculling **oar**, (2) wooden **oar**

The rowing team coordinated their **oars** to move through the water smoothly.

## declare

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

*synonym* : announce, state, affirm

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

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

## gnaw

v. to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually

*synonym* : chew, bite, annoy

(1) **gnaw** a hole in a wall, (2) **gnaw** at the national sentiment  
She couldn't stop **gnawing** on her nails.

## enormous

*adj.* extremely large or great

*synonym* : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

## toad

*n.* a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible

*synonym* : frog, amphibian, batrachian

(1) **toad** in the garden, (2) **toad** caught in the trap

The kids went on a scavenger hunt in the park and found a **toad** under a big leaf.

## reward

*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

*synonym* : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

## handsomely

*adv.* in a way that is generous, ample, or abundant; in an attractive, pleasing, or graceful manner; in a manner that provides a substantial or profitable reward or benefit

*synonym* : generously, lavishly, bountifully

(1) invest **handsomely**, (2) smile **handsomely**

The actor was paid **handsomely** for his role in the blockbuster movie.

## thrust

*v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing

*synonym* : push, shove, prod

(1) **thrust** a dagger home, (2) **thrust** a plate away

The engine **thrust** the rocket into space.

## greedy

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

*synonym* : avaricious, covetous, grasping

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

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

## in-law

*n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

*synonym* : relative by marriage, family connection, affinal

(1) future **in-law**, (2) meeting **in-laws**

My sister- **in-law** is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.

## wealth

*n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

*synonym* : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

## immediately

*adv.* now or without delay

*synonym* : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

## hasten

*v.* to move or act quickly; to cause or encourage something to happen sooner or more rapidly; to accelerate or speed up

*synonym* : accelerate, hurry, rush

(1) **hasten** the process, (2) **hasten** the arrival

I need to **hasten** my speed to finish the race on time.

## riverbank

*n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes

*synonym* : riverside, embankment

(1) **riverbank** erosion, (2) walk along the **riverbank**

We enjoyed a picnic on the **riverbank** and watched the boats go by.

## claim

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

*synonym* : assert, declare, maintain

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

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

## impatience

*n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

*synonym* : impatience, restlessness, agitation

(1) **impatience** with delays, (2) business **impatience**

The doctor advised him to manage his **impatience** as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

## grin

*v.* to smile broadly

*synonym* : smile, smirk, chuckle

(1) **grin** from ear to ear, (2) **grin** with pleasure

He couldn't help but **grin** as he remembered the good times.



## Session 2: Spelling

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| 2. g__n with pleasure                  | <i>v.</i> to smile broadly  |
| 3. w__n a reckless driver              | <i>v.</i> to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future  |
| 4. re___e the company                  | <i>v.</i> to show that one is not willing to do or accept something   |
| 5. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter  |
| 6. vi_____er community                 | <i>n.</i> a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community  |
| 7. hu___e through life                 | <i>v.</i> to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way  |
| 8. be_____d by many people             | <i>adj.</i> loved very much   |
| 9. the r__p of the wind                | <i>n.</i> a coarse file or tool used for shaping or smoothing rough surfaces; a harsh, grating sound made by rubbing or scraping or as the result of wheezing or breathing difficulties |
| 10. write him an answer imm_____ly     | <i>adv.</i> now or without delay  |
| 11. pr_____t when she will arrive      | <i>v.</i> to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience   |

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33. fishing d\_\_k      *n.* a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained

ANSWERS: 25. pluck, 26. claim, 27. paddle, 28. scribble, 29. oar, 30. roam, 31. complain, 32. destine, 33. dock

34. un\_\_\_\_y resemblance *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
35. s\_\_k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
36. walk along the ri\_\_\_\_\_nk *n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
37. congenital bi\_\_\_\_\_rk *n.* a mark or discolored spot on the skin that is present at birth or appears soon after, usually caused by a concentration of pigment or blood vessels
38. ap\_\_\_\_\_e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
39. sculling o\_r *n.* a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water
40. d\_\_t handling of the problem *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
41. sw\_\_\_\_y grounds *adj.* characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation
42. majority of his we\_\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
43. an int\_\_\_\_\_ble meeting *adj.* endless or seemingly endless; boring or tedious to the point of being intolerable; never-ending or without pause or interruption

ANSWERS: 34. uncanny, 35. sink, 36. riverbank, 37. birthmark, 38. approve, 39. oar, 40. deft, 41. swampy, 42. wealth, 43. interminable

44. th\_\_t a plate away      *v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
45. business imp\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
46. crown pr\_\_\_\_\_ss      *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
47. sh\_\_\_k the tumor      *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
48. st\_\_\_\_\_e through life      *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
49. r\_t with age      *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
50. sc\_\_\_\_\_le on paper      *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
51. re\_\_\_e a request      *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
52. en\_\_\_\_\_us potential      *adj.* extremely large or great
53. fu\_\_\_\_\_s anger      *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
54. unanimously ap\_\_\_\_\_e a resolution      *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
55. t\_\_d caught in the trap      *n.* a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible

ANSWERS: 44. thrust, 45. impatience, 46. princess, 47. shrink, 48. stumble, 49. rot, 50. scribble, 51. refuse, 52. enormous, 53. furious, 54. approve, 55. toad

56. the re\_\_\_d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
57. with ea\_\_r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
58. co\_\_\_\_\_m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
59. wh\_\_\_\_\_nd of events *n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage
60. ex\_\_\_\_\_e a double play *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
61. approaching fo\_\_\_\_\_eps *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
62. imm\_\_\_\_\_ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
63. economic wh\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage
64. con\_\_\_\_\_te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
65. ru\_\_r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
66. fe\_\_y terminal *n.* a boat or ship used to transport people, vehicles, or goods across a body of water, especially on a regular schedule
67. be de\_\_\_\_\_ed to become a great artist *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

ANSWERS: 56. reward, 57. eager, 58. confirm, 59. whirlwind, 60. execute, 61. footstep, 62. immediately, 63. whirlwind, 64. contemplate, 65. rumor, 66. ferry, 67. destine

68. de\_\_\_e a question      *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
69. d\_\_t touch      *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
70. fishing h\_t      *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
71. ha\_\_\_n the process      *v.* to move or act quickly; to cause or encourage something to happen sooner or more rapidly; to accelerate or speed up
72. smile han\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* in a way that is generous, ample, or abundant; in an attractive, pleasing, or graceful manner; in a manner that provides a substantial or profitable reward or benefit
73. ee\_\_e silence      *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
74. a fu\_\_\_\_s sea      *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
75. de\_\_\_e a literary plot      *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
76. p\_\_y speech      *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
77. f\_\_k art      *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 68. decide, 69. deft, 70. hut, 71. hasten, 72. handsomely, 73. eerie, 74. furious, 75. devise, 76. pity, 77. folk

78. s\_y tactics *adj.* having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals
79. rel\_\_\_\_\_ly leave *adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
80. fo\_\_\_\_\_eps in the corridor *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
81. 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
82. co\_\_\_\_\_m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
83. shopping re\_\_\_ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
84. leather st\_\_p *n.* a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport
85. r\_\_p of laughter *n.* a coarse file or tool used for shaping or smoothing rough surfaces; a harsh, grating sound made by rubbing or scraping or as the result of wheezing or breathing difficulties
86. br\_\_\_l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel

ANSWERS: 78. sly, 79. reluctantly, 80. footstep, 81. spot, 82. confirm, 83. reward, 84. strap, 85. rasp, 86. brutal



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| 87. the f__k songs of a particular district | <i>n.</i> people in general, especially those of a particular group or type                                     |
| 88. sl___e length                           | <i>n.</i> a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm   |
| 89. public re__m                            | <i>n.</i> a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge  |
| 90. in___t daughter                         | <i>n.</i> a baby or very young child  |
| 91. ea__r anticipation                      | <i>adj.</i> showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something                                  |
| 92. g__n from ear to ear                    | <i>v.</i> to smile broadly  |
| 93. ex_____e a bold strategy                | <i>v.</i> to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.      |
| 94. meeting in___ws                         | <i>n.</i> a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law                     |
| 95. in an un_____y manner                   | <i>adj.</i> strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling  |
| 96. the ee__e whistle of dropping bombs     | <i>adj.</i> strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural   |
| 97. pr_____t the future                     | <i>v.</i> to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience |
| 98. racial or___n                           | <i>n.</i> the first existence or beginning of something   |
| 99. a home for the el_____y                 | <i>adj.</i> (a polite word for) old   |

ANSWERS: 87. folk, 88. sleeve, 89. realm, 90. infant, 91. eager, 92. grin, 93. execute, 94. in-law, 95. uncanny, 96. eerie, 97. predict, 98. origin, 99. elderly

100. de\_\_l's advocate *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
101. s\_\_k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
102. w\_\_ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
103. notorious ba\_\_\_t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
104. wilderness ba\_\_\_t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
105. en\_\_\_\_t money to him *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
106. gl\_\_m like honey *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

ANSWERS: 100. devil, 101. sink, 102. warn, 103. bandit, 104. bandit, 105. entrust, 106. gleam

107. th\_\_t a dagger home      *v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
108. 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
109. in\_\_\_t food      *n.* a baby or very young child
110. a pa\_\_\_e garden      *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
111. int\_\_\_\_\_ble wait      *adj.* endless or seemingly endless; boring or tedious to the point of being intolerable; never-ending or without pause or interruption
112. de\_\_\_\_\_e independence      *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
113. ri\_\_\_\_\_nk erosion      *n.* the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
114. br\_\_\_l honesty      *adj.* harsh or cruel
115. ancestral pa\_\_\_e      *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
116. pl\_\_k a gray hair      *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
117. a false ru\_\_r      *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
118. dead as\_\_\_p      *adj.* in a state of sleep

ANSWERS: 107. thrust, 108. decide, 109. infant, 110. palace, 111. interminable, 112. declare, 113. riverbank, 114. brutal, 115. palace, 116. pluck, 117. rumor, 118. asleep

119. local vi\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
120. olive-da\_\_\_\_\_d landscape *adj.* marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades; having a mottled or speckled appearance; characterized by a play of light and shadow
121. sh\_\_\_k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
122. r\_\_\_m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
123. g\_\_w at the national sentiment *v.* to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually
124. be\_\_\_\_\_d author *adj.* loved very much
125. la\_\_\_h lifestyle *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
126. fe\_\_y service *n.* a boat or ship used to transport people, vehicles, or goods across a body of water, especially on a regular schedule
127. dia\_\_\_\_\_al media mogul *adj.* characterized by extreme wickedness, cruelty, or evil; devilish or inhuman in nature or character
128. hu\_\_\_e into a tunnel *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
129. s\_y fox *adj.* having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals

ANSWERS: 119. villager, 120. dappled, 121. shrink, 122. roam, 123. gnaw, 124. beloved, 125. lavish, 126. ferry, 127. diabolical, 128. hurtle, 129. sly

130. invest han\_\_\_\_\_ly  
*adv.* in a way that is generous, ample, or abundant; in an attractive, pleasing, or graceful manner; in a manner that provides a substantial or profitable reward or benefit
131. ha\_\_\_n the arrival  
*v.* to move or act quickly; to cause or encourage something to happen sooner or more rapidly; to accelerate or speed up
132. l\_\_t sagging skin  
*v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
133. false cl\_\_m  
*v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
134. de\_\_\_e a plan  
*v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
135. da\_\_\_\_d light  
*adj.* marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades; having a mottled or speckled appearance; characterized by a play of light and shadow
136. canoe pa\_\_\_e  
*n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

ANSWERS: 130. handsomely, 131. hasten, 132. lift, 133. claim, 134. devise, 135. dappled, 136. paddle

137. de\_\_l horns *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
138. arrive and de\_\_\_t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
139. en\_\_\_\_\_t with responsibility *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
140. gn\_\_\_\_\_d branches *adj.* twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface
141. wi\_\_\_d grin *adj.* morally bad or evil
142. run like h\_\_l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
143. h\_\_l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
144. con\_\_\_\_\_ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 137. devil, 138. depart, 139. entrust, 140. gnarled, 141. wicked, 142. hell, 143. hell, 144. contemplate

145. gn\_\_\_\_d fingers *adj.* twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface
146. enjoy a la\_\_\_\_h trip abroad *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
147. a Royal Pr\_\_\_\_ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
148. g\_\_w a hole in a wall *v.* to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually
149. beyond the re\_\_m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
150. call and co\_\_\_\_in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
151. gr\_\_\_\_y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
152. future in\_\_\_\_w *n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
153. l\_\_t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
154. gl\_\_m in eyes *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

ANSWERS: 145. gnarled, 146. lavish, 147. princess, 148. gnaw, 149. realm, 150. complain, 151. greedy, 152. in-law, 153. lift, 154. gleam

155. loading d\_\_k *n.* a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained
156. shepherd's h\_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
157. a wide sl\_\_\_e *n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
158. 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
159. allow self-p\_\_y *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
160. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
161. sw\_\_\_y terrain *adj.* characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation
162. begin to r\_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
163. June br\_\_e *n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
164. st\_\_\_\_\_e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

ANSWERS: 155. dock, 156. hut, 157. sleeve, 158. spot, 159. pity, 160. grandchild, 161. swampy, 162. rot, 163. bride, 164. stumble



165. imp\_\_\_\_\_ce with delays *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
166. material we\_\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
167. de\_\_\_\_\_e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
168. aw\_\_t your reply *v.* to wait or stay ready for something; to expect or anticipate something

ANSWERS: 165. impatience, 166. wealth, 167. declare, 168. await

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Some seaweed was used as \_\_\_\_\_ medicine in ancient times.
  - n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
  
2. Some people believe that we are all \_\_\_\_\_ for greatness.
  - v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
  
3. The diamond ring \_\_\_\_\_ in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.
  - v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
  
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.
  - v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
  
5. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
  
6. The athlete tightened the \_\_\_\_\_ on his running shoes before the race.
  - n.* a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport
  
7. This shirt will \_\_\_\_\_ in the wash.
  - v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

ANSWERS: 1. folk, 2. destined, 3. gleamed, 4. entrusted, 5. executed, 6. strap, 7. shrink

8. The drought \_\_\_\_\_ the prices of grain globally.  
*v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
9. There are various ways to ward off the \_\_\_\_\_ including prayer and holy water.  
*n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
10. The prince fell in love with the \_\_\_\_\_ and asked her to marry him.  
*n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
11. The kids went on a scavenger hunt in the park and found a \_\_\_\_\_ under a big leaf.  
*n.* a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible
12. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior led him to steal from the company.  
*adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
13. He lay down and fell \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.  
*adj.* in a state of sleep
14. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.  
*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
15. I attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ him, but he ignored me.  
*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 8. lifted, 9. devil, 10. princess, 11. toad, 12. greedy, 13. asleep, 14. grandchild, 15. warn

16. The hiking trail was closed due to the \_\_\_\_\_ conditions caused by heavy rain.  
*adj.* characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation
17. They had to \_\_\_\_\_ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.  
*v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ sunlight filtered through the leaves of the trees.  
*adj.* marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades; having a mottled or speckled appearance; characterized by a play of light and shadow
19. The coach was \_\_\_\_\_ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.  
*adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
20. The car \_\_\_\_\_ down the highway at breakneck speed.  
*v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ plan was to steal the diamond using sophisticated traps and deception.  
*adj.* characterized by extreme wickedness, cruelty, or evil; devilish or inhuman in nature or character
22. The young \_\_\_\_\_ looked stunning in her wedding gown.  
*n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
23. The rural \_\_\_\_\_ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.  
*n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

ANSWERS: 16. swampy, 17. devise, 18. dappled, 19. furious, 20. hurtled, 21. diabolical, 22. bride, 23. villagers

24. Mozart was an \_\_\_\_\_ prodigy.

*n.* a baby or very young child

25. The ship pulled to the \_\_\_\_\_ and we disembarked to start our adventure.

*n.* a structure or platform that extends from the shoreline into a body of water, used for loading and unloading ships or boats; an enclosed area of water used as a basin for shipping or pleasure boats; a place where a ship can be repaired or maintained

26. The rowing team coordinated their \_\_\_\_\_ to move through the water smoothly.

*n.* a pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat through the water

27. The engine \_\_\_\_\_ the rocket into space.

*v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing

28. Please write to \_\_\_\_\_ your reservation.

*v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

29. She has an \_\_\_\_\_ sense of who is telling a lie.

*adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling

30. He rolled up his \_\_\_\_\_ to get ready to work.

*n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm

31. He \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to go to the party.

*adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation

32. She \_\_\_\_\_ over the tree root.

*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

ANSWERS: 24. infant, 25. dock, 26. oars, 27. thrust, 28. confirm, 29. uncanny, 30. sleeves, 31. reluctantly, 32. stumbled

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ on her forehead was shaped like a star and made her stand out from the crowd.

*n.* a mark or discolored spot on the skin that is present at birth or appears soon after, usually caused by a concentration of pigment or blood vessels

34. The \_\_\_\_\_ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

*adj.* harsh or cruel

35. A suspension order from the court is effective \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* now or without delay

36. She \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers off the bush.

*v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

37. The actor was paid \_\_\_\_\_ for his role in the blockbuster movie.

*adv.* in a way that is generous, ample, or abundant; in an attractive, pleasing, or graceful manner; in a manner that provides a substantial or profitable reward or benefit

38. The abandoned ship slowly began to \_\_\_\_\_ into the murky waters of the harbor.

*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

39. There are various hypotheses concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

*n.* the first existence or beginning of something

40. I am here to save my \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* loved very much

ANSWERS: 33. birthmark, 34. brutal, 35. immediately, 36. plucked, 37. handsomely, 38. sink, 39. origin, 40. beloved

41. He had a \_\_\_\_ smile on his face as he told his joke.

*adj.* having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals

42. The doctor advised him to manage his \_\_\_\_\_ as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

*n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

43. The \_\_\_\_\_ tree roots made the path difficult to walk on.

*adj.* twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface

44. My sister-\_\_\_\_\_ is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.

*n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

45. He couldn't help but \_\_\_\_ as he remembered the good times.

*v.* to smile broadly

46. We went on a \_\_\_\_\_ visit to the sightseeing spot.

*n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage

47. The \_\_\_\_\_ boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.

*n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

48. The battlefield became \_\_\_\_ on earth.

*n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 41. sly, 42. impatience, 43. gnarled, 44. in-law, 45. grin, 46. whirlwind, 47. paddle, 48. hell

49. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my speed to finish the race on time.

- v. to move or act quickly; to cause or encourage something to happen sooner or more rapidly; to accelerate or speed up

50. My boss wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ of the plan.

- v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

51. We enjoyed a picnic on the \_\_\_\_\_ and watched the boats go by.

- n. the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes

52. The sound of oncoming \_\_\_\_\_ grew louder, closer.

- n. a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

53. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the saw filled the workshop.

- n. a coarse file or tool used for shaping or smoothing rough surfaces; a harsh, grating sound made by rubbing or scraping or as the result of wheezing or breathing difficulties

54. I recently \_\_\_\_\_ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

- v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

55. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of the abandoned property.

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

ANSWERS: 49. hasten, 50. approve, 51. riverbank, 52. footsteps, 53. rasp, 54. contemplated, 55. claim



56. 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
57. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.  
*n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
58. The imperial \_\_\_\_\_ is currently undergoing reforms.  
*n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
59. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.  
*v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
60. The \_\_\_\_\_ traffic jam made me late for my appointment.  
*adj.* endless or seemingly endless; boring or tedious to the point of being intolerable; never-ending or without pause or interruption
61. The \_\_\_\_\_ witch cast a spell on the kingdom.  
*adj.* morally bad or evil
62. 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
63. He has earned \_\_\_\_\_ praise for his achievement.  
*adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
64. The \_\_\_\_\_ inequality was unavoidable.  
*n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 56. decide, 57. pity, 58. palace, 59. roam, 60. interminable, 61. wicked, 62. spot, 63. lavish, 64. wealth

65. My initial reaction was to \_\_\_\_\_.

- v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

66. There was a baseless \_\_\_\_\_ that the company was going bankrupt.

- n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

67. The words were \_\_\_\_\_ in pencil.

- v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

68. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will \_\_\_\_.

- v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

69. We \_\_\_\_\_ the results of the election with bated breath.

- v. to wait or stay ready for something; to expect or anticipate something

70. We \_\_\_\_\_ before the temperature fell below zero.

- v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

71. The street was entirely silent and a bit \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

72. A group of armed \_\_\_\_\_ attacked the villagers during the night.

- n. a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

73. Foreign goods from abroad must be \_\_\_\_\_ to customs when entering a country.

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

ANSWERS: 65. refuse, 66. rumor, 67. scribbled, 68. rot, 69. await, 70. departed, 71. eerie, 72. bandits, 73. declared

74. Our users are often \_\_\_\_\_ about the slow application.  
*v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
75. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.  
*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
76. The little girl lived in a small \_\_\_\_ in the woods with her family.  
*n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
77. The \_\_\_\_\_ across the river offers a convenient transportation option for commuters.  
*n.* a boat or ship used to transport people, vehicles, or goods across a body of water, especially on a regular schedule
78. Shakespeare's output of poetry was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* extremely large or great
79. The children were \_\_\_\_\_ to start the treasure hunt.  
*adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
80. The \_\_\_\_\_ musician played the complex piece flawlessly.  
*adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
81. Night fishing has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

ANSWERS: 74. complaining, 75. predict, 76. hut, 77. ferry, 78. enormous, 79. eager, 80. deft, 81. rewards

82. Her passions are in the \_\_\_\_\_ of real-world political affairs.

*n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

83. She couldn't stop \_\_\_\_\_ on her nails.

*v.* to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually

84. The \_\_\_\_\_ woman is quite energetic.

*adj.* (a polite word for) old

ANSWERS: 82. realm, 83. gnawing, 84. elderly