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Session 1: Word List

rider

n. a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message

synonym : passenger, commuter, traveler

(1) a motorcycle **rider**, (2) **rider** to a bill

The horse **rider** won first place in the equestrian competition.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

stir

v. to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

synonym : mix, swirl, provoke

(1) **stir** a sauce, (2) **stir** up controversy

Topics related to that war may **stir** up a political hornets' nest.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym: confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym: essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

raid

n. a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft

synonym: attack, invasion, aggression

(1) make a **raid** on an enemy's camp, (2) air- **raid** siren

Throughout the **raid**, the bank robbers wore masks.

altercation

n. a noisy or heated argument or dispute, often involving physical aggression

synonym: argument, dispute, quarrel

(1) violent **altercation**, (2) heated **altercation**

The **altercation** between the two coworkers was finally resolved in a mediation session.

frontier

n. a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

synonym: border, boundary, borderland

(1) **frontier** disputes, (2) the Italian **frontier** with Switzerland

He worked at the **frontier** of behavioral economics.

indigenous

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

synonym: domestic, endemic, primitive

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

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

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.

settler

n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

synonym: frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

colonel

n. a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

synonym: officer, military, ranking officer

(1) **colonel** rank, (2) brevet **colonel**

The Army **colonel** led the troops into battle.

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym: seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

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.

plain

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

synonym : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym : domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

hunt

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

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

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

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

buffalo

n. a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

synonym : bison, ox, beefalo

(1) **buffalo** horn, (2) **buffalo** steak

The **buffalo** roam freely in the plains of North America.

suppress

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

synonym : subdue, bury, stifle

(1) **suppress** a yawn, (2) **suppress** a revolt

The doctor prescribed medication to **suppress** the patient's appetite.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**
He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

attempt

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

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

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

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

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym : inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town
I don't want to **settle** for second best.

numerous

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

synonym : many, considerable, countless

(1) **numerous** countries, (2) as **numerous** as the sand
These descriptions are based on a number of **numerous** assumptions.

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**.

proWess

n. exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage

synonym : expertise, skill, ability

(1) economic **proWess**, (2) intellectual **proWess**
The athlete's **proWess** in her sport earned her many

accolades.

adept

adj. having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult

synonym : proficient, masterful, experienced

(1) **adept** at fishing, (2) **adept** in handicrafts

She is highly **adept** with medical equipment.

horseback

n. the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse

synonym : equestrian, horse riding, mounted

(1) **horseback** trek, (2) **horseback** adventure

We went on a scenic trail ride on **horseback** through the mountains.

surpass

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

synonym : excel, outdo, outperform

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

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

colonist

n. a person who lives in or is sent to establish a colony (= a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful entity) a new country or area

synonym : settler, pioneer, inhabitant

(1) space **colonist**, (2) American **colonist**

The first **colonists** arrived in the New World in the early 17th century.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym: summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym: abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym: absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

preteen

n. a child who is between the ages of nine and twelve, typically characterized as being preadolescent

synonym: tween, preadolescent, youngster

(1) **preteen** fashion, (2) **preteen** activities

My sister is a **preteen** and loves spending her free time reading books and playing video games.

ambush

n. the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack

synonym: trap, surprise, lure

(1) attacking from **ambush**, (2) **ambush** marketing

Armed police officers lay in **ambush** in front of the criminal's

house.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts
I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

refuge

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

synonym: shelter, fortress, hide-out

(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**
Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.

warrior

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

synonym: fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit
The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

elope

v. to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

synonym: run away, abscond, escape

(1) **elope** secretly, (2) **elope** together
The young couple decided to **elope** instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.

enrage

v. to make someone extremely angry

synonym: anger, incense, infuriate

(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics
The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

elude

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

synonym: evade, avoid, dodge

(1) **elude** the law, (2) **elude** responsibility for the failure

The suspect **eluded** capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

military

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

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

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

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

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

synonym: profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

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.

vow

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym: promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

surrender

v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority

synonym : yield, submit, relinquish

(1) **surrender** at discretion, (2) **surrender** an insurance policy

The enemy was forced to **surrender** after a long battle.

bison

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

synonym : buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat

Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym : hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

fort

n. a military structure designed to be defended from attack

synonym : stronghold, bastion, fortress

(1) an isolated **fort**, (2) **fort** gate

The stone **fort** was built to protect the city from invading forces.

sill

n. a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door

synonym : windowsill, ledge, threshold

(1) **sill** plate, (2) window **sill**

The door **sill** was painted a bright red to make it more visible.

reserve

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

synonym : keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket
You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

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.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**
Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

insufficient

adj. not enough for a particular purpose

synonym: deficient, inadequate, scarce

(1) **insufficient** evidence, (2) there are **insufficient** doctors
We had raised a small amount of money from investors, but funds were **insufficient**.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

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.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

ample

adj. enough or more than enough; having plenty of something

synonym: plentiful, rich, sufficient

(1) **ample** opportunities, (2) **ample** evidence

We have **ample** time to finish the project before the deadline.

grassland

n. a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock

synonym: meadow, plain, savanna

(1) endangered **grassland**, (2) vast **grassland**

Meadows and pastures are examples of smaller-scale **grasslands** in many parts of the world.

useless

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

synonym: ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen

The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

cattle

n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

synonym: cows, herd, oxen

(1) **cattle** barn, (2) **cattle** hide

The **cattle** are on the grassland and grazing.

rancher

n. a person who owns, manages, or works on a ranch, especially one that is used for raising or grazing livestock

synonym : cowboy, farmer, herder

(1) **rancher's** wife, (2) traditional **rancher**

The local grocery store carried meat sourced from the **rancher's** farm.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym : nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

herd

n. a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock

synonym : flock, brood, horde

(1) **herd** of cattle, (2) the common **herd**

He was riding **herd** on the sheep during the day.

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym : advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

arrangement

n. a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order

synonym : placement, configuration, account

(1) **arrangement** of the furniture, (2) **arrangement** committee

As a first **arrangement**, we agreed to meet the following Friday.

lease

n. a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee;

(verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment

synonym : rental, tenancy, agreement

(1) long-term **lease**, (2) commercial **lease**

The landlord offered me a one-year **lease** for the apartment.

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.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym : discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

steady

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

synonym : stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable condition.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym : acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym: proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

tribal

adj. relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society

synonym: indigenous, ethnic, traditional

(1) **tribal** culture, (2) **tribal** community

The **tribal** leaders gathered for a summit to discuss important issues.

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.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

adversary

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

synonym : opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

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**.

befriend

v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

synonym : support, advise, patronize

(1) **befriend** a young boy, (2) **befriend** other members

I'm willing to **befriend** the weak and the poor.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

inauguration

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

synonym : swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**

The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

parade

n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

synonym : procession, march, rally

(1) a military **parade**, (2) **parade** route

The annual Fourth of July **parade** is popular in the town square.

braid

n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

synonym: plait, twist, weave

(1) **braid** hair, (2) elastic cord **braid**

She always wore her hair in a single **braid** down her back.

native

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

synonym: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

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

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

church

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

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

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

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

peyote

n. a small, spineless cactus that contains mescaline and is native to Mexico and the southwestern US, which is used in some Native American religions for its hallucinogenic properties

synonym: mescal, hikuri, divine cactus

(1) ingredient in **peyote**, (2) **peyote** ritual

Many Native American tribes use **peyote** in their religious ceremonies.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

surname

n. the family name passed down through generations; a person's last name

synonym : last name, family name

(1) **surname** history, (2) family **surname**

When filling out a form, include your full **surname**, not just your first name.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

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.

insurmountable

adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

synonym : invincible, hopeless, overwhelming

(1) **insurmountable** odds, (2) **insurmountable**

disadvantage

The challenge seemed **insurmountable**, but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

chairperson

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings

synonym: director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a **chairperson**

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

elect

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

synonym: select, choose, prefer

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

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

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym: family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

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.

adaptation

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

synonym: adaption, adjustment, transformation

(1) **adaptation** ability, (2) language **adaptation**

The company's **adaptation** approach has been highly effective.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

enroll

v. to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

synonym: register, enlist, join

(1) **enroll** at a college, (2) **enroll** in a school

I need to **enroll** in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym: innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

descendant

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

synonym: child, offspring, heir

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. de____d a steep hill | v. | to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood |
| 2. pe___e ritual | n. | a small, spineless cactus that contains mescaline and is native to Mexico and the southwestern US, which is used in some Native American religions for its hallucinogenic properties |
| 3. at p__k hour | n. | the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain |
| 4. die of sta_____on | n. | a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death |
| 5. aboriginal tr__e | n. | a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities |
| 6. tr___l community | adj. | relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society |
| 7. at_____t customers | v. | to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones |
| 8. arr_____nt of the furniture | n. | a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order |

ANSWERS: 1. descend, 2. peyote, 3. peak, 4. starvation, 5. tribe, 6. tribal, 7. attract, 8. arrangement

9. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
10. commercial le__e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
11. long-term le__e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
12. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
13. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
14. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
15. am__e opportunities *adj.* enough or more than enough; having plenty of something
16. bu_____o horn *n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

ANSWERS: 9. politician, 10. lease, 11. lease, 12. attempt, 13. profitable, 14. government, 15. ample, 16. buffalo

17. am__e evidence *adj.* enough or more than enough; having plenty of something
18. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
19. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
20. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
21. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
22. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
23. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
24. 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
25. a harbor of re___e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

ANSWERS: 17. ample, 18. nation, 19. wealth, 20. graze, 21. statistics, 22. territory, 23. peak, 24. slaughter, 25. refuge

26. the Italian fr_____er with Switzerland *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
27. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
28. co_____l rank *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
29. tr___e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
30. sta_____on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
31. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
32. window s___l *n.* a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door
33. 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
34. fr_____er disputes *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
35. intellectual pr_____s *n.* exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage
36. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 26. frontier, 27. attract, 28. colonel, 29. trace, 30. starvation, 31. empire, 32. sill, 33. judge, 34. frontier, 35. prowess, 36. descend

37. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
38. ca___e hide *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
39. su_____er an insurance policy *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
40. a pro_____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
41. elastic cord br__d *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
42. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
43. violent alt_____on *n.* a noisy or heated argument or dispute, often involving physical aggression
44. ins_____ble disadvantage *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
45. delta pl__n *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
46. co_____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
47. ra_____r's wife *n.* a person who owns, manages, or works on a ranch, especially one that is used for raising or grazing livestock

ANSWERS: 37. vast, 38. cattle, 39. surrender, 40. profitable, 41. braid, 42. disappear, 43. altercation, 44. insurmountable, 45. plain, 46. countless, 47. rancher

48. su____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
49. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
50. ins_____ble odds *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
51. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
52. endangered bi__n *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
53. am___h marketing *n.* the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack
54. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
55. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
56. traditional ra____r *n.* a person who owns, manages, or works on a ranch, especially one that is used for raising or grazing livestock
57. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
58. 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: 48. survival, 49. adapt, 50. insurmountable, 51. circumstance, 52. bison, 53. ambush, 54. suddenly, 55. statistics, 56. rancher, 57. advocate, 58. appointment

59. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
60. su_____e history *n.* the family name passed down through generations; a person's last name
61. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
62. there are ins_____ent doctors *adj.* not enough for a particular purpose
63. attacking from am___h *n.* the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack
64. h__d of cattle *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
65. s__l plate *n.* a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door
66. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
67. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
68. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
69. the meeting elected a cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings

ANSWERS: 59. church, 60. surname, 61. capture, 62. insufficient, 63. ambush, 64. herd, 65. sill, 66. construct, 67. kidnapping, 68. critic, 69. chairperson

70. new se_____rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
71. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
72. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
73. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
74. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
75. presidential ina_____ion *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
76. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
77. ina_____ion ceremony *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
78. American bi__n's meat *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

ANSWERS: 70. settler, 71. elect, 72. recognize, 73. relative, 74. disappear, 75. inauguration, 76. adopt, 77. inauguration, 78. bison

79. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
80. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
81. ass_____te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
82. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
83. re___e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
84. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
85. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
86. en___l at a college *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
87. endangered gr_____nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
88. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 79. adapt, 80. recognize, 81. assimilate, 82. church, 83. refuge, 84. settle, 85. settle, 86. enroll, 87. grassland, 88. spirit

89. pl__n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way;
(Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
90. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
91. ass_____te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
92. armored wa_____r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
93. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
94. ins_____ent evidence *adj.* not enough for a particular purpose
95. ri__r to a bill *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
96. ho_____ck trek *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
97. pr_____n fashion *n.* a child who is between the ages of nine and twelve, typically characterized as being preadolescent
98. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
99. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

ANSWERS: 89. plain, 90. opportune, 91. assimilate, 92. warrior, 93. survival, 94. insufficient, 95. rider, 96. horseback, 97. preteen, 98. transition, 99. agriculture

100. ad__t at fishing *adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult
101. the common h__d *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
102. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
103. f__t gate *n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack
104. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
105. ind_____us crop *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
106. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
107. s__r up controversy *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
108. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
109. el__e secretly *v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends
110. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

ANSWERS: 100. adept, 101. herd, 102. panic, 103. fort, 104. trace, 105. indigenous, 106. descendant, 107. stir, 108. hunt, 109. elope, 110. attempt

111. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
112. ho_____ck adventure *n.* the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
113. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
114. ind_____us peoples *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
115. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
116. su_____er at discretion *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
117. el__e responsibility for the failure *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
118. take a st___y job *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
119. space co_____st *n.* a person who lives in or is sent to establish a colony (= a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful entity) a new country or area
120. political ad_____ry *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
121. el__e together *v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

ANSWERS: 111. construct, 112. horseback, 113. politician, 114. indigenous, 115. enormous, 116. surrender, 117. elude, 118. steady, 119. colonist, 120. adversary, 121. elope

122. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
123. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
124. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
125. ad_____ry team *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
126. s__r a sauce *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
127. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
128. be_____nd other members *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
129. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
130. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
131. su_____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

ANSWERS: 122. spirit, 123. conflict, 124. capture, 125. adversary, 126. stir, 127. negotiate, 128. befriend, 129. vow, 130. transition, 131. surpass

132. ingredient in pe___e *n.* a small, spineless cactus that contains mescaline and is native to Mexico and the southwestern US, which is used in some Native American religions for its hallucinogenic properties
133. economic pr____s *n.* exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage
134. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
135. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
136. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
137. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
138. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
139. en___l in a school *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
140. ad__t in handicrafts *adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult
141. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

ANSWERS: 132. peyote, 133. prowess, 134. adaptation, 135. territory, 136. opportune, 137. eventually, 138. circumstance, 139. enroll, 140. adept, 141. native

142. brevet co____l *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
143. re____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
144. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
145. us____s in the kitchen *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
146. be____nd a young boy *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
147. family su____e *n.* the family name passed down through generations; a person's last name
148. wa____r spirit *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
149. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
150. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
151. su____ss a yawn *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
152. us____s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
153. arr______nt committee *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order

ANSWERS: 142. colonel, 143. reserve, 144. panic, 145. useless, 146. befriend, 147. surname, 148. warrior, 149. relative, 150. military, 151. suppress, 152. useless, 153. arrangement

154. nu____us countries *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
155. gr__e the left shoulder *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
156. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
157. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
158. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
159. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
160. an isolated f__t *n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack
161. ch__f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
162. ap_____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
163. 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
164. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

ANSWERS: 154. numerous, 155. graze, 156. vast, 157. kidnapping, 158. empire, 159. conflict, 160. fort, 161. chief, 162. appoint, 163. judge, 164. reserve

165. a military pa___e *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
166. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
167. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
168. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
169. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
170. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
171. American co_____st *n.* a person who lives in or is sent to establish a colony (= a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful entity) a new country or area
172. su_____s imagination *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
173. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
174. en___e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
175. lu_____ve deal *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

ANSWERS: 165. parade, 166. military, 167. native, 168. government, 169. suddenly, 170. recognition, 171. colonist, 172. surpass, 173. hunt, 174. enrage, 175. lucrative

176. ap____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
177. third-generation des_____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
178. answer co_____ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
179. air-r__d siren *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
180. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
181. heated alt_____on *n.* a noisy or heated argument or dispute, often involving physical aggression
182. joint rec_____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
183. 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
184. el__e the law *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
185. tr____l culture *adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
186. vast gr_____nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock

ANSWERS: 176. appoint, 177. descendant, 178. countless, 179. raid, 180. wealth, 181. altercation, 182. recognition, 183. appointment, 184. elude, 185. tribal, 186. grassland

187. as nu____us as the sand *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
188. lu____ve market *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
189. mountain tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
190. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
191. pa___e route *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
192. vice cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
193. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
194. se____rs on some foreign shore *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
195. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
196. ca___e barn *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
197. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
198. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 187. numerous, 188. lucrative, 189. tribe, 190. chief, 191. parade, 192. chairperson, 193. critic, 194. settler, 195. eventually, 196. cattle, 197. vow, 198. elect

199. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
200. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
201. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
202. br__d hair *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
203. bu_____o steak *n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
204. a motorcycle ri__r *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
205. st___y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
206. make a r__d on an enemy's camp *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
207. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
208. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 199. agriculture, 200. adaptation, 201. enormous, 202. braid, 203. buffalo, 204. rider, 205. steady, 206. raid, 207. negotiate, 208. span

209. 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
210. pr_____n activities *n.* a child who is between the ages of nine and twelve, typically characterized as being preadolescent
211. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
212. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
213. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
214. en____e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry
215. su_____ss a revolt *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
216. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

ANSWERS: 209. slaughter, 210. preteen, 211. nation, 212. advocate, 213. span, 214. enrage, 215. suppress, 216. adopt

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The old, rusty tools were now _____ and had to be thrown away.
adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
2. Meadows and pastures are examples of smaller-scale _____ in many parts of the world.
n. a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
3. The enemy was forced to _____ after a long battle.
v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
4. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
5. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
6. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.
n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
7. The _____ between the two coworkers was finally resolved in a mediation session.
n. a noisy or heated argument or dispute, often involving physical aggression

ANSWERS: 1. useless, 2. grasslands, 3. surrender, 4. vowed, 5. panic, 6. tribe, 7. altercation

8. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

9. She always wore her hair in a single _____ down her back.

n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

10. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

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

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

12. The Army _____ led the troops into battle.

n. a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

13. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

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

14. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

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

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

ANSWERS: 8. disappear, 9. braid, 10. recognize, 11. transition, 12. colonel, 13. elected, 14. chief, 15. indigenous

16. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.

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

17. The _____ are on the grassland and grazing.

n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

18. The doctor prescribed medication to _____ the patient's appetite.

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

19. We had raised a small amount of money from investors, but funds were _____.

adj. not enough for a particular purpose

20. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

21. The door _____ was painted a bright red to make it more visible.

n. a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door

22. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

23. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

ANSWERS: 16. descendants, 17. cattle, 18. suppress, 19. insufficient, 20. Advocates, 21. sill, 22. critics, 23. refuge

24. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
25. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
26. The athlete's record-breaking performance _____ all expectations.
v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
27. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
28. He worked at the _____ of behavioral economics.
n. a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
29. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
30. The challenge seemed _____ but they overcame it with hard work and determination.
adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
31. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 24. church, 25. attract, 26. surpassed, 27. politician, 28. frontier, 29. government, 30. insurmountable, 31. vast

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

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

33. The boxer's toughest _____ was his fear of losing.

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

34. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

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

35. She is highly _____ with medical equipment.

adj. having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult

36. Large herds of _____ used to live on the plains of this area.

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

37. The suspect _____ capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

38. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

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

39. We have _____ time to finish the project before the deadline.

adj. enough or more than enough; having plenty of something

ANSWERS: 32. relatives, 33. adversary, 34. survival, 35. adept, 36. bison, 37. eluded, 38. reserve, 39. ample

40. We are always happy to _____ a discount.
v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
41. The local grocery store carried meat sourced from the _____ farm.
n. a person who owns, manages, or works on a ranch, especially one that is used for raising or grazing livestock
42. We went on a scenic trail ride on _____ through the mountains.
n. the back of a horse; the act of riding on a horse
43. Topics related to that war may _____ up a political hornets' nest.
v. to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
44. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
45. The news of the betrayal _____ him.
v. to make someone extremely angry
46. The annual Fourth of July _____ is popular in the town square.
n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
47. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
48. 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

ANSWERS: 40. negotiate, 41. rancher's, 42. horseback, 43. stir, 44. military, 45. enraged, 46. parade, 47. nation, 48. appointment

49. I need to _____ in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.

- v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

50. A large proportion of railway workers in _____ colonies were white.

- n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

51. Who answers _____ knows little.

- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

52. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.

- v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

53. The landlord offered me a one-year _____ for the apartment.

- n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment

54. The _____ roam freely in the plains of North America.

- n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

55. The national assembly has _____ the budget.

- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

56. The third _____ was far more successful.

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

ANSWERS: 49. enroll, 50. settler, 51. suddenly, 52. graze, 53. lease, 54. buffalo, 55. adopted, 56. attempt

57. I'm willing to _____ the weak and the poor.

v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

58. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

59. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

60. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

61. The athlete's _____ in her sport earned her many accolades.

n. exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage

62. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

63. Investing in real estate can be a _____ business if done correctly.

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

64. The stone _____ was built to protect the city from invading forces.

n. a military structure designed to be defended from attack

65. The young couple decided to _____ instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.

v. to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

ANSWERS: 57. befriend, 58. descended, 59. trace, 60. span, 61. prowess, 62. recognition, 63. lucrative, 64. fort, 65. elope

66. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
67. As a first _____ we agreed to meet the following Friday.
n. a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
68. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.
adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit
69. 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
70. The _____ leaders gathered for a summit to discuss important issues.
adj. relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
71. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
72. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great
73. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.
n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
74. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

ANSWERS: 66. eventually, 67. arrangement, 68. profitable, 69. slaughter, 70. tribal, 71. settle, 72. enormous, 73. adaptation, 74. constructs

75. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

76. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.

- adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

77. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

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

78. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

79. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.

- adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

80. The immigrant struggled to _____ into the new culture.

- v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

81. He was riding _____ on the sheep during the day.

- n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock

82. _____ is the foundation of our economy.

- n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

ANSWERS: 75. capture, 76. plain, 77. native, 78. statistics, 79. steady, 80. assimilate, 81. herd, 82. Agriculture

83. When filling out a form, include your full _____ not just your first name.

n. the family name passed down through generations; a person's last name

84. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

85. The court _____ a guardian for the child.

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

86. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

87. The horse _____ won first place in the equestrian competition.

n. a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message

88. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

89. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

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

90. Throughout the _____ the bank robbers wore masks.

n. a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft

ANSWERS: 83. surname, 84. countless, 85. appointed, 86. spirit, 87. rider, 88. warrior, 89. wealth, 90. raid,

91. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
92. The _____ has the authority to approve or deny any request.
n. the officer who presides over organization meetings
93. 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
94. These descriptions are based on a number of _____ assumptions.
adj. amounting to a large indefinite number
95. The _____ of the new station was a great success.
n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
96. The first _____ arrived in the New World in the early 17th century.
n. a person who lives in or is sent to establish a colony (= a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful entity) a new country or area
97. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
n. an area under the control of a ruler or state
98. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 91. peak, 92. chairperson, 93. judge, 94. numerous, 95. inauguration, 96. colonists, 97. territory, 98. opportune

99. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.
- n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
100. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
101. Armed police officers lay in _____ in front of the criminal's house.
- n.* the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack
102. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
- n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
103. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
- v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
104. The drought led to widespread _____ in the region.
- n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
105. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
106. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
- n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
107. My sister is a _____ and loves spending her free time reading books and playing video games.
- n.* a child who is between the ages of nine and twelve, typically characterized as being preadolescent

ANSWERS: 99. kidnapping, 100. adapt, 101. ambush, 102. circumstances, 103. hunt, 104. starvation, 105. conflicts, 106. empire, 107. preteen

108. Many Native American tribes use _____ in their religious ceremonies.

- n.* a small, spineless cactus that contains mescaline and is native to Mexico and the southwestern US, which is used in some Native American religions for its hallucinogenic properties

ANSWERS: 108. peyote