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Session 1: Word List

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym : brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym : intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

rive

v. to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force

synonym : split, cleave, rip

(1) **rive** the sails of the ship, (2) **rive** the stone into precise shapes

The lumberjack used a strong axe to **rive** the logs into smaller pieces.

scarcely

adv. hardly or almost not; only just

synonym : barely, narrowly, hardly

(1) **scarcely** readable, (2) **scarcely** any interest in public

We **scarcely** ever used AEDs.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the

same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

unaccountable

adj. not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior

synonym : unexplainable, inexplicable, mysterious

(1) **unaccountable** behavior, (2) **unaccountable** decision

The **unaccountable** disappearance of funds led to an investigation.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

gruesome

adj. causing horror or disgust

synonym : appalling, horrific, terrible

(1) hear **gruesome** details, (2) **gruesome** accident

The **gruesome** crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

lynch

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

synonym : hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

exonerate

v. to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt

synonym: absolve, clear, acquit

(1) **exonerate** from blame, (2) **exonerate** the defendant
The DNA evidence **exonerated** the suspect, proving his innocence.

baton

n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

synonym: staff, stick, wand

(1) conducting **baton**, (2) twirl the **baton**

The police officer used his **baton** to disperse the crowd.

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.

repent

v. to feel remorse for one's past actions or thoughts and commit to changing them

synonym: regret, be sorry, rue

(1) **repent** a sin, (2) **repent** days of drug abuse

He **repented** for his actions and begged for forgiveness.

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.

disinvestment

n. the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector

synonym: divestment, withdrawal, pullout

(1) **disinvestment** strategy, (2) **disinvestment** plan

The company's decision to engage in **disinvestment** led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

wan

adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

synonym : pale, pallid, ashen

(1) **wan** light, (2) a **wan** smile

His **wan** complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym : charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym : confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

interrelated

adj. closely connected or related to each other

synonym : connected, related, interdependent

(1) the **interrelated** nature of the problems, (2) **interrelated** factors

The different parts of the system are **interrelated** and rely on each other to function correctly.

Norman

adj. relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period

synonym : medieval, antique, archaic

(1) **norman** cathedral, (2) **norman** invasion

The **Norman** architecture in the old city was a sight to behold.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym : twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

airwave

n. a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves

synonym : broadcast, transmission, radio signal

(1) walkie-talkie **airwave**, (2) commercial **airwave**

The radio station broadcasts my favorite song over the **airwaves**.

inflection

n. a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories

synonym : accent, intonation, modulation

(1) **inflection** in voice, (2) **inflection** pattern

The linguist studied the **inflection** of the language's inflection in speech.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

brilliance

n. the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

synonym : splendor, glory, luster

(1) **brilliance** of diamond, (2) economic **brilliance**

The scientist's **brilliance** led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.

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.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

assassin

n. a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

synonym: killer, manslayer

(1) fall victim to an **assassin**, (2) would-be **assassin**

She hired an **assassin** to kill her opponent.

reverb

n. an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space

synonym: echo, sound reflection

(1) **reverb** effect, (2) **reverb** chamber

The singer's voice had a natural **reverb** that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.

nonviolence

n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

synonym : pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest

Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

coexist

v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

synonym : cohabit, accompany, synchronize

(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity

The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

annihilate

v. to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist

synonym : destroy, obliterate, eradicate

(1) **annihilate** the enemy, (2) **annihilate** all doubts

The virus had the potential to **annihilate** entire populations if left unchecked.

purveyor

n. a person or company that provides goods or services

synonym : steward, supplier

(1) a local **purveyor**, (2) a **purveyor** to the army

This company is the world's largest **purveyor** of caviar.

militarism

n. a political belief of a people or a government that a country should maintain a strong military force and be prepared to use it aggressively to defend or promote national interests

synonym : militancy, aggression

(1) abolish **militarism**, (2) anti- **militarism** movement

The leaders of that country strived to revive **militarism** despite past defeats.

deconstruct

v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

synonym: break down, interpret, assay

(1) **deconstruct** the existing system, (2) **deconstruct** his method

She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to **deconstruct** various categories of literature.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient

civilizations.

trepidation

n. a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous

synonym : fear, anxiety, apprehension

(1) trembling with **trepidation**, (2) sense of **trepidation**

She felt **trepidation** as she approached the podium to give her speech.

weariness

n. great tiredness or fatigue

synonym : exhaustion, tiredness, fatigue

(1) chronic **weariness**, (2) a mood of war- **weariness**

Stiff shoulders and tired eyes are signs of **weariness**.

huddle

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

synonym : cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

campfire

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

synonym : bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

posse

n. a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

synonym : crew, gang, retinue

(1) **posse** member, (2) **posse** of citizens

My friends and I formed a **posse** to search for the lost hiker.

lawless

adj. lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system

synonym : unlawful, illegal, criminal

(1) **lawless** society, (2) **lawless** behavior

The underground club was a **lawless** environment where anything could happen.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym : disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

frisk

v. to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful manner

synonym : search, pat down, romp

(1) **frisk** around the yard, (2) **frisk** his pockets

The security guard stopped and **frisked** the suspicious-looking person at the entrance to the building.

defund

v. to withdraw or cut off funding or financial support from a person, organization, or project

synonym : divest, disinvest, withdraw funding

(1) **defund** the healthcare system, (2) **defund** an organization

The protest movement has called on the government to **defund** the police department.

quotidian

adj. occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive,

or mundane

synonym: everyday, mundane, routine

(1) **quotidian** chores, (2) **quotidian** life

The artist was famous for capturing the beauty of **quotidian** scenes in her paintings.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

setback

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

synonym: obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

(1) major **setback**, (2) suffer a **setback**

The team experienced a **setback** when their star player was injured during the game.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

paraphrase

v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

synonym: rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym: unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

coronavirus

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

synonym: covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped

this year's beer festival.

capitol

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

synonym: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

collusion

n. secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy, especially for a deceitful or fraudulent purpose

synonym: conspiracy, plot, complicity

(1) political **collusion**, (2) criminal **collusion**

The investigation found evidence of **collusion** between the two companies to manipulate the market.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

genesis

n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

synonym: beginning, creation, provenance

(1) the **genesis** of civilization, (2) in the Book of **Genesis**

The politician's remarks became the **genesis** of the clash between the two countries.

synonymous

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

synonym: equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non- **synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

purge

v. to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure

synonym: cleanse, clear, eliminate

(1) **purge** the system, (2) **purge** his sins

The government tried to **purge** corrupt officials from the bureaucracy.

supremacy

n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

synonym: dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

infiltrate

v. to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

synonym: penetrate, sneak in, invade

(1) **infiltrate** the bloodstream, (2) **infiltrate** a community

The spy was able to **infiltrate** the enemy's headquarters undetected.

inbox

n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

(1) **inbox** full of emails, (2) **inbox** folder

After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your **inbox**.

reinstate

v. to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held

synonym: restore, bring back, revive

(1) **reinstate** a policy, (2) **reinstate** a team member

The boss decided to **reinstate** the recently fired employee after realizing their mistake.

perverse

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

synonym : stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude

His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

bigot

n. a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people

synonym : sectarian, dogmatizer, intolerant

(1) **bigot** mentality, (2) religious **bigot**

His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded **bigot**.

outsized

adj. larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount

synonym : oversize, huge, massive

(1) **outsized** impact, (2) **outsized** equipment

The musician's **outsized** stage presence made her concerts an unforgettable experience.

rightsized

v. to alter a company or its operations to an optimal size, often involving the reduction or rearrangement of staff or resources to improve efficiency and profitability; (noun) the process of adjusting the size or structure of an organization or business to make it more efficient, profitable, or effective

synonym : resize, downsize, optimize

(1) **rightsized** a company, (2) **rightsized** the operations

The company needs to **rightsized** its staff and restructure to stay competitive.

legitimacy

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

synonym : legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**
I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

federate

v. to unite or bring together into a federation or alliance; to form a confederacy or union with shared goals or interests

synonym : unite, join, ally

(1) **federate** global network, (2) **federate** labor unions
The countries decided to **federate** to gain more political power.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

totalitarian

adj. of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power

synonym : dictatorial, authoritarian, oppressive

(1) **totalitarian** ideology, (2) **totalitarian** state

The government was criticized for having a **totalitarian** regime.

exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

synonym : exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence

He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym : confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

munition

n. weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition

synonym : armament, weaponry, ordnance

(1) **munitions** factory, (2) military **munitions**

The soldiers had stored their **munitions** in a secure bunker.

cohesive

adj. causing cohesion; bringing people or things together

synonym : sticky, close-knit, well-integrated

(1) **cohesive** ability, (2) highly **cohesive** group

He skillfully combines these fragments into a **cohesive** whole.

massacre

n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

synonym : slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

tiki

n. a carved wooden or stone statue or figurine in Polynesian art and culture, often depicting humanoid

gods or ancestors

synonym : statue, carving, figurehead

(1) **tiki** bar, (2) **tiki** statue

The **tiki** torches added a festive touch to the outdoor party.

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym : class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym : take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

fraternal

adj. relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)

synonym : brotherly, congenial, biovular

(1) **fraternal** twins, (2) a **fraternal** association

He recommended that they take out **fraternal** life insurance.

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

litmus

n. a type of paper or solution used to test the acidity or basicity of a substance, typically by changing color when exposed to an acidic or basic solution

synonym: indicator, gauge, test

(1) **litmus** solution, (2) **litmus** paper

The **litmus** test revealed that the substance was acidic.

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

scapegoat

v. to unfairly blame or punish someone for the misdeeds or mistakes of others, often to deflect attention or avoid accountability; (noun) a person or group that is unfairly blamed for the problems or misfortunes of others, typically to divert attention or responsibility from the actual cause

synonym: blame, accuse, fault

(1) **scapegoat** the new employee, (2) political **scapegoat**

Some politicians try to **scapegoat** specific groups of people to distract from their shortcomings.

advantageous

adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial

synonym: beneficial, favorable, profitable

(1) **advantageous** conditions, (2) **advantageous** interest rate

The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly **advantageous**.

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

sundown

n. the time of day when the sun sets below the horizon; twilight; dusk

synonym: sunset, nightfall, dusk

(1) during **sundown**, (2) **sundown** candle

We watched the beautiful **sundown** over the horizon with peace and tranquility.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

regress

v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

synonym: retrovert, deteriorate, decline

(1) **regress** to childhood, (2) **regress** in skills

The team's failure to win games has caused them to **regress** in confidence.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet

synonym: disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

enshrine

v. to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect

synonym: ensconce, preserve, cherish

(1) **enshrine** memories, (2) **enshrine** tradition

The Constitution **enshrines** the rights and freedoms of citizens.

choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

synonym: strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

chime

v. to make a ringing sound, usually by striking an object like a bell or wind chime; to harmonize or agree with something else; (noun) a set of musical bells or metal tubes that produce a musical sound when struck or played

synonym: ring, toll, peal

(1) glass wind **chime**, (2) **chime** with the music

The grandfather clock **chimed** solemnly, signaling the hour.

simplistic

adj. oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms

synonym: basic, uncomplicated, elementary

(1) **simplistic** approach, (2) **simplistic** design

The politician's solution to the problem was too **simplistic** to solve the underlying issue.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym : draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

meddlesome

adj. intrusively or offensively interfering in the affairs of others; inclined to meddle

synonym : nosy, intrusive, interfering

(1) **meddlesome** question, (2) **meddlesome** interference

The **meddlesome** neighbor always gossiped about everyone's personal lives.

elude

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

synonym : evade, avoid, dodge

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

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

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.

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**.

indignation

n. strong anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment

synonym : anger, outrage, fury

(1) **indignation** against the government, (2) **indignation**

meeting

His **indignation** at the injustice was palpable.

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym: amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

blossom

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

synonym: flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

bailout

n. the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy

synonym: help, aid, support

(1) **bailout** bill, (2) **bailout** bottle

Many countries provided a **bailout** to the private sector to minimize the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

radicalize

v. to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices

synonym: transform, alter

(1) **radicalize** religious groups, (2) **radicalize** ideology

The extremist group aims to **radicalize** young people through its propaganda.

indifferent

adj. having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral

synonym: apathetic, disinterested, unmoved

(1) an **indifferent** glance, (2) emotionally **indifferent**

Despite the good news, she remained **indifferent** to the situation.

eloquence

n. the ability to speak or write with fluency, clarity, and persuasion

synonym: fluency, articulation, oratory

(1) **eloquence** of speech, (2) admired for **eloquence**

The politician's **eloquence** helped him win over the crowd during his speech.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cor_____us antibody test kit *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
2. sim_____ic design *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
3. ba_____t bill *n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy
4. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
5. co_____t with nature *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
6. pe_____se idea *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
7. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 1. coronavirus, 2. simplistic, 3. bailout, 4. dedicate, 5. coexist, 6. perverse, 7. elevate

8. in__x full of emails *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
9. su_____cy of a country *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
10. ho_____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
11. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
12. a pr_____ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
13. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
14. en_____ne tradition *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
15. w__p under pressure *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
16. no__n cathedral *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period

ANSWERS: 8. inbox, 9. supremacy, 10. horrific, 11. pun, 12. predatory, 13. interconnect, 14. enshrine, 15. warp, 16. Norman

17. r__e the stone into precise shapes *v.* to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force
18. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
19. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
20. fall victim to an as_____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
21. a mood of war-we_____ss *n.* great tiredness or fatigue
22. syn_____us terms *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
23. inf_____te the bloodstream *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
24. 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
25. commercial ai_____e *n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
26. qu_____an chores *adj.* occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane

ANSWERS: 17. rive, 18. trump, 19. intensify, 20. assassin, 21. weariness, 22. synonymous, 23. infiltrate, 24. instinct, 25. airwave, 26. quotidian

27. highly co____ve group *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
28. med_____me interference *adj.* intrusively or offensively interfering in the affairs of others; inclined to meddle
29. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
30. an ind_____nt glance *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
31. gr_____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
32. co____ve ability *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
33. ch__e with the music *v.* to make a ringing sound, usually by striking an object like a bell or wind chime; to harmonize or agree with something else; (noun) a set of musical bells or metal tubes that produce a musical sound when struck or played
34. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
35. fe_____te labor unions *v.* to unite or bring together into a federation or alliance; to form a confederacy or union with shared goals or interests
36. 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

ANSWERS: 27. cohesive, 28. meddlesome, 29. viol, 30. indifferent, 31. grapple, 32. cohesive, 33. chime, 34. defy, 35. federate, 36. instinct

37. dis_____ent plan *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
38. li___s paper *n.* a type of paper or solution used to test the acidity or basicity of a substance, typically by changing color when exposed to an acidic or basic solution
39. during su_____n *n.* the time of day when the sun sets below the horizon; twilight; dusk
40. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
41. non_____ce protest *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
42. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
43. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
44. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
45. sc_____ly readable *adv.* hardly or almost not; only just
46. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

ANSWERS: 37. disinvestment, 38. litmus, 39. sundown, 40. intensify, 41. nonviolence, 42. dismantle, 43. pretension, 44. tweet, 45. scarcely, 46. enlightenment

47. inf_____te a community *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
48. en_____ne memories *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
49. fe_____te global network *v.* to unite or bring together into a federation or alliance; to form a confederacy or union with shared goals or interests
50. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
51. la_____s society *adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
52. ou_____e equipment *adj.* larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount
53. re_____te a policy *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
54. su_____n candle *n.* the time of day when the sun sets below the horizon; twilight; dusk
55. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 47. infiltrate, 48. enshrine, 49. federate, 50. industrious, 51. lawless, 52. outside, 53. reinstate, 54. sundown, 55. institutionalize

56. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
57. a w_n smile *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
58. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
59. the int_____ted nature of the problems *adj.* closely connected or related to each other
60. li___s solution *n.* a type of paper or solution used to test the acidity or basicity of a substance, typically by changing color when exposed to an acidic or basic solution
61. ind_____on against the government *n.* strong anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment
62. un___d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
63. rad_____ze religious groups *v.* to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices
64. adv_____ous conditions *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
65. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
66. inf_____on pattern *n.* a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories

ANSWERS: 56. blueprint, 57. wan, 58. reconstruct, 59. interrelated, 60. litmus, 61. indignation, 62. unfold, 63. radicalize, 64. advantageous, 65. amplify, 66. inflection

67. a local pu____or
n. a person or company that provides goods or services
68. the to__h of learning
n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
69. to__h song
n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
70. ou_____e impact
adj. larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount
71. man_____ion of a deeper problem
n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
72. emotionally ind_____nt
adj. having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
73. of_____e course
adj. not connected to the internet
74. tot_____ian ideology
adj. of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
75. a mir_____us encounter
adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
76. 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
77. el_____ce of speech
n. the ability to speak or write with fluency, clarity, and persuasion

ANSWERS: 67. purveyor, 68. torch, 69. torch, 70. outside, 71. manifestation, 72. indifferent, 73. offline, 74. totalitarian, 75. miraculous, 76. whisper, 77. eloquence

78. par_____se the meaning *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
79. fr_____al twins *adj.* relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)
80. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
81. de___d the healthcare system *v.* to withdraw or cut off funding or financial support from a person, organization, or project
82. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
83. a fr_____al association *adj.* relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)
84. an un_____d story *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
85. fr__k around the yard *v.* to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful manner
86. apple bl_____m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 78. paraphrase, 79. fraternal, 80. defy, 81. defund, 82. tweet, 83. fraternal, 84. unheard, 85. frisk, 86. blossom

87. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
88. suffer a se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
89. re____b chamber *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
90. di_____le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
91. major se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
92. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
93. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
94. animal ma_____re *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
95. no____n invasion *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period

ANSWERS: 87. dedicate, 88. setback, 89. reverb, 90. dismantle, 91. setback, 92.

reconstruct, 93. confer, 94. massacre, 95. Norman

96. ex_____te from blame *v.* to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt
97. go through a mir_____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
98. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
99. qu_____an life *adj.* occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane
100. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
101. political co_____on *n.* secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy, especially for a deceitful or fraudulent purpose
102. el__e the law *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
103. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
104. ri_____ze a company *v.* to alter a company or its operations to an optimal size, often involving the reduction or rearrangement of staff or resources to improve efficiency and profitability; (noun) the process of adjusting the size or structure of an organization or business to make it more efficient, profitable, or effective

ANSWERS: 96. exonerate, 97. miraculous, 98. liberate, 99. quotidian, 100. liberate, 101. collusion, 102. elude, 103. institutionalize, 104. rightsize

105. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
106. pr_____te criminal *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
107. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
108. unb_____le heat *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
109. previously un_____d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
110. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
111. gr_____e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
112. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
113. co_____t with diversity *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
114. una_____ble decision *adj.* not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior

ANSWERS: 105. optimism, 106. prosecute, 107. amplify, 108. unbearable, 109. unheard, 110. industrious, 111. grapple, 112. blueprint, 113. coexist, 114. unaccountable

115. sim_____ic approach *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
116. dec_____ct his method *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
117. re___b effect *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
118. v___l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
119. se___e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
120. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
121. bri_____ce of diamond *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

ANSWERS: 115. simplistic, 116. deconstruct, 117. reverb, 118. viol, 119. seize, 120. nationalist, 121. brilliance

122. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
123. a pu_____or to the army *n.* a person or company that provides goods or services
124. re_____te a team member *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
125. ca__e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
126. non-syn_____us mutation *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
127. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
128. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
129. par_____se a poem into prose *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
130. t__i bar *n.* a carved wooden or stone statue or figurine in Polynesian art and culture, often depicting humanoid gods or ancestors

ANSWERS: 122. astonishing, 123. purveyor, 124. reinstate, 125. caste, 126. synonymous, 127. riot, 128. pretension, 129. paraphrase, 130. tiki

131. gr___e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
132. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
133. ch__e with anger *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
134. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
135. pr_____ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
136. ann_____te the enemy *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
137. conducting ba__n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
138. pe_____se attitude *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
139. abolish mil_____sm *n.* a political belief of a people or a government that a country should maintain a strong military force and be prepared to use it aggressively to defend or promote national interests

ANSWERS: 131. grieve, 132. exert, 133. choke, 134. devote, 135. predatory, 136. annihilate, 137. baton, 138. perverse, 139. militarism

140. flu pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
141. ly__h law *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
142. bi__t mentality *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
143. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
144. un____d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
145. ex_____te the defendant *v.* to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt
146. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 140. pandemic, 141. lynch, 142. bigot, 143. pun, 144. unfold, 145. exonerate, 146. confer

147. r__e the sails of the ship *v.* to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force
148. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
149. trembling with tre_____on *n.* a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous
150. inf_____on in voice *n.* a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories
151. mass inc_____ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
152. int_____ted factors *adj.* closely connected or related to each other
153. in__x folder *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
154. med_____me question *adj.* intrusively or offensively interfering in the affairs of others; inclined to meddle
155. ba_____t bottle *n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy
156. la_____s behavior *adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system

ANSWERS: 147. rive, 148. trait, 149. trepidation, 150. inflection, 151. incarceration, 152. interrelated, 153. inbox, 154. meddlesome, 155. bailout, 156. lawless

157. the ge____s of civilization *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
158. po__e member *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
159. sense of op____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
160. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
161. una_____ble behavior *adj.* not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior
162. of____e mode *adj.* not connected to the internet
163. ind_____on meeting *n.* strong anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment
164. sc____ly any interest in public *adv.* hardly or almost not; only just
165. anti-mil_____sm movement *n.* a political belief of a people or a government that a country should maintain a strong military force and be prepared to use it aggressively to defend or promote national interests

ANSWERS: 157. genesis, 158. posse, 159. optimism, 160. empower, 161. unaccountable, 162. offline, 163. indignation, 164. scarcely, 165. militarism

166. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
167. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
168. military mu_____ons *n.* weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition
169. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
170. gr_____me accident *adj.* causing horror or disgust
171. ho_____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
172. admired for el_____ce *n.* the ability to speak or write with fluency, clarity, and persuasion
173. challenge the leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
174. sense of tre_____on *n.* a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous
175. twirl the ba__n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

ANSWERS: 166. helpless, 167. incarceration, 168. munition, 169. aspiration, 170. gruesome, 171. horrific, 172. eloquence, 173. legitimacy, 174. trepidation, 175. baton

176. dis_____ent strategy *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
177. the nation's ca_____l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
178. ex__t influence *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
179. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
180. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
181. ma_____re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
182. would-be as_____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
183. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
184. criminal co_____on *n.* secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy, especially for a deceitful or fraudulent purpose
185. democratic leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

ANSWERS: 176. disinvestment, 177. capitol, 178. exert, 179. prosecute, 180. protagonist, 181. massacre, 182. assassin, 183. helpless, 184. collusion, 185. legitimacy

186. ann_____te all doubts *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
187. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
188. political sc_____at *v.* to unfairly blame or punish someone for the misdeeds or mistakes of others, often to deflect attention or avoid accountability; (noun) a person or group that is unfairly blamed for the problems or misfortunes of others, typically to divert attention or responsibility from the actual cause
189. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
190. po__e of citizens *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
191. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
192. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
193. re___t days of drug abuse *v.* to feel remorse for one's past actions or thoughts and commit to changing them
194. glass wind ch__e *v.* to make a ringing sound, usually by striking an object like a bell or wind chime; to harmonize or agree with something else; (noun) a set of musical bells or metal tubes that produce a musical sound when struck or played

ANSWERS: 186. annihilate, 187. elevate, 188. scapegoat, 189. ubiquitous, 190. posse, 191. indifference, 192. opportune, 193. repent, 194. chime

195. rad_____ze ideology *v.* to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices
196. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
197. hu___e around the open fire *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
198. pu__e the system *v.* to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure
199. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
200. economic bri_____ce *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
201. dec_____ct the existing system *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
202. re_____s in skills *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
203. mu_____ons factory *n.* weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition

ANSWERS: 195. radicalize, 196. riot, 197. huddle, 198. purge, 199. ubiquitous, 200. brilliance, 201. deconstruct, 202. regress, 203. munition

204. pu__e his sins v. to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure
205. military ca__e n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
206. make ast_____ng gains adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
207. em_____r the secretary to do the same v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
208. de____d an organization v. to withdraw or cut off funding or financial support from a person, organization, or project
209. non_____ce movement n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
210. inc_____te her for life v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
211. mo_____ze a stiff joint v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
212. adv_____ous interest rate adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
213. become w__ped v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
214. 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

ANSWERS: 204. purge, 205. caste, 206. astonishing, 207. empower, 208. defund, 209. nonviolence, 210. incarcerate, 211. mobilize, 212. advantageous, 213. warp, 214. whisper

215. chronic we_____ss *n.* great tiredness or fatigue
216. fr__k his pockets *v.* to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful manner
217. roast marshmallows around the ca_____re *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
218. ch__e off the blood supply *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
219. a race for su_____cy *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
220. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
221. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
222. ca_____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
223. unb_____le pain *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

ANSWERS: 215. weariness, 216. frisk, 217. campfire, 218. choke, 219. supremacy, 220. manifestation, 221. interconnect, 222. campfire, 223. unbearable

224. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
225. re____s to childhood *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
226. nat____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
227. hu___e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
228. w_n light *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
229. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
230. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
231. ri____ze the operations *v.* to alter a company or its operations to an optimal size, often involving the reduction or rearrangement of staff or resources to improve efficiency and profitability; (noun) the process of adjusting the size or structure of an organization or business to make it more efficient, profitable, or effective
232. in the Book of Ge____s *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

ANSWERS: 224. devote, 225. regress, 226. nationalist, 227. huddle, 228. wan, 229. trump, 230. opportune, 231. rightsize, 232. genesis

233. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
234. walkie-talkie ai_____e *n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
235. trending ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
236. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
237. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
238. gr___e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
239. sc_____at the new employee *v.* to unfairly blame or punish someone for the misdeeds or mistakes of others, often to deflect attention or avoid accountability; (noun) a person or group that is unfairly blamed for the problems or misfortunes of others, typically to divert attention or responsibility from the actual cause
240. bl_____m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 233. policymaker, 234. airwave, 235. hashtag, 236. indifference, 237. seize, 238. grieve, 239. scapegoat, 240. blossom

241. cor_____us bankruptcy *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
242. re___t a sin *v.* to feel remorse for one's past actions or thoughts and commit to changing them
243. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
244. religious bi__t *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
245. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
246. t__i statue *n.* a carved wooden or stone statue or figurine in Polynesian art and culture, often depicting humanoid gods or ancestors
247. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
248. el__e responsibility for the failure *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
249. Ca_____l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

ANSWERS: 241. coronavirus, 242. repent, 243. policymaker, 244. bigot, 245. aspiration, 246. tiki, 247. pandemic, 248. elude, 249. capitol

250. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
251. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
252. ly__h him to death *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
253. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
254. tot_____ian state *adj.* of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
255. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
256. marked with a ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
257. hear gr_____me details *adj.* causing horror or disgust
258. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

ANSWERS: 250. protagonist, 251. incarcerate, 252. lynch, 253. mobilize, 254. totalitarian, 255. trait, 256. hashtag, 257. gruesome, 258. enlightenment

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The computer is _____ and cannot be accessed at the moment.
adj. not connected to the internet
2. He _____ himself to lift the heavyweight.
v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
3. The spy was able to _____ the enemy's headquarters undetected.
v. to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
4. His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded _____.
n. a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
5. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
6. The government was criticized for having a _____ regime.
adj. of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
7. The politician's remarks became the _____ of the clash between the two countries.
n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

ANSWERS: 1. offline, 2. exerted, 3. infiltrate, 4. bigot, 5. seize, 6. totalitarian, 7. genesis

8. The loss of his wife was an _____ sorrow that he found hard to overcome.
adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
9. The team's failure to win games has caused them to _____ in confidence.
v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
10. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
11. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.
v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
12. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
13. He needed to _____ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.
v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
14. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
15. 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

ANSWERS: 8. unbearable, 9. regress, 10. pretensions, 11. reconstruct, 12. riots, 13. grapple, 14. aspiration, 15. instinct

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

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

17. The politician's solution to the problem was too _____ to solve the underlying issue.

adj. oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms

18. She felt _____ as she approached the podium to give her speech.

n. a feeling of fear, anxiety, or apprehension about something uncertain or unknown; a state of alarm or nervousness that results from anticipating something frightening or dangerous

19. Our system can now _____ with other databases.

v. to connect similar things

20. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

21. The mob wanted to _____ the suspect before he could be tried in court.

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

22. I feel so _____ without you.

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

23. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

ANSWERS: 16. eluded, 17. simplistic, 18. trepidation, 19. interconnect, 20. confer, 21. lynch, 22. helpless, 23. torch

24. The soldiers had stored their _____ in a secure bunker.
- n.* weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition
25. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
- v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
26. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
27. We sat around the _____ and told stories late into the night.
- n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
28. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
- v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
29. The singer's voice had a natural _____ that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.
- n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
30. The investigation found evidence of _____ between the two companies to manipulate the market.
- n.* secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy, especially for a deceitful or fraudulent purpose

ANSWERS: 24. munitions, 25. intensify, 26. tweet, 27. campfire, 28. elevates, 29. reverb, 30. collusion

31. The extremist group aims to _____ young people through its propaganda.
- v. to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices
32. This company is the world's largest _____ of caviar.
- n. a person or company that provides goods or services
33. I tried to assume an air of _____.
- n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
34. The different species can _____ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.
- v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
35. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
- v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
36. The countries decided to _____ to gain more political power.
- v. to unite or bring together into a federation or alliance; to form a confederacy or union with shared goals or interests
37. The virus had the potential to _____ entire populations if left unchecked.
- v. to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
38. The protest movement has called on the government to _____ the police department.
- v. to withdraw or cut off funding or financial support from a person, organization, or project

ANSWERS: 31. radicalize, 32. purveyor, 33. indifference, 34. coexist, 35. devoted, 36. federate, 37. annihilate, 38. defund

39. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
40. Our brand's campaign uses a unique _____ to track engagement and reach.
n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
41. The radio station broadcasts my favorite song over the _____.
n. a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
42. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.
n. the state of being confined in prison or jail
43. She _____ the loss of her parents.
v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
44. His ___ complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.
adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
45. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
46. He was born into a lower _____ and faced discrimination throughout his life.
n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

ANSWERS: 39. manifestation, 40. hashtag, 41. airwaves, 42. incarceration, 43. grieved, 44. wan, 45. opportune, 46. caste

47. The lumberjack used a strong axe to _____ the logs into smaller pieces.
v. to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force
48. The _____ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.
n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
49. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
50. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
51. The different parts of the system are _____ and rely on each other to function correctly.
adj. closely connected or related to each other
52. We _____ ever used AEDs.
adv. hardly or almost not; only just
53. The domesticated cat still has its _____ instincts.
adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
54. The artist was famous for capturing the beauty of _____ scenes in her paintings.
adj. occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane
55. The _____ torches added a festive touch to the outdoor party.
n. a carved wooden or stone statue or figurine in Polynesian art and culture, often depicting humanoid gods or ancestors

ANSWERS: 47. rive, 48. massacre, 49. astonishing, 50. liberated, 51. interrelated, 52. scarcely, 53. predatory, 54. quotidian, 55. tiki

56. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

- n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

57. The ship's hull was _____ from years of use in rough seas.

- v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

58. The _____ test revealed that the substance was acidic.

- n.* a type of paper or solution used to test the acidity or basicity of a substance, typically by changing color when exposed to an acidic or basic solution

59. Despite the good news, she remained _____ to the situation.

- adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral

60. He _____ his life to helping others.

- v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

61. My friends and I formed a _____ to search for the lost hiker.

- n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

62. He was _____ for the duration of the war.

- v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

63. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.

- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

ANSWERS: 56. viol, 57. warped, 58. litmus, 59. indifferent, 60. dedicated, 61. posse, 62. incarcerated, 63. pandemic

64. You might need to _____ this point.

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

65. The company's decision to engage in _____ led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.

n. the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector

66. The politician's _____ helped him win over the crowd during his speech.

n. the ability to speak or write with fluency, clarity, and persuasion

67. Stiff shoulders and tired eyes are signs of _____.

n. great tiredness or fatigue

68. 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

69. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

70. The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly _____.

adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial

71. The empire's military power ensured its _____ over the neighboring states.

n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

ANSWERS: 64. amplify, 65. disinvestment, 66. eloquence, 67. weariness, 68. whispered, 69. Policymakers, 70. advantageous, 71. supremacy

72. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

- v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

73. I'm going to deny the _____ of his claim.

- n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

74. She hired an _____ to kill her opponent.

- n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

75. The _____ disappearance of funds led to an investigation.

- adj.* not able to be explained or justified, often in a way that suggests something suspicious or dishonest is going on; not responsible or answerable for one's actions or behavior

76. The scientist's _____ led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.

- n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

77. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.

- n.* a particular feature of your nature

78. Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of _____ in the fight for civil rights.

- n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

ANSWERS: 72. defy, 73. legitimacy, 74. assassin, 75. unaccountable, 76. brilliance, 77. traits, 78. nonviolence

79. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.
v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

80. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

81. He recommended that they take out _____ life insurance.

adj. relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)

82. The _____ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

83. The team experienced a _____ when their star player was injured during the game.

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

84. The _____ architecture in the old city was a sight to behold.

adj. relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period

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

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

ANSWERS: 79. dismantled, 80. horrific, 81. fraternal, 82. unheard, 83. setback, 84. Norman, 85. institutionalize

86. The children _____ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.
v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
87. The cherry _____ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.
n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
88. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
89. The police officer used his _____ to disperse the crowd.
n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
90. The _____ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.
n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
91. The _____ crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.
adj. causing horror or disgust
92. He skillfully combines these fragments into a _____ whole.
adj. causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
93. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 86. huddled, 87. blossom, 88. optimism, 89. baton, 90. capitol, 91. gruesome, 92. cohesive, 93. trump

94. Some politicians try to _____ specific groups of people to distract from their shortcomings.
- v. to unfairly blame or punish someone for the misdeeds or mistakes of others, often to deflect attention or avoid accountability; (noun) a person or group that is unfairly blamed for the problems or misfortunes of others, typically to divert attention or responsibility from the actual cause
95. His _____ at the injustice was palpable.
- n. strong anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment
96. The government tried to _____ corrupt officials from the bureaucracy.
- v. to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure
97. The underground club was a _____ environment where anything could happen.
- adj. lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
98. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
- v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
99. The Constitution _____ the rights and freedoms of citizens.
- v. to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
100. The DNA evidence _____ the suspect, proving his innocence.
- v. to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt

ANSWERS: 94. scapegoat, 95. indignation, 96. purge, 97. lawless, 98. unfolded, 99. enshrines, 100. exonerated

101. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

102. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

103. The baby started to _____ on a piece of apple.

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

104. His _____ sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

105. The attorney decided to _____ the suspect for stealing from the store.

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

106. The military _____ troops to the border.

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

107. We watched the beautiful _____ over the horizon with peace and tranquility.

n. the time of day when the sun sets below the horizon; twilight; dusk

108. The company needs to _____ its staff and restructure to stay competitive.

v. to alter a company or its operations to an optimal size, often involving the reduction or rearrangement of staff or resources to improve efficiency and profitability; (noun) the process of adjusting the size or structure of an organization or business to make it more efficient, profitable, or effective

ANSWERS: 101. nationalist, 102. empowered, 103. choke, 104. perverse, 105. prosecute, 106. mobilized, 107. sundown, 108. rightsize

109. The linguist studied the _____ of the language's inflection in speech.
n. a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories
110. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
111. A business plan is a _____ for your success.
n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
112. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
113. Many countries provided a _____ to the private sector to minimize the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.
n. the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy
114. The _____ neighbor always gossiped about everyone's personal lives.
adj. intrusively or offensively interfering in the affairs of others; inclined to meddle
115. He _____ the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.
v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
116. The grandfather clock _____ solemnly, signaling the hour.
v. to make a ringing sound, usually by striking an object like a bell or wind chime; to harmonize or agree with something else; (noun) a set of musical bells or metal tubes that produce a musical sound when struck or played

ANSWERS: 109. inflection, 110. industrious, 111. blueprint, 112. pun, 113. bailout, 114. meddlesome, 115. paraphrased, 116. chimed

117. He _____ for his actions and begged for forgiveness.
v. to feel remorse for one's past actions or thoughts and commit to changing them
118. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
119. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
120. The leaders of that country strived to revive _____ despite past defeats.
n. a political belief of a people or a government that a country should maintain a strong military force and be prepared to use it aggressively to defend or promote national interests
121. The security guard stopped and _____ the suspicious-looking person at the entrance to the building.
v. to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful manner
122. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are _____.
adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
123. She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to _____ various categories of literature.
v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
124. The musician's _____ stage presence made her concerts an unforgettable experience.
adj. larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount

ANSWERS: 117. repented, 118. protagonist's, 119. enlightenment, 120. militarism, 121. frisked, 122. synonymous, 123. deconstruct, 124. outsize

125. Considering the situation of _____ organized stopped this year's beer festival.

- n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

126. Sugar is _____ in food.

- adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

127. He made a _____ recovery.

- adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

128. The boss decided to _____ the recently fired employee after realizing their mistake.

- v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held

129. After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your _____.

- n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

ANSWERS: 125. coronavirus, 126. ubiquitous, 127. miraculous, 128. reinstate, 129. inbox