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Session 1: Word List

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

homeland

n. a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs

synonym: motherland, native country, fatherland

(1) beloved **homeland**, (2) **homeland** pride

I miss my **homeland** and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.

mire

n. a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through

synonym: swamp, quagmire, bog

(1) stick in the **mire**, (2) **mire** of debt

The project was bogged down in a **mire** of bureaucracy.

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.

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**.

colon

n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

(1) **colon** examination, (2) the **colon** at the end of the sentence

Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of **colon** cancer.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

unfit

adj. not suitable or good enough for a particular purpose or standard

synonym: inadequate, unsuitable, improper

(1) **unfit** for the post, (2) physically **unfit**

The doctor declared him **unfit** for work due to his illness.

tuberculosis

n. an infectious disease usually caused by tubercle bacteria that can attack many parts of a person's body, especially their lungs

(1) died of **tuberculosis**, (2) a medicine for **tuberculosis**
Tuberculosis used to be considered a fatal disease.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue
He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

devastation

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

synonym: destruction, ruin, havoc

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

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

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym: opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

despondent

adj. in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom

synonym : hopeless, despairing, discouraged

(1) feel **despondent**, (2) a **despondent** mood

After her dog passed away, she was **despondent** for weeks, unable to find joy.

fathom

v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

synonym : comprehend, understand, grasp

(1) **fathom** the depth, (2) **fathom** the mystery

I cannot **fathom** why some people enjoy horror movies.

endless

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

synonym : infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours

He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

bloodshed

n. the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

synonym : carnage, violence, killing

(1) bloody **bloodshed**, (2) massive **bloodshed**

The negotiations failed, leading to threats of **bloodshed** between the two countries.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym : pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym: modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym: analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

banner

n. a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page

synonym: flag, pennant, advertisement

(1) the star-spangled **banner**, (2) **banner** advertising

They unfurled the **banners** in preparation for the ceremony.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

synonym : empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

slate

n. a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order

synonym : chalkboard, blackboard, tablet

(1) **slate** tile, (2) **slate** roof

We need to add more names to the **slate** of candidates for the upcoming election.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

reject

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

synonym : decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

argue

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

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

arbitrary

adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

synonym : autocratic, dictatorial, whimsical

(1) **arbitrary** size and shape, (2) the **arbitrary** rule of a dictator

He collected data to avoid **arbitrary** decisions.

cruel

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

synonym : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

indifference

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

synonym : apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**

I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

incompatible

adj. so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person

synonym : inharmonious, conflicting, inconsistent

(1) **incompatible** personalities, (2) **incompatible** colors

It is a religion **incompatible** with the western country.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym : ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym : intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

synonym : useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym : miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

detached

adj. no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement

synonym : separated, isolated, impersonal

(1) a **detached** palace, (2) **detached** from reality

Their dream is to buy a **detached** house.

attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

synonym : ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym : strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym : shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the

audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

remorse

n. a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done

synonym: guilt, anguish, regret

(1) **remorse** of conscience, (2) sincere **remorse**

I always remember that event with bitter **remorse**.

pointless

adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

synonym: meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task

The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

moral

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

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym: conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control
She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

hostility

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
synonym: antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**
Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

orderly

adj. clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
synonym: tidy, tidied, neat

(1) **orderly** and fair market, (2) **orderly** manner
The elections were handled in a timely and **orderly** manner.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside
synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach
I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

alienation

n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
synonym: estrangement, separation, detachment

(1) human **alienation**, (2) international **alienation**
His feelings of **alienation** from society led to depression.

explosive

adj. easily able or likely to shatter violently or burst apart; sudden and loud
synonym: volatile, dangerous, fiery

(1) **explosive** device, (2) an **explosive** personality
This container stores an **explosive** substance.

climax

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

(1) emotional **climax**, (2) reach a **climax**
The **climax** of the movie had everyone on the edge of their

seats.

spurn

v. to reject or disdain with contempt; to refuse to accept or consider; to treat with disdain or neglect

synonym: reject, disdain, despise

(1) **spurn** social norms, (2) **spurn** invitations

She **spurned** his advances and walked away.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym: acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

catapult

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

synonym: launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

fame

n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

synonym: celebrity, renown, stardom

(1) leap into **fame**, (2) his undying **fame**

Good **fame** is better than a good face.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

emphatic

adj. expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis

synonym: forceful, assertive, definite

(1) **emphatic** victory, (2) **emphatic** tone

The coach was **emphatic** in his instructions to the players before the big game.

explanation

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

synonym: description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**

The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

unjust

adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

synonym: unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym: anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym: actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret
Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

essay

n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
synonym: paper, commentary, report

(1) score the SAT **essays**, (2) thoughtful **essay**
The Chief editor checks all **essays** for plagiarism with software.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
synonym: fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**
With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
synonym: deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game
Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
synonym: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime
The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

endlessly

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
synonym: ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future
The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

- roll** v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
synonym : spin, swirl, wheel
(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks
He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.
- boulder** n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
synonym : rock, stone, clump
(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**
The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.
- punishment** n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
synonym : penalty, discipline, retribution
(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**
The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.
- singular** n. being only one of its kind; unique
synonym : unique, sole, individual
(1) **singular** purpose, (2) **singular** goal
The **singular** beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.
- relentless** adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
synonym : unyielding, tireless, unremitting
(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure
The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.
- 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.

revolution

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

synonym : coup, innovation, rebellion

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

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

upend

v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order

synonym : overturn, upset, invert

(1) **upend** a table, (2) **upend** a tradition

The sudden news **upended** their plans for the weekend.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym : deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status
He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

revolt

n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

synonym : rebellion, uprising, insurgence

(1) **revolt** against existing ways of thinking, (2) **revolt** against the dictator

The people tried to **revolt** to oust the tyrant.

rebel

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

synonym : insurgent, dissenter, mutineer

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

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

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

creative

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

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

destructive

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

synonym: destroying, harmful, disastrous

(1) lead to **destructive** behavior, (2) a habit **destructive** to health

It was the most **destructive** storm in decades.

invert

v. to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something

synonym: turn upside down, reverse, flip

(1) **invert** a glass, (2) **invert** position

He decided to **invert** his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.

dynamics

n. the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change

synonym: mechanics, kinetics, kinematics

(1) **dynamics** of group, (2) **dynamics** of economy

The relationship **dynamics** between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.

needless

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

synonym : unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste

This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

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**.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym : friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym : activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

fallout

n. the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion

(1) nuclear **fallout**, (2) the **fallout** from the incident

they had no protection from the radioactive **fallout**.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

controversy

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

synonym: disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse **controversy**

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

lengthy

adj. tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size

synonym: extended, interminable, long

(1) to be a **lengthy** process, (2) **lengthy** load times

The **lengthy** medical treatment had weakened his muscles.

autobiographical

adj. relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative

synonym: self-written, self-told, personal

(1) **autobiographical** narrative, (2) **autobiographical** memory

The author wrote an **autobiographical** novel about growing up in a small town.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

accident

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

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

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

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym : echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym : idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

synonym : doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

defiant

adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms

synonym : rebellious, disobedient, insubordinate

(1) a **defiant** attitude, (2) **defiant** eye

The **defiant** student refused to follow the teacher's

instructions and continued to talk during class.

imbue

v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

synonym : infuse, permeate, instill

(1) **imbue** with confidence, (2) **imbue** with meaning

He tried to **imbue** his children with a love of learning and curiosity.

senseless

adj. lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational

synonym : meaningless, pointless, absurd

(1) **senseless** terror attack, (2) **senseless** slaughter

The **senseless** act of violence left the community in shock and mourning.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym : conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
2. ex____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
3. show ge____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
4. deeply re____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
5. cel____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
6. se____ss slaughter *adj.* lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational
7. co____t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
8. the star-spangled ba____r *n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
9. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
10. co__n examination *n.* the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

ANSWERS: 1. deprive, 2. explore, 3. genuine, 4. resonate, 5. celebrated, 6. senseless, 7. commit, 8. banner, 9. bleak, 10. colon

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| 11. humiliating pun_____nt | <i>n.</i> a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing |
| 12. m__e of debt | <i>n.</i> a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through |
| 13. to be a le_____y process | <i>adj.</i> tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size |
| 14. re__l uprising | <i>n.</i> someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it |
| 15. re___t against existing ways of thinking | <i>n.</i> to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler |
| 16. ex_____e the world | <i>v.</i> to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it |
| 17. inc_____ble colors | <i>adj.</i> so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person |
| 18. take an un_____in attitude | <i>adj.</i> not being sure of something; not being able to choose |
| 19. western phi_____hy | <i>n.</i> the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind |
| 20. inc_____ble personalities | <i>adj.</i> so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person |
| 21. co___t suicide | <i>v.</i> to do something illegal or wrong |

ANSWERS: 11. punishment, 12. mire, 13. lengthy, 14. rebel, 15. revolt, 16. explore, 17. incompatible, 18. uncertain, 19. philosophy, 20. incompatible, 21. commit

22. de_____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
23. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
24. hu_____te the heckler in the audience *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
25. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
26. dy_____cs of group *n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
27. sp__n invitations *v.* to reject or disdain with contempt; to refuse to accept or consider; to treat with disdain or neglect
28. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
29. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
30. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
31. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 22. deprive, 23. violent, 24. humiliate, 25. indifference, 26. dynamics, 27. spurn, 28. deem, 29. resistance, 30. inhabit, 31. philosophy

32. ho____nd pride *n.* a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
33. numerous un_____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
34. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
35. a de_____t attitude *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
36. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
37. emotional cl____x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
38. arouse con_____sy *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
39. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
40. po_____ss task *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
41. ne_____ss waste *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

ANSWERS: 32. homeland, 33. uncertain, 34. responsible, 35. defiant, 36. bond, 37. climax, 38. controversy, 39. trigger, 40. pointless, 41. needless

42. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
43. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
44. aut_____cal memory *adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
45. up__d a table *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
46. draw out a sc_____e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
47. le_____y load times *adj.* tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size
48. at_____te the change to their marriage *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
49. fleshly de_____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
50. an ab_____d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
51. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
52. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

ANSWERS: 42. confront, 43. creative, 44. autobiographical, 45. upend, 46. scheme, 47. lengthy, 48. attribute, 49. desire, 50. absurd, 51. cycle, 52. advocate

53. in_____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
54. tr_____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
55. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
56. im__e with confidence *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
57. se_____ss terror attack *adj.* lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational
58. bitter ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
59. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
60. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
61. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
62. sincere re_____e *n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
63. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
64. pe_____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
65. stick in the m__e *n.* a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through

ANSWERS: 53. inhabit, 54. trigger, 55. condemn, 56. imbue, 57. senseless, 58. hostility, 59. moral, 60. suddenly, 61. cruel, 62. remorse, 63. responsible, 64. peaceful, 65. mire

66. repeat en_____ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
67. score the SAT es__ys *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
68. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
69. re_____on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
70. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
71. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
72. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
73. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
74. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
75. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
76. bloody bl_____ed *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

ANSWERS: 66. endlessly, 67. essay, 68. surround, 69. rebellion, 70. condemn, 71. fundamental, 72. contemporary, 73. inspiration, 74. argue, 75. blank, 76. bloodshed

77. sp__n social norms *v.* to reject or disdain with contempt; to refuse to accept or consider; to treat with disdain or neglect
78. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
79. theory of the un____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
80. cel____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
81. co____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
82. bl__k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
83. group of re__ls *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
84. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
85. ar____ry size and shape *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
86. en____s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
87. su____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
88. pe____ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
89. nice fe____w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

ANSWERS: 77. spurn, 78. myth, 79. universe, 80. celebrated, 81. confront, 82. bleak, 83. rebel, 84. concept, 85. arbitrary, 86. endless, 87. suicide, 88. peaceful, 89. fellow

90. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
91. si_____ar purpose *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
92. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
93. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
94. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
95. excite re_____on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
96. 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
97. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
98. dy_____cs of economy *n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
99. ca_____lt mechanism *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
100. ba____r advertising *n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page

ANSWERS: 90. journalist, 91. singular, 92. genuine, 93. relative, 94. resonate, 95. rebellion, 96. native, 97. regardless, 98. dynamics, 99. catapult, 100. banner

101. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
102. hu_____te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
103. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
104. the ch_____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
105. human ali_____on *n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
106. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
107. at_____te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
108. bo_____r field *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
109. commit su_____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
110. or_____y manner *adj.* clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way

ANSWERS: 101. bond, 102. humiliate, 103. individual, 104. chaotic, 105. alienation, 106. revolution, 107. attribute, 108. boulder, 109. suicide, 110. orderly

111. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
112. ex____ve device *adj.* easily able or likely to shatter violently or burst apart; sudden and loud
113. in__t a glass *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
114. con____sy among researchers *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
115. field of con____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
116. his undying f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
117. res____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
118. lava bo____r *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
119. su____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
120. en____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
121. reach a cl____x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

ANSWERS: 111. cycle, 112. explosive, 113. invert, 114. controversy, 115. contemporary, 116. fame, 117. resistance, 118. boulder, 119. surround, 120. entitle, 121. climax

122. leap into f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
123. the exp_____on for the failure *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
124. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
125. lead to des_____ve behavior *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
126. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
127. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
128. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
129. a de_____ed palace *adj.* no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement
130. en_____s possibilities *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
131. pun_____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
132. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

ANSWERS: 122. fame, 123. explanation, 124. relentless, 125. destructive, 126. meaningless, 127. argue, 128. moral, 129. detached, 130. endless, 131. punishment, 132. inherent

133. a des_____nt mood *adj.* in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom
134. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
135. re____t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
136. un____t verdict *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
137. aut_____cal narrative *adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
138. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
139. de____t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
140. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
141. fu____e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
142. nuclear fa_____t *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
143. a cr__l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
144. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings

ANSWERS: 133. despondent, 134. violent, 135. reject, 136. unjust, 137. autobiographical, 138. judgment, 139. defeat, 140. blank, 141. futile, 142. fallout, 143. cruel, 144. emotional

145. cause an ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
146. im__e with meaning *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
147. public education ad____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
148. un__t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
149. de____t eye *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
150. the in__t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
151. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
152. fa____m the mystery *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
153. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
154. in__t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 145. accident, 146. imbue, 147. advocate, 148. unjust, 149. defiant, 150. intent, 151. cheat, 152. fathom, 153. myth, 154. intent

155. sl__e roof *n.* a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order
156. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
157. an act of ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
158. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
159. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
160. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
161. powerful ca_____lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
162. dev_____on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
163. de_____ed from reality *adj.* no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement
164. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
165. the fa_____t from the incident *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
166. physically un__t *adj.* not suitable or good enough for a particular purpose or standard

ANSWERS: 155. slate, 156. fundamental, 157. hostility, 158. journalist, 159. concept, 160. chaotic, 161. catapult, 162. devastation, 163. detached, 164. individual, 165. fallout, 166. unfit

167. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
168. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
169. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
170. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
171. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
172. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
173. a habit des_____ve to health *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
174. si_____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
175. re_____t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
176. up__d a tradition *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
177. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
178. a pilot sc_____e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

ANSWERS: 167. regardless, 168. conflict, 169. universe, 170. relative, 171. roll, 172. attitude, 173. destructive, 174. silent, 175. reject, 176. upend, 177. cheat, 178. scheme

179. massive bl_____ed *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
180. an ex_____ve personality *adj.* easily able or likely to shatter violently or burst apart; sudden and loud
181. ne_____ss argument *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
182. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
183. a medicine for tub_____sis *n.* an infectious disease usually caused by tubercle bacteria that can attack many parts of a person's body, especially their lungs
184. si_____ar goal *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
185. unsatisfied de_____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
186. financial dev_____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
187. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
188. 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
189. in_____t position *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something

ANSWERS: 179. bloodshed, 180. explosive, 181. needless, 182. inspiration, 183. tuberculosis, 184. singular, 185. desire, 186. devastation, 187. relentless, 188. native, 189. invert

190. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
191. re_____e of conscience *n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
192. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
193. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
194. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
195. detailed exp_____on *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
196. crossword pu_____e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
197. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
198. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
199. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 190. indifference, 191. remorse, 192. deem, 193. meaningless, 194. creative, 195. explanation, 196. puzzle, 197. accident, 198. suffer, 199. roll

200. give si___t consent	<i>adj.</i> without any or little sound
201. the ar_____ry rule of a dictator	<i>adj.</i> based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
202. re___t against the dictator	<i>n.</i> to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
203. died of tub_____sis	<i>n.</i> an infectious disease usually caused by tubercle bacteria that can attack many parts of a person's body, especially their lungs
204. de___t body odor	<i>v.</i> to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
205. a political rev_____on	<i>n.</i> a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
206. un___t for the post	<i>adj.</i> not suitable or good enough for a particular purpose or standard
207. the co_____ct between good and evil	<i>n.</i> a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
208. an emotional ju_____nt	<i>n.</i> the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
209. po_____ss argument	<i>adj.</i> having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
210. historical no___l	<i>n.</i> an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
211. thoughtful es___y	<i>n.</i> a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

ANSWERS: 200. silent, 201. arbitrary, 202. revolt, 203. tuberculosis, 204. defeat, 205. revolution, 206. unfit, 207. conflict, 208. judgment, 209. pointless, 210. novel, 211. essay

212. make a fu___e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
213. fa___m the depth *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
214. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
215. feel des_____nt *adj.* in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom
216. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
217. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
218. ab___d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
219. em_____ic tone *adj.* expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis
220. worry en_____ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
221. sl__e tile *n.* a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order
222. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 212. futile, 213. fathom, 214. puzzle, 215. despondent, 216. novel, 217. suddenly, 218. absurd, 219. emphatic, 220. endlessly, 221. slate, 222. suffer

223. em_____al health	<i>adj.</i> relating to people's feelings
224. the co__n at the end of the sentence	<i>n.</i> the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
225. pro_____st of drama	<i>n.</i> the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
226. em_____ic victory	<i>adj.</i> expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis
227. in_____nt risk	<i>adj.</i> existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
228. at_____de control	<i>n.</i> the way you think and feel about someone or something
229. junior fe____w	<i>adj.</i> someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
230. beloved ho_____nd	<i>n.</i> a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
231. play a pro_____st	<i>n.</i> the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
232. or_____y and fair market	<i>adj.</i> clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
233. en_____e him to a pension	<i>v.</i> to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
234. international ali_____on	<i>n.</i> the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment

ANSWERS: 223. emotional, 224. colon, 225. protagonist, 226. emphatic, 227. inherent, 228. attitude, 229. fellow, 230. homeland, 231. protagonist, 232. orderly, 233. entitle, 234. alienation

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
 - v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

2. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
 - n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

3. _____ used to be considered a fatal disease.
 - n.* an infectious disease usually caused by tubercle bacteria that can attack many parts of a person's body, especially their lungs

4. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen
 - adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

5. The sound _____ well in this theater.
 - v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

6. 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

7. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
 - v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 1. rejected, 2. journalists, 3. Tuberculosis, 4. blank, 5. resonates, 6. conflicts, 7. argue

8. I cannot _____ why some people enjoy horror movies.

v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

9. Is this painting _____ or forged?

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

10. They entered into _____ with the member of the ruling party.

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

11. The antigovernment _____ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

12. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

13. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

v. to take away something from someone

14. They unfurled the _____ in preparation for the ceremony.

n. a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page

15. The _____ act of violence left the community in shock and mourning.

adj. lacking meaning, purpose, or reason; without sense or sensibility; foolish or irrational

ANSWERS: 8. fathom, 9. genuine, 10. controversy, 11. rebellion, 12. deemed, 13. deprived, 14. banners, 15. senseless

16. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

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

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

18. He decided to _____ his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.

v. to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something

19. The meeting was considered _____ since nothing was accomplished.

adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

20. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

21. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

22. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

23. It is a religion _____ with the western country.

adj. so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person

ANSWERS: 16. regardless, 17. condemned, 18. invert, 19. pointless, 20. relentless, 21. humiliated, 22. cruel, 23. incompatible

24. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

25. The _____ fought against the government for their independence.

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

26. We need to add more names to the _____ of candidates for the upcoming election.

n. a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order

27. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

28. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

29. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

30. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

31. I tried to assume an air of _____.

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

ANSWERS: 24. individual, 25. rebels, 26. slate, 27. desire, 28. intent, 29. explore, 30. fundamental, 31. indifference

32. they had no protection from the radioactive _____.
- n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
33. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.
- adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
34. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
- n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
35. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
- v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
36. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
- n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
37. It was _____ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.
- adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
38. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.
- adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
39. Who answers _____ knows little.
- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
40. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.
- n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

ANSWERS: 32. fallout, 33. chaotic, 34. judgments, 35. inhabit, 36. puzzle, 37. futile, 38. bleak, 39. suddenly, 40. explanation

41. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

42. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

43. The ruling was considered _____ by many people in the community.

adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

44. Good _____ is better than a good face.

n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

45. The incident _____ a political controversy.

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

46. Their dream is to buy a _____ house.

adj. no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement

47. _____ 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

48. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

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

ANSWERS: 41. punishment, 42. uncertain, 43. unjust, 44. fame, 45. triggered, 46. detached, 47. Advocates, 48. accident

49. This container stores an _____ substance.

adj. easily able or likely to shatter violently or burst apart; sudden and loud

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

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

51. Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of _____ cancer.

n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

52. She _____ his advances and walked away.

v. to reject or disdain with contempt; to refuse to accept or consider; to treat with disdain or neglect

53. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

54. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

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

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

56. I always remember that event with bitter _____.

n. a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done

ANSWERS: 49. explosive, 50. creative, 51. colon, 52. spurned, 53. confront, 54. defeat, 55. devastation, 56. remorse

57. The relationship _____ between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.
- n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
58. They had formed a friendship _____.
- n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
59. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
60. The Chief editor checks all _____ for plagiarism with software.
- n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
61. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.
- v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
62. The _____ of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.
- n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
63. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
64. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 57. dynamics, 58. bond, 59. rolled, 60. essays, 61. cheated, 62. climax, 63. philosophy, 64. concept

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

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

66. The procession of demonstrators was _____ continuing.

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

67. After her dog passed away, she was _____ for weeks, unable to find joy.

adj. in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom

68. The _____ medical treatment had weakened his muscles.

adj. tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size

69. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

70. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

71. He collected data to avoid _____ decisions.

adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

72. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

73. His feelings of _____ from society led to depression.

n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment

ANSWERS: 65. violent, 66. endlessly, 67. despondent, 68. lengthy, 69. scheme, 70. suffers, 71. arbitrary, 72. fellow, 73. alienation

74. The negotiations failed, leading to threats of _____ between the two countries.
- n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
75. 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
76. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
77. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
78. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
79. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.
- adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
80. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
81. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 74. bloodshed, 75. native, 76. responsible, 77. revolution, 78. resistance, 79. absurd, 80. universe, 81. entitled

82. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

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

83. He _____ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

84. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

85. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

86. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

87. The hikers had to climb over a _____ that was blocking their path.

n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

88. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

89. The army used a _____ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

90. It was the most _____ storm in decades.

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

ANSWERS: 82. moral, 83. attributes, 84. suicide, 85. silent, 86. peaceful, 87. boulder, 88. protagonist's, 89. catapult, 90. destructive

91. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
92. The _____ beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.
- n.* being only one of its kind; unique
93. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
94. The coach was _____ in his instructions to the players before the big game.
- adj.* expressing something forcibly and clearly; done or said with emphasis
95. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
- v.* to be all around something or somebody
96. This _____ paperwork is wasting our time and resources.
- adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
97. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.
- adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
98. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
- adj.* belonging to the same or present time
99. The people tried to _____ to oust the tyrant.
- n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

ANSWERS: 91. myth, 92. singular, 93. inspiration, 94. emphatic, 95. surround, 96. needless, 97. inherent, 98. Contemporary, 99. revolt

100. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
101. The _____ student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.
adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
102. The sudden news _____ their plans for the weekend.
v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
103. The elections were handled in a timely and _____ manner.
adj. clean or organized in a neat, careful and logical way
104. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
v. to do something illegal or wrong
105. The food chain causes a material _____.
n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
106. The author wrote an _____ novel about growing up in a small town.
adj. relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
107. The doctor declared him _____ for work due to his illness.
adj. not suitable or good enough for a particular purpose or standard

ANSWERS: 100. emotional, 101. defiant, 102. upended, 103. orderly, 104. committed, 105. cycle, 106. autobiographical, 107. unfit

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

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

109. The project was bogged down in a _____ of bureaucracy.

n. a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through

110. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

111. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

112. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

113. I miss my _____ and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.

n. a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs

114. He looked out the window at the _____ stream of people.

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

115. She had the _____ that work was fun.

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

116. He tried to _____ his children with a love of learning and curiosity.

v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

ANSWERS: 108. relatives, 109. mire, 110. celebrated, 111. meaningless, 112. novel, 113. homeland, 114. endless, 115. attitude, 116. imbue

117. Her unconcealed _____ made us unpleasant.

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

ANSWERS: 117. hostility