

# Englist.me



## Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

*Iseult Gillespie: The myth of Jason, Medea, and the Golden Fleece | TED Talk*

[https://www.ted.com/talks/iseult\\_gillespie\\_the\\_myth\\_of\\_jason\\_medea\\_and\\_the\\_golden\\_fleece](https://www.ted.com/talks/iseult_gillespie_the_myth_of_jason_medea_and_the_golden_fleece)

### All Words

#### IMPORTANT

This material is a commentary and does not contain any copyrighted material of the reference source. We strongly recommend accessing/buying the reference source at the same time.

## Session 1: Word List

### enchant

*v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

*synonym*: charm, captivate, bewitch

(1) **enchant** the audience, (2) **enchant** the crowd

The fairy's spell **enchanted** the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

### mystical

*adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

*synonym*: occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

### ram

*v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

*synonym*: crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice

The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

### oak

*n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns

(1) the wine in giant **oak** vats, (2) old **oak** trees

Large **oak** trees cast a shadow in the garden.

## dragon

*n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

*synonym* : wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

## tread

*v.* to step or walk on something

*synonym* : step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

## pry

*v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions

*synonym* : probe, investigate, inquire

(1) **pry** a secret out of a person, (2) **pry** into the affairs

He used a crowbar to **pry** open the locked door.

## clutch

*v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

*synonym* : grip, hold, grab

(1) **clutch** at any straw, (2) **clutched** her daughter to her breast

The boy **clutched** his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

## throne

*n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen

*synonym* : seat, throne, chair

(1) abdicate the **throne**, (2) imperial **throne**

The king sat on his **throne**, surveying his kingdom.

## diplomacy

*n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing

with people in a sensitive and effective way

*synonym* : tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**

Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

## strength

*n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

*synonym* : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

## navigate

*v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

*synonym* : guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

## bedraggle

*v.* to make something or someone wet, dirty, and limp by dragging it through mud or water; to become soaked, dirty, and limp in this way

*synonym* : drench, soak, wet

(1) **bedraggle** the flowers, (2) **bedraggle** hair

I got caught in the rain, and my clothes were completely **bedraggled**.

## crew

*n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

*synonym* : team, group, squad

(1) the film **crew**, (2) the **crew** of a fishing boat

The ship's **crew** worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

## palace

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

*synonym* : mansion, manor, castle

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

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

## temper

*n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

*synonym*: mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**

The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym*: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## possession

*n.* the state or fact of owning or having something

*synonym*: ownership, holding, control

(1) **possession** of the evidence, (2) a territorial **possession**

That painting is my **possession**, and I inherited it from my grandmother.

## 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.

## hero

*n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

*synonym*: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

## presumption

*n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

*synonym*: assumption, arrogance, audacity

(1) **presumption** against forfeiture, (2) **presumption** of guilt

It is a common **presumption** that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

## treasure

*n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

*synonym*: hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

## perilous

*adj.* involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

*synonym*: risky, dangerous, hazardous

(1) **perilous** journey, (2) **perilous** terrain

Climbing the cliff was a **perilous** adventure.

## dismiss

*v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

*synonym*: decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

## royal

*adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family

*synonym* : imperial, noble, aristocratic

(1) a **royal** palace, (2) prince **royal**

She is willing to give up her position in the **royal** family to marry him.

## plot

*n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

*synonym* : scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

## encourage

*v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

*synonym* : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

## mount

*v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

*synonym* : climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

## princess

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

*synonym* :

royal, noble, queen

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

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

## **priestess**

*n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system

(1) **priestess** of the Moon, (2) ancient **priestess** tradition

The **priestess** of the temple led the ceremony with grace and wisdom.

## **witch**

*n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

*synonym*: sorceress, enchantress, healer

(1) **witch** hunt, (2) **witch** trial

Many people in the medieval period believed in **witches** and their ability to cast spells.

## **goddess**

*n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

*synonym*: deity, divinity, idol

(1) a **goddess** of beauty, (2) winged **goddess** of victory

The festival was held in honor of the harvest **goddess**.

## **challenger**

*n.* a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge

*synonym*: contender, rival, contestant

(1) **challenger** brand, (2) political **challenger**

The **challenger** in the boxing match put up a good fight.

## **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.

## beloved

*adj.* loved very much

*synonym* : adored, cherished, dear

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

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

## sleeplessness

*n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping

*synonym* : insomnia, wakefulness, restlessness

(1) **sleeplessness** disorder, (2) beat **sleeplessness**

He tried various treatments for his **sleeplessness**, but nothing seemed to work.

## somber

*adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark

*synonym* : gloomy, dark, dreary

(1) a suit of **somber** black, (2) **somber** atmosphere

The **somber** mood at the funeral was palpable.

## march

*v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

*synonym* : parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

## castle

*n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat

*synonym* : fortress, palace, citadel

(1) the ruins of a **castle**, (2) **castle** moat

The medieval **castle** was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.

## intercept

*v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

*synonym* : ambush, block, prevent



(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays  
It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

**vial** *n.* a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume  
*synonym*: container, bottle, flask  
(1) glass **vials**, (2) insulin **vial**  
This medication is sealed in a **vial**.

**trinket** *n.* a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities  
*synonym*: bauble, ornament, trifle  
(1) vintage **trinket**, (2) cheap **trinket**  
The little girl loved to collect **trinkets** and display them on her dresser.

**exchange** *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded  
*synonym*: trade, swap, interchange  
(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words  
My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

**eternal** *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever  
*synonym*: endless, everlasting, undying  
(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling  
In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain **eternal** life.

**devotion** *n.* great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something  
*synonym*: dedication, faith, adherence

(1) **devotion** for Buddhism, (2) selfless **devotion**  
Their **devotion** to each other was beautiful.

## whisper

*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

*synonym*: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

## victory

*n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

*synonym*: win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

## unaware

*adj.* not understanding something or having knowledge or idea of something

*synonym*: incognizant, clueless, ignorant

(1) entirely **unaware** of the danger, (2) **unaware** of the reality

He was **unaware** of the scrutiny.

## 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.

## confident

*adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

*synonym*: certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

- ox** *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavysset body  
*synonym* : cow, bullock, steer  
(1) **ox** cart, (2) water **ox**  
The sacrifice of an **ox** was a common religious ritual in ancient cultures.
- fleece** *n.* a soft, thick, and fluffy layer of fiber that forms the coat of a sheep or similar animal; (verb) to shear the wool from a sheep or similar woolly animal  
*synonym* : wool, fur, pelt  
(1) **fleece** material, (2) fluffy **fleece**  
She wore a **fleece** jacket to stay warm in the chilly weather.
- plow** *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops  
*synonym* : plough, cultivator, hoe  
(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil  
The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.
- concoct** *v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose  
*synonym* : conceive, invent, cook up  
(1) **concoct** a conspiracy, (2) **concoct** herbal medicines  
They **concocted** a plot to discredit the local politician.
- proof** *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists  
*synonym* : testimony, evidence, assurance  
(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**  
**Proof** is better than argument.
- ointment** *n.* a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition  
*synonym* :

salve, balm, cream

(1) **ointment** for eczema, (2) eye **ointment**

I need to apply the **ointment** to my burn to help it heal faster.

## flickering

*adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

*synonym*: shining, flashing, twinkling

(1) **flickering** flames, (2) **flickering** hope

The **flickering** candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

## unscathed

*adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation

*synonym*: unhurt, intact, unharmed

(1) **unscathed** survivor, (2) come away **unscathed**

Thankfully, the driver emerged from the accident **unscathed**.

## serpent

*n.* a large snake

*synonym*: snake, viper, reptile

(1) the feathered **serpent** god, (2) **Serpent** Bearer

That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a **serpent's** tail.

## scorch

*v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame

*synonym*: char, burn, singe

(1) **scorch** your clothes, (2) careful not to **scorch**

The sun **scorched** the desert, making it uninhabitable.

## scatter

*v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

*synonym*: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

## sprout

v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

*synonym* : germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

## thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

*synonym* : craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

## 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**.

## barricade

n. a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack

*synonym* : barrier, obstacle, blockade

(1) **barricade** fencing, (2) police **barricade**

The protestors built a **barricade** to prevent police from entering the area.

## hurl

v. to throw something with great force

*synonym* : throw, fling, launch

(1) **hurl** a brickbat, (2) **hurl** a cup out of the window

She angrily **hurled** the book across the room.

## midst

n. the middle part of people or things

*synonym* : middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal

He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

## scrabble

- v. to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

*synonym*: scramble, jumble, mix

(1) **scrabble** through her purse, (2) **scrabble** words

The kids eagerly **scrabbled** to find the hidden Easter eggs in the garden.

## fray

- v. to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict

*synonym*: tangle, brawl, skirmish

(1) **fray** tempers, (2) **fray** our relationship

The edges of the old blanket had started to **fray**, so I decided to sew them up.

## dodge

- v. to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep

*synonym*: evade, sidestep, avoid

(1) **dodge** a blow, (2) **dodge** a question

She had to **dodge** the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.

## claw

- n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

*synonym*: paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

## breath

- n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

*synonym*: air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind  
He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

## scramble

*v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

*synonym*: jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support  
Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

## sprinkler

*n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

*synonym*: sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation  
The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

## concoction

*n.* the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients

*synonym*: mixture, brew, composition

(1) **concoction** recipe, (2) coffee-milk **concoction**  
The **concoction** of herbs and spices gave the soup a unique flavor.

## strain

*n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups

*synonym*: pressure, tension, breed

(1) **strain** our eyes, (2) a **strain** of bacillus  
Dictators of the past often had the erroneous idea of a pure racial **strain**.

## incantation

*n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state

*synonym*

: spell, charm, enchantment

(1) **incantation** spell, (2) magic **incantation**

The witch performed an **incantation** to summon a demon from the depths of hell.

## 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.

## sink

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

*synonym*: descend, drop, plummet

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

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

## elated

*adj.* extremely happy, joyful, or excited, often as a result of success or achievement

*synonym*: joyful, thrilled, ecstatic

(1) **elated** mood, (2) **elated** expression

She was **elated** when she found out she got the job she had hoped for.

## gleam

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

*synonym*: glitter, shimmer, shine

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

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

## branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization



*synonym* : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

## sprint

v. to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time

*synonym* : dash, bolt, race

(1) **sprint** for a bus, (2) **sprint** towards the finish line

Top athletes can **sprint** 100 meters in less than 10 seconds.

## tow

v. to pull or haul something along by means of a rope, chain, or other devices, typically using a vehicle as the source of power

*synonym* : haul, drag, pull

(1) **tow** a disabled vehicle, (2) **tow** a boat

I had to **tow** my car to the mechanic after it broke down.

## betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

*synonym* : fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

## furious

*adj.* extremely angry; full of rage

*synonym* : angry, rageful, livid

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

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

## ill-gotten

*adj.* acquired or gained through illegal, unethical, or morally questionable means; obtained by dishonest or unjust means

*synonym* : illicit, illegal, dishonest

(1) **ill-gotten** money, (2) **ill-gotten** wealth

Authorities seized the businessman's **ill-gotten** gains.

**con** *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something  
*synonym*: oppose, objection, deception  
(1) telemarketing **cons**, (2) the pros and **cons**  
The **con** artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.

**tale** *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure  
*synonym*: canard, fiction, fable  
(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror  
Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

**underestimate** *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is  
*synonym*: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate  
(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability  
They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

**vicious** *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice  
*synonym*: malicious, spiteful, malevolent  
(1) **vicious** attack, (2) **vicious** deflationary spiral  
The **vicious** dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.

**disgrace** *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something  
*synonym*: shame, dishonor, humiliation  
(1) **disgrace** our family name, (2) political **disgrace**  
The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a

**disgrace** to their leadership

**horror**

*n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

*synonym*: fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look

The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

**shore**

*n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

*synonym*: coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

**distract**

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym*: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

**grieve**

*v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

*synonym*: mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

**pursue**

*v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

*synonym*: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

**horizon**

*n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be

anticipated

*synonym*: skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

**solemn**

*adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor

*synonym*: serious, grave, somber

(1) **solemn** vow, (2) **solemn** ceremony

The priest led the **solemn** procession through the church.

**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.

**aboard**

*adv.* on or onto a ship, aircraft, or other vehicles; present or participating in a particular activity or endeavor

*synonym*: on board, on, in

(1) **aboard** the ship, (2) remain **aboard**

The captain announced that all passengers should be **aboard** the ferry before it departed for the island.

**victorious**

*adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

*synonym*: triumphant, winning

(1) the **victorious** entry, (2) the **victorious** army

The **victorious** troops marched back to their homeland.

**tarnished**

*adj.* no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence

*synonym*: sullied, stained, blurred

(1) **tarnished** by scandal, (2) **tarnished** gold

She looked into the **tarnished** mirror and barely recognized her reflection.

## honor

*n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;  
(verb) to show respect towards someone

*synonym* : integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

## buffet

*n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard

*synonym* : sideboard, counter, smorgasbord

(1) **buffet** style, (2) have a **buffet** meal

The **buffet** at the hotel had a wide variety of food options.

## hostile

*adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed

*synonym* : unfriendly, aggressive, antagonistic

(1) take up a **hostile** attitude, (2) **hostile** environment

The **hostile** takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

## wretchedness

*n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed

*synonym* : misery, unhappiness, distress

(1) emotional **wretchedness**, (2) economic **wretchedness**

The book delves into the **wretchedness** and misery of life in a war-torn country.

## sorcery

*n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft

*synonym* : magic, witchcraft, enchantment

(1) mystical **sorcery**, (2) dark **sorcery**

He claimed that he could perform **sorcery** and cast spells.

## beg

*v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

*synonym* : plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

## absolve

*v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something

*synonym* : exempt, acquit, forgive

(1) **absolve** you from this responsibility, (2) **absolve** a person of a sin

The lender offered to **absolve** him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.

## wrongdoing

*n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action

*synonym* : misconduct, crime, offense

(1) an accusation of **wrongdoing**, (2) willful **wrongdoing**

The CEO of the company denied any **wrongdoing** while admitting to mismanagement.

## bloody

*adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

*synonym* : gory, gruesome, savage

(1) **bloody** massacre, (2) **bloody** diarrhea

The crime scene was **bloody** and gruesome.

## deed

*n.* something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it

*synonym* : act, stunt, doing

(1) **deed** of assignment, (2) do good **deeds**

There was a significant difference between word and **deed**.

## redeem

*v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

*synonym* : rescue, save, recover

(1) **redeem** a coupon, (2) **redeem** a government bond

He tried to **redeem** himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. gl\_\_m like honey  
*v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
2. be\_\_\_\_\_le hair  
*v.* to make something or someone wet, dirty, and limp by dragging it through mud or water; to become soaked, dirty, and limp in this way
3. dr\_\_\_n wing  
*n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
4. cl\_\_\_hed her daughter to her breast  
*v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
5. pre\_\_\_\_\_on of guilt  
*n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
6. beat sle\_\_\_\_\_ess  
*n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
7. bl\_\_\_y massacre  
*adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
8. sp\_\_\_t wings  
*v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

ANSWERS: 1. gleam, 2. bedraggle, 3. dragon, 4. clutch, 5. presumption, 6. sleeplessness, 7. bloody, 8. sprout



9. be\_\_\_y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
10. the wine in giant o\_k vats *n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns
11. a go\_\_\_\_\_s of beauty *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
12. pos\_\_\_\_\_on of the evidence *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
13. c\_\_w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
14. a Royal Pr\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
15. th\_\_\_t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
16. el\_\_\_d expression *adj.* extremely happy, joyful, or excited, often as a result of success or achievement
17. be\_\_\_y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 9. betray, 10. oak, 11. goddess, 12. possession, 13. claw, 14. princess, 15. thirst, 16. elated, 17. betray

18. ex\_\_\_\_ge a few friendly words      *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
19. h\_\_l a cup out of the window      *v.* to throw something with great force
20. t\_w a boat      *v.* to pull or haul something along by means of a rope, chain, or other devices, typically using a vehicle as the source of power
21. in the mi\_\_t of a scandal      *n.* the middle part of people or things
22. bridle my te\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
23. a pa\_\_\_\_e garden      *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
24. in the mi\_\_t of the crowd      *n.* the middle part of people or things
25. sc\_\_\_\_h your clothes      *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
26. f\_\_y our relationship      *v.* to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict

ANSWERS: 18. exchange, 19. hurl, 20. tow, 21. midst, 22. temper, 23. palace, 24. midst, 25. scorch, 26. fray

27. el\_\_\_d mood *adj.* extremely happy, joyful, or excited, often as a result of success or achievement
28. na\_\_\_\_\_te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
29. r\_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
30. dark so\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
31. the art of di\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
32. und\_\_\_\_\_ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
33. unsung h\_\_o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
34. feel co\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
35. pe\_\_\_\_\_us terrain *adj.* involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

ANSWERS: 27. elated, 28. navigate, 29. ram, 30. sorcery, 31. diplomacy, 32. underestimate, 33. hero, 34. confident, 35. perilous

36. tr\_\_\_\_re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
37. be\_\_\_\_\_le the flowers *v.* to make something or someone wet, dirty, and limp by dragging it through mud or water; to become soaked, dirty, and limp in this way
38. a ro\_\_l palace *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
39. mo\_\_t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
40. b\_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
41. oi\_\_\_\_\_nt for eczema *n.* a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition
42. insulin v\_\_l *n.* a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
43. vi\_\_\_\_\_y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
44. draw out a sc\_\_\_e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
45. sc\_\_\_\_\_le through her purse *v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

ANSWERS: 36. treasure, 37. bedraggle, 38. royal, 39. mount, 40. beg, 41. ointment, 42. vial, 43. victory, 44. scheme, 45. scrabble

46. armored wa\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
47. tr\_\_\_\_\_re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
48. t\_w a disabled vehicle *v.* to pull or haul something along by means of a rope, chain, or other devices, typically using a vehicle as the source of power
49. vi\_\_\_\_\_y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
50. ho\_\_\_\_r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
51. gr\_\_\_\_e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
52. cheap tr\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities
53. entirely un\_\_\_\_\_e of the danger *adj.* not understanding something or having knowledge or idea of something
54. vi\_\_\_\_\_s deflationary spiral *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
55. give si\_\_\_\_t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
56. vintage tr\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities

ANSWERS: 46. warrior, 47. treasure, 48. tow, 49. victory, 50. horror, 51. grieve, 52. trinket, 53. unaware, 54. vicious, 55. silent, 56. trinket

57. dr\_\_\_n fruit *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
58. my\_\_\_\_\_al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
59. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
60. so\_\_\_n ceremony *adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor
61. in\_\_\_\_\_pt an enemy force *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
62. a pilot sc\_\_\_e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
63. crown pr\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
64. the ruins of a ca\_\_\_e *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
65. sc\_\_\_\_\_le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

ANSWERS: 57. dragon, 58. mystical, 59. confident, 60. solemn, 61. intercept, 62. scheme, 63. princess, 64. castle, 65. scramble

66. the vic\_\_\_\_\_us army *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
67. deeply p\_\_w the soil *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
68. un\_\_\_\_\_ed survivor *adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation
69. en\_\_\_\_\_t the crowd *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
70. so\_\_\_\_r atmosphere *adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
71. cl\_\_\_\_h at any straw *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
72. a suit of so\_\_\_\_r black *adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
73. di\_\_\_\_\_ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
74. be\_\_\_\_\_d author *adj.* loved very much
75. pre\_\_\_\_\_on against forfeiture *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
76. p\_y into the affairs *v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions

ANSWERS: 66. victorious, 67. plow, 68. unscathed, 69. enchant, 70. somber, 71. clutch, 72. somber, 73. distract, 74. beloved, 75. presumption, 76. pry

77. se\_\_\_e a dispute                      *v.*    to reach an agreement of disagreement
78. cha\_\_\_\_\_er brand                    *n.*    a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge
79. r\_m into the ice                      *v.*    to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
80. sp\_\_\_t seeds                          *v.*    to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
81. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation    *n.*    an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
82. sp\_\_\_t for a bus                      *v.*    to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time
83. ab\_\_\_\_\_e you from this responsibility    *v.*    (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
84. the hope of et\_\_\_\_\_l life                    *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
85. womanly ho\_\_r                      *n.*    high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
86. selfless de\_\_\_\_\_on                    *n.*    great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something

ANSWERS: 77. settle, 78. challenger, 79. ram, 80. sprout, 81. instinct, 82. sprint, 83. absolve, 84. eternal, 85. honor, 86. devotion



87. et\_\_\_\_l quarreling *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
88. sh\_\_e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
89. fu\_\_\_\_s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
90. a sandy sh\_\_e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
91. gl\_\_m in eyes *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
92. a st\_\_\_\_n of bacillus *n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups
93. t\_\_e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
94. local h\_\_o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
95. fl\_\_\_\_e material *n.* a soft, thick, and fluffy layer of fiber that forms the coat of a sheep or similar animal; (verb) to shear the wool from a sheep or similar woolly animal

ANSWERS: 87. eternal, 88. shore, 89. furious, 90. shore, 91. gleam, 92. strain, 93. tale, 94. hero, 95. fleece

96. re\_\_\_m a coupon                      *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
97. ta\_\_\_\_\_ed gold                      *adj.* no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence
98. the wh\_\_\_\_\_r of the leaves                      *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
99. coffee-milk con\_\_\_\_\_on                      *n.* the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients
100. mo\_\_t a counterattack                      *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
101. the language of di\_\_\_\_\_cy                      *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
102. en\_\_\_\_\_ge antisocial behavior                      *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 96. redeem, 97. tarnished, 98. whisper, 99. concoction, 100. mount, 101. diplomacy, 102. encourage

103. ill\_\_\_\_\_en money *adj.* acquired or gained through illegal, unethical, or morally questionable means; obtained by dishonest or unjust means
104. di\_\_\_\_\_ce our family name *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
105. se\_\_\_e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
106. police ba\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
107. b\_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
108. na\_\_\_\_\_te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
109. the feathered se\_\_\_\_\_t god *n.* a large snake
110. und\_\_\_\_\_ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
111. sle\_\_\_\_\_ess disorder *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
112. br\_\_\_h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

ANSWERS: 103. ill-gotten, 104. disgrace, 105. settle, 106. barricade, 107. beg, 108. navigate, 109. serpent, 110. underestimate, 111. sleeplessness, 112. branch

113. ba\_\_\_\_\_de fencing *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
114. tr\_\_d water *v.* to step or walk on something
115. Se\_\_\_\_\_t Bearer *n.* a large snake
116. political cha\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge
117. wi\_\_h hunt *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
118. in\_\_\_\_t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
119. ho\_\_r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
120. fluffy fl\_\_\_\_e *n.* a soft, thick, and fluffy layer of fiber that forms the coat of a sheep or similar animal; (verb) to shear the wool from a sheep or similar woolly animal
121. tr\_\_d a similar path *v.* to step or walk on something
122. so\_\_\_\_n vow *adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor

ANSWERS: 113. barricade, 114. tread, 115. serpent, 116. challenger, 117. witch, 118. intent, 119. honor, 120. fleece, 121. tread, 122. solemn

123. remain ab\_\_\_\_d *adv.* on or onto a ship, aircraft, or other vehicles; present or participating in a particular activity or endeavor
124. p\_\_t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
125. road sp\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
126. an accusation of wro\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
127. a hasty te\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
128. ex\_\_\_\_\_ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
129. sc\_\_\_\_\_le my mind *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
130. my\_\_\_\_\_al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
131. un\_\_\_\_\_e of the reality *adj.* not understanding something or having knowledge or idea of something

ANSWERS: 123. aboard, 124. plot, 125. sprinkler, 126. wrongdoing, 127. temper, 128. exchange, 129. scramble, 130. mystical, 131. unaware

132. careful not to sc\_\_\_h v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
133. prince ro\_\_l adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
134. pu\_\_\_e a goal v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
135. sc\_\_\_\_\_le words v. to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game
136. pr\_\_\_\_\_ss of the Moon n. a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
137. h\_\_l a brickbat v. to throw something with great force
138. br\_\_\_h of wind n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
139. vi\_\_\_\_\_s attack adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
140. the c\_\_w of a fishing boat n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
141. ma\_\_h against the war v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

ANSWERS: 132. scorch, 133. royal, 134. pursue, 135. scrabble, 136. priestess, 137. hurl, 138. breath, 139. vicious, 140. crew, 141. march

142. a geometric pr\_\_f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
143. f\_\_y tempers *v.* to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict
144. do good d\_\_ds *n.* something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it
145. di\_\_\_\_s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
146. en\_\_\_\_t the audience *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
147. p\_\_w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
148. willful wro\_\_\_\_ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
149. en\_\_\_e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry
150. do\_\_e a question *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
151. documentary pr\_\_f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
152. sc\_\_\_\_r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

ANSWERS: 142. proof, 143. fray, 144. deed, 145. dismiss, 146. enchant, 147. plow, 148. wrongdoing, 149. enrage, 150. dodge, 151. proof, 152. scatter

153. bl\_\_\_y diarrhea *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
154. ta\_\_\_\_\_ed by scandal *adj.* no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence
155. st\_\_\_n our eyes *n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups
156. hold your br\_\_\_h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
157. aggressive in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
158. glass v\_\_\_ls *n.* a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
159. a fairy t\_\_\_e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
160. political di\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
161. a fu\_\_\_\_\_s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage

ANSWERS: 153. bloody, 154. tarnished, 155. strain, 156. breath, 157. instinct, 158. vial, 159. tale, 160. disgrace, 161. furious



162. co\_\_\_\_t herbal medicines      *v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose
163. ho\_\_\_\_e environment      *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
164. s\_\_k a buzzer-beater      *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
165. the pros and c\_ns      *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
166. a burning th\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
167. the vic\_\_\_\_us entry      *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
168. pe\_\_\_\_us journey      *adj.* involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm
169. eye oi\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition
170. gr\_\_\_\_e for loss      *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
171. d\_\_d of assignment      *n.* something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it

ANSWERS: 162. concoct, 163. hostile, 164. sink, 165. con, 166. thirst, 167. victorious, 168. perilous, 169. ointment, 170. grieve, 171. deed

172. s\_\_k a lot of capital      *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
173. economic wre\_\_\_\_\_ess      *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
174. muscular st\_\_\_\_\_th      *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
175. wa\_\_\_\_\_r spirit      *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
176. water ox      *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body
177. winged go\_\_\_\_\_s of victory      *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
178. ab\_\_\_\_\_e a person of a sin      *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
179. ancient pr\_\_\_\_\_ss tradition      *n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
180. si\_\_\_\_\_t reading      *adj.* without any or little sound
181. st\_\_\_\_\_th of the economy      *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
182. di\_\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue      *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

ANSWERS: 172. sink, 173. wretchedness, 174. strength, 175. warrior, 176. ox, 177. goddess, 178. absolve, 179. priestess, 180. silent, 181. strength, 182. distract

183. ca\_\_\_e moat *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
184. c\_\_w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
185. con\_\_\_\_\_on recipe *n.* the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients
186. imperial th\_\_\_e *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
187. ab\_\_\_d the ship *adv.* on or onto a ship, aircraft, or other vehicles; present or participating in a particular activity or endeavor
188. en\_\_\_e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
189. a br\_\_\_h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
190. ho\_\_\_r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
191. p\_\_t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 183. castle, 184. claw, 185. concoction, 186. throne, 187. aboard, 188. enrage, 189. branch, 190. horror, 191. plot

192. magic inc\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
193. answer in a wh\_\_\_\_\_r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
194. mystical so\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
195. the film c\_\_w *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
196. take up a ho\_\_\_\_\_e attitude *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
197. in\_\_\_\_\_pt X rays *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
198. di\_\_\_\_\_s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
199. ancestral pa\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
200. the event ho\_\_\_\_\_n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
201. wi\_\_h trial *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

ANSWERS: 192. incantation, 193. whisper, 194. sorcery, 195. crew, 196. hostile, 197. intercept, 198. dismiss, 199. palace, 200. horizon, 201. witch

202. ma\_\_h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
203. sp\_\_\_\_\_er irrigation *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
204. fli\_\_\_\_\_ng hope *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
205. bu\_\_\_t style *n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
206. fli\_\_\_\_\_ng flames *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
207. emotional wre\_\_\_\_\_ess *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
208. sc\_\_\_\_\_r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
209. re\_\_\_m a government bond *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
210. have a bu\_\_\_t meal *n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
211. pu\_\_\_e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 202. march, 203. sprinkler, 204. flickering, 205. buffet, 206. flickering, 207. wretchedness, 208. scatter, 209. redeem, 210. buffet, 211. pursue

212. business ho\_\_\_\_n  
*n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
213. ill\_\_\_\_en wealth  
*adj.* acquired or gained through illegal, unethical, or morally questionable means; obtained by dishonest or unjust means
214. do\_\_e a blow  
*v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
215. old o\_k trees  
*n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns
216. be\_\_\_\_d by many people  
*adj.* loved very much
217. come away un\_\_\_\_ed  
*adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation
218. en\_\_\_\_ge a sense of affinity  
*v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
219. abdicate the th\_\_\_\_e  
*n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
220. co\_\_\_\_t a conspiracy  
*v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose

ANSWERS: 212. horizon, 213. ill-gotten, 214. dodge, 215. oak, 216. beloved, 217. unscathed, 218. encourage, 219. throne, 220. concoct

221. sp\_\_\_t towards the finish line      *v.* to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time
222. inc\_\_\_\_\_on spell      *n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
223. telemarketing c\_ns      *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
224. 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
225. a territorial pos\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
226. p\_y a secret out of a person      *v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
227. ox cart      *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body
228. de\_\_\_\_\_on for Buddhism      *n.* great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something

ANSWERS: 221. sprint, 222. incantation, 223. con, 224. intent, 225. possession, 226. pry, 227. ox, 228. devotion

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The diamond ring \_\_\_\_\_ in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.
  - v. to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
  
2. The flowers in the garden began to \_\_\_\_\_ after the first rain of the season.
  - v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
  
3. I got caught in the rain, and my clothes were completely \_\_\_\_\_.
  - v. to make something or someone wet, dirty, and limp by dragging it through mud or water; to become soaked, dirty, and limp in this way
  
4. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the \_\_\_\_\_ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
  - n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
  
5. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ the desert, making it uninhabitable.
  - v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
  
6. The little girl loved to collect \_\_\_\_\_ and display them on her dresser.
  - n. a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities
  
7. Climbing the cliff was a \_\_\_\_\_ adventure.
  - adj. involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

ANSWERS: 1. gleamed, 2. sprout, 3. bedraggled, 4. horizon, 5. scorched, 6. trinkets, 7. perilous



8. That painting is my \_\_\_\_\_ and I inherited it from my grandmother.  
*n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
9. The sacrifice of an \_\_\_ was a common religious ritual in ancient cultures.  
*n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavysset body
10. She looked into the \_\_\_\_\_ mirror and barely recognized her reflection.  
*adj.* no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence
11. He used a crowbar to \_\_\_ open the locked door.  
*v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
12. Their \_\_\_\_\_ to each other was beautiful.  
*n.* great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something
13. The kids eagerly \_\_\_\_\_ to find the hidden Easter eggs in the garden.  
*v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game
14. The crime scene was \_\_\_\_\_ and gruesome.  
*adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
15. The lender offered to \_\_\_\_\_ him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.  
*v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something

ANSWERS: 8. possession, 9. ox, 10. tarnished, 11. pry, 12. devotion, 13. scrabbled, 14. bloody, 15. absolve

16. The medieval \_\_\_\_\_ was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.
- n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
17. The committee has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the president from the post.
- v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
18. The witch performed an \_\_\_\_\_ to summon a demon from the depths of hell.
- n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
19. This medication is sealed in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
20. She \_\_\_\_\_ the loss of her parents.
- v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ system kept the lawn green and healthy.
- n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
22. He remained serene in the \_\_\_\_\_ of turbulence.
- n.* the middle part of people or things
23. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.
- v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

ANSWERS: 16. castle, 17. dismiss, 18. incantation, 19. vial, 20. grieved, 21. sprinkler, 22. midst, 23. redeem

24. He claimed that he could perform \_\_\_\_\_ and cast spells.  
*n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
25. The bear used its \_\_\_\_\_ to catch a fish in the river.  
*n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.  
*n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
27. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.  
*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
28. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.  
*adj.* without any or little sound
29. She is willing to give up her position in the \_\_\_\_\_ family to marry him.  
*adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
30. They \_\_\_\_\_ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.  
*v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
31. Many people in the medieval period believed in \_\_\_\_\_ and their ability to cast spells.  
*n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

ANSWERS: 24. sorcery, 25. claw, 26. con, 27. instinct, 28. silent, 29. royal, 30. encouraged, 31. witches

32. The CEO of the company denied any \_\_\_\_\_ while admitting to mismanagement.  
*n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
33. The imperial \_\_\_\_\_ is currently undergoing reforms.  
*n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
34. I am here to save my \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* loved very much
35. He took me aside and \_\_\_\_\_ in my ear.  
*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
36. The abandoned ship slowly began to \_\_\_\_\_ into the murky waters of the harbor.  
*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.  
*n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
38. She was \_\_\_\_\_ when she found out she got the job she had hoped for.  
*adj.* extremely happy, joyful, or excited, often as a result of success or achievement
39. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of the scrutiny.  
*adj.* not understanding something or having knowledge or idea of something

ANSWERS: 32. wrongdoing, 33. palace, 34. beloved, 35. whispered, 36. sink, 37. temper, 38. elated, 39. unaware

40. The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a \_\_\_\_\_ to their leadership
- n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
41. He read books to quench his \_\_\_\_\_ for knowledge.
- n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the hotel had a wide variety of food options.
- n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
43. 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
44. We are optimistic about our final \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
45. The festival was held in honor of the harvest \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
46. The ship's \_\_\_\_\_ worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.
- n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
47. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.
- v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

ANSWERS: 40. disgrace, 41. thirst, 42. buffet, 43. intent, 44. victory, 45. goddess, 46. crew, 47. distract

48. The \_\_\_\_\_ dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.  
*adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
49. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
50. The car \_\_\_\_\_ into the wall, causing significant damage.  
*v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
51. The \_\_\_\_\_ mood at the funeral was palpable.  
*adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
52. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
53. The stories of war crimes filled her with \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
54. The priest led the \_\_\_\_\_ procession through the church.  
*adj.* formal and dignified, often with an emphasis on religious or ceremonial attitudes or practices; characterized by an earnest sense of importance or gravity; serious or grave in tone or demeanor
55. Dictators of the past often had the erroneous idea of a pure racial \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups

ANSWERS: 48. vicious, 49. plow, 50. rammed, 51. somber, 52. hero, 53. horror, 54. solemn, 55. strain

56. In Chinese mythology, \_\_\_\_\_ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

- n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

57. Our knowledge helps \_\_\_\_\_ our clients successfully.

- v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

58. She \_\_\_\_\_ her parents to let her go to the concert.

- v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

59. The \_\_\_\_\_ candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

- adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

60. Thankfully, the driver emerged from the accident \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation

61. She intends to \_\_\_\_\_ a political career.

- v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

62. I had to \_\_\_ my car to the mechanic after it broke down.

- v.* to pull or haul something along by means of a rope, chain, or other devices, typically using a vehicle as the source of power

63. She angrily \_\_\_\_\_ the book across the room.

- v.* to throw something with great force

ANSWERS: 56. dragons, 57. navigate, 58. begged, 59. flickering, 60. unscathed, 61. pursue, 62. tow, 63. hurled

64. The coach was \_\_\_\_\_ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.  
*adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
65. The protestors built a \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent police from entering the area.  
*n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
66. Authorities seized the businessman's \_\_\_\_\_ gains.  
*adj.* acquired or gained through illegal, unethical, or morally questionable means; obtained by dishonest or unjust means
67. Large \_\_\_\_ trees cast a shadow in the garden.  
*n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns
68. The waves are beating against the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
69. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain \_\_\_\_\_ life.  
*adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
70. The fairy's spell \_\_\_\_\_ the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.  
*v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
71. I don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ for second best.  
*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
72. He bated his \_\_\_\_\_ when talking about this affair.  
*n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

ANSWERS: 64. furious, 65. barricade, 66. ill-gotten, 67. oak, 68. shore, 69. eternal, 70. enchanted, 71. settle, 72. breath



73. I need to apply the \_\_\_\_\_ to my burn to help it heal faster.

*n.* a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition

74. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ in our victory.

*adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

75. Local business owners \_\_\_\_\_ to find skilled workers.

*v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

76. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

*n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

77. While meditating, he had a \_\_\_\_\_ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

*adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

78. 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

79. The \_\_\_\_\_ takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

*adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed

80. He tried various treatments for his \_\_\_\_\_ but nothing seemed to work.

*n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping

ANSWERS: 73. ointment, 74. confident, 75. scrambled, 76. plot, 77. mystical, 78. scheme, 79. hostile, 80. sleeplessness,

81. They \_\_\_\_\_ a plot to discredit the local politician.
- v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose
82. I claim on my \_\_\_\_\_ that it is true.
- n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
83. The news of the betrayal \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- v.* to make someone extremely angry
84. The king sat on his \_\_\_\_\_ surveying his kingdom.
- n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
85. The book delves into the \_\_\_\_\_ and misery of life in a war-torn country.
- n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
86. He felt \_\_\_\_\_ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
- v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
87. They \_\_\_\_\_ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.
- v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
88. The \_\_\_\_\_ of herbs and spices gave the soup a unique flavor.
- n.* the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients

ANSWERS: 81. concocted, 82. honor, 83. enraged, 84. throne, 85. wretchedness, 86. betrayed, 87. mounted, 88. concoction

89. The \_\_\_\_\_ troops marched back to their homeland.

*adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

90. Ghosts in folk \_\_\_\_\_ are almost always malicious.

*n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

91. The troops \_\_\_\_\_ shoulder-to-shoulder.

*v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

92. The pirates searched for buried \_\_\_\_\_ in the dunes.

*n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

93. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ jacket to stay warm in the chilly weather.

*n.* a soft, thick, and fluffy layer of fiber that forms the coat of a sheep or similar animal; (verb) to shear the wool from a sheep or similar woolly animal

94. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

*n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

95. The captain announced that all passengers should be \_\_\_\_\_ the ferry before it departed for the island.

*adv.* on or onto a ship, aircraft, or other vehicles; present or participating in a particular activity or endeavor

96. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary \_\_\_\_\_.

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

ANSWERS: 89. victorious, 90. tales, 91. marched, 92. treasure, 93. fleece, 94. branch, 95. aboard, 96. warrior

97. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the boxing match put up a good fight.
- n.* a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge
98. The prince fell in love with the \_\_\_\_\_ and asked her to marry him.
- n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
99. It is illegal to \_\_\_\_\_ police radio.
- v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
100. There was a significant difference between word and \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it
101. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.
- v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
102. \_\_\_\_\_ is better than argument.
- n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
103. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the temple led the ceremony with grace and wisdom.
- n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
104. My sister and I frequently \_\_\_\_\_ books, as we love reading.
- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 97. challenger, 98. princess, 99. intercept, 100. deed, 101. dodge, 102. Proof, 103. priestess, 104. exchange

105. The edges of the old blanket had started to \_\_\_\_\_ so I decided to sew them up.
- v.* to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict
106. It is a common \_\_\_\_\_ that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.
- n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
107. Effective \_\_\_\_\_ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.
- n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
108. They frequently \_\_\_\_\_ their abilities and felt inferior.
- v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
109. That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a \_\_\_\_\_ tail.
- n.* a large snake
110. The hunter's approach \_\_\_\_\_ the geese.
- v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
111. Top athletes can \_\_\_\_\_ 100 meters in less than 10 seconds.
- v.* to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time
112. Health and \_\_\_\_\_ are, above all, gold.
- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

ANSWERS: 105. fray, 106. presumption, 107. diplomacy, 108. underestimated, 109. serpent's, 110. scattered, 111. sprint, 112. strength

113. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

v. to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

114. He \_\_\_\_\_ carefully on the slippery ice.

v. to step or walk on something

ANSWERS: 113. clutched, 114. treads