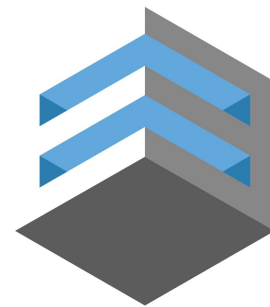


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Session 1: Word List

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym: ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym: frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym: ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

synonym: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

synonym: roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym: road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

tarmac

- n.* a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac

synonym: runway, airstrip, path

- (1) **tarmac** repair, (2) **tarmac** a driveway

The plane pulled onto the **tarmac** and stopped at the gate.

aid

- n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym: helper, resource, assistance

- (1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

grab

- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

- (1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

elbow

- n.* the joint between the upper arm and the lower arm; the bend in a pipe or tube formed at this joint

synonym: joint, bend, cubitus

- (1) **elbow** bone, (2) **elbow-length** sleeves

She bruised her **elbow** after falling off her bike.

amazing

- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

- (1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

pulse

- n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

synonym:

beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

ambulance

n. a vehicle specifically designed and equipped to transport sick or injured people to and from hospitals and other medical facilities

(1) dispatch an **ambulance**, (2) **ambulance** service

The **ambulance** crew quickly stabilized the patient before transporting them to the hospital.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

traumatic

adj. relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury

synonym: distressing

(1) **traumatic** event, (2) **traumatic** brain injury

The experience was so **traumatic** that it left a lasting impact on the survivor's mental health.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

blank

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

synonym: empty, void, barren

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

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

screen

recede

v. to pull back or move away or backward

synonym: move back, retreat, downsize

(1) **recede** from view, (2) **recede** in the darkness

The king's political power **receded** even further.

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.

distress

n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

synonym: discomfort, despair, misery

(1) a signal of **distress**, (2) emotional **distress**

She has been in great **distress** since she was heartbroken.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym: combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

loosen

v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

synonym: relax, slacken, untie

(1) **loosen** grip, (2) **loosen** knot

Please **loosen** the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym: congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

dull

adj. not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp

synonym: insensitive, unintelligent, boring

(1) a **dull** pain, (2) **dull** sight

The trade is **dull** right now due to the collapse of the prominent investment bank.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym: space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

tonic

adj. of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor

synonym: (noun) brew, (noun) elixir

(1) the **tonic** sol-fa, (2) a **tonic** medicine

A **tonic** syllable carries the main stress in a word.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

retrospect

n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

synonym: review, hindsight, contemplation

(1) **retrospect** review, (2) with hindsight **retrospect**

In **retrospect**, I wish I had made a different decision.

pharmacy

n. a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's

synonym: drugstore, chemist's, apothecary

(1) **pharmacy** chain, (2) online **pharmacy**

I need to go to the hospital **pharmacy** to pick up my prescription.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

parlance

n. the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social group

synonym: jargon, vernacular, dialect

(1) legal **parlance**, (2) common **parlance**

In medical **parlance**, a heart attack is a myocardial infarction.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

teeny

adj. extremely small; tiny

synonym: tiny, mini, minuscule

(1) **teeny** bit, (2) so **teeny** tiny

The ring was so **teeny** that it almost looked like a toy.

nestling

n. a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother

synonym: chick, fledgling, baby bird

(1) **nestling** bird, (2) hungry **nestling**

The mother bird was carefully feeding her **nestlings**.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down
He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym : beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity
Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories
They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

stadium

n. a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

synonym : arena, field, park

(1) **stadium** seating, (2) **stadium** capacity
The baseball **stadium** was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym : player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**
His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym: versifier, rhymers, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

persuade

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

synonym: convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

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

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

continuity

n. the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern

synonym: coherence, uninterruptedness, perseverance

(1) **continuity** plan, (2) **continuity** of service

The sudden departure of the team leader disrupted the project's **continuity**.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

athletics

n. the physical activities or sports that involve physical exertion and competition, such as running, jumping, throwing, or walking

synonym: sports, physical activity, exercise

(1) high school **athletics**, (2) professional **athletics**

She excelled in **athletics** during high school and went on to compete at the collegiate level.

strive

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

synonym: preserve, endure, persist

(1) **strive** hard to get, (2) **strive** for excellence

They **strived** to make their dream come true.

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced;
(verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

synonym: proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond

The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

anthology

n. a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme

synonym: compilation, collection, selection

(1) **anthology** series, (2) short story **anthology**

A renowned literary critic edited the poetry **anthology**.

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym: exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym: fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym: comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

prescription

n. a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

synonym: directive, instruction, order

(1) **prescription** drugs, (2) fill the **prescription**

I need to refill my **prescription** for allergy medication at the pharmacy.

photocopy

n. a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier

synonym: duplicate, reproduction

(1) **photocopy** machine, (2) color **photocopy**

I need to make a **photocopy** of this document before I send it out.

sack

v. to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place;
(noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

synonym: discharge, remove, (noun) bag

(1) **sack** an employee, (2) a sleep **sack**

He was **sacked** from his job for stealing company property.

bladder

n. a hollow, flexible sac-like organ in the body that stores and expels fluids, such as urine or bile

synonym: vesica, cyst, sac

(1) **bladder** infection, (2) swollen **bladder**

Drinking too much coffee can irritate the **bladder** and cause frequent urination.

blackboard

n. a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

synonym: chalkboard, slate

(1) chalk on a **blackboard**, (2) electronic **blackboard**

The teacher asked me to rub out the **blackboard**.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge

She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

puffy

adj. swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;

synonym: swollen, distended, inflated

(1) **puffy** off-shore winds, (2) **puffy** eyes

His cheeks looked **puffy** after he overate junk food.

vape

- v. to inhale and exhale the vapor (= the gaseous state of a substance) produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device; to smoke a vapor; (noun) the act or practice of inhaling and exhaling vapor produced by an electronic cigarette

synonym: smoke, puff, inhale

- (1) **vape** pen, (2) **vape** smokes

She decided to **vape** a refreshing mint-flavored e-liquid to satisfy her nicotine cravings.

inappropriate

adj. not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person

synonym: improper, unsuitable, unacceptable

- (1) **inappropriate** behavior, (2) **inappropriate** language

It was highly **inappropriate** to make jokes during a serious business meeting.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

- (1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

acute

adj. extremely sharp or severe

synonym: sharp, perceptive, keen

- (1) **acute** pain, (2) **acute** triangle

The patient died from **acute** alcohol intoxication.

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym: exposed, susceptible, keen

- (1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

shrink

- v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym: decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear
This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

inspector

n. a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body

synonym: investigator, examiner, auditor

(1) **inspector** general, (2) building **inspector**
The school **inspector** was there to evaluate the teachers' performance and the student's progress.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl
I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym: modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion
The nobler, the more **humble**.

leafy

adj. covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat

synonym: verdant, leaf-covered, foliated

(1) **leafy** canopy, (2) **leafy** suburbs
The neighborhood is known for its **leafy** trees and verdant

gardens.

claim

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

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

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

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

loneliness

- n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

synonym: isolation, alienation, desolation

(1) a strong sense of **loneliness**, (2) remedy **loneliness**

I realize the **loneliness** of a single life.

platform

- n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

communicate

- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

startling

- adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym: alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym: barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

avatar

n. (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.

synonym: embodiment, expression, apotheosis

(1) digital **avatar**, (2) the **avatar** of the authority

A person's cyberspace **avatar** often represents the appearance and behavior that the person wants to be.

miserable

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

synonym: unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

incapable

adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something

synonym: unable, incompetent, unskilled

(1) drunk and **incapable**, (2) **incapable** of being resisted

He seems **incapable** of understanding what she says.

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.

stick

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

burglar

- n.* a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime

synonym: thief, robber, intruder

(1) ex-convict **burglar**, (2) caught the **burglar**

The skilled **burglar** bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.

shocking

- adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym: startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

ransack

- v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner

synonym: pillage, loot, plunder

(1) **ransack** a house, (2) **ransack** a town

Burglars **ransacked** the store, stealing everything of value.

courage

- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

impetus

n. a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change

synonym: stimulus, momentum, drive

(1) political **impetus**, (2) technological **impetus**

Getting a raise at work was the **impetus** to start looking for a new place to live.

adapt

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

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

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

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

guise

n. the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

synonym: appearance, pretense, masquerade

(1) in the **guise** of a woman, (2) under the **guise** of friendship

They operated an illegal business under the **guise** of an employment agency.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

secular

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

synonym: nonreligious, materialistic, temporal

(1) **secular** trends, (2) normal **secular** life

The school was founded as a **secular** institution with no religious affiliations.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym: affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

canon

n. a set of rules, principles, or standards by which something is judged or measured

synonym: rule, principle, standard

(1) **canon** law, (2) strict **canon**

The **canon** of classical literature includes works by Shakespeare, Chaucer, and Homer.

liturgy

n. a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church

synonym: rite, service, ceremony

(1) divine **liturgy**, (2) **liturgy** of a church

The **liturgy** for the Mass included hymns, prayers, and readings from the Bible.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

genuine

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

synonym: actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

frenzied

adj. wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement

synonym: frantic, feverish, excited

(1) **frenzied** buying, (2) **frenzied** excitement

The **frenzied** crowd rushed towards the stage at the music festival.

frazzle

v. to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork

synonym: exhaust, wear out, (noun) fatigue

(1) **frazzle** my nerves, (2) **frazzle-free** hair

The long hours of studying for the exam **frazzled** my brain.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

elegant

adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

synonym: refined, sophisticated, graceful

(1) **elegant** design, (2) write **elegant** sentences

She wore an **elegant** evening gown to the gala.

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| mad | <p><i>adj.</i> insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry <i>synonym</i> : crazy, insane, furious</p> <p>(1) a mad person, (2) gets mad easily He was mad with joy to see the results.</p> |
| norm | <p><i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard <i>synonym</i> : criterion, mean, standard</p> <p>(1) norm of action, (2) cultural norm The systems we have developed has accepted as industry norms.</p> |
| difficulty | <p><i>n.</i> a condition or state that causes problems <i>synonym</i> : hardship, complication, problem</p> <p>(1) the degree of difficulty, (2) difficulty in breathing He has difficulty exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.</p> |
| coworker | <p><i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization <i>synonym</i> : colleague, peer, associate</p> <p>(1) coworker relationship, (2) argue with a coworker My ex- coworker and I had different working styles but managed to get along.</p> |
| session | <p><i>n.</i> a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity <i>synonym</i> : conference, gathering</p> <p>(1) the morning session, (2) the court session Parliament is now in session.</p> |
| halfway | <p><i>adj.</i> in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points <i>synonym</i> : middle, median, center</p> <p>(1) halfway through my journey, (2) halfway decent job The famous restaurant stands halfway up the hill.</p> |

cancel

v. to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place

synonym: abort, invalidate, annul

(1) **cancel** a class, (2) **cancel** a free subscription trial

When customers **cancel** their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

gay

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

synonym: cheerful, lively, joyful

(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights

The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

mystic

adj. having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

synonym: secret, mystical, supernatural

(1) **mystic** teaching, (2) medieval **mystic**

He is interested in the **mystic** rites of that religion.

heaven

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

synonym: paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym: sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

cheek

n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

synonym: jaw, mandible, malar

(1) **cheek** bone, (2) hollowed-out **cheek**

He gently touched her apple-red **cheek** and whispered that he loved her.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym: absolutely, completely, perfectly

(1) **utterly** changed, (2) **utterly** ignorant

We are **utterly** opposed to any form of terrorism.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

cipher

n. a secret or disguised way of writing or encoding a message, often using a code or key to decipher it; a person or thing of no value or importance, often used derogatorily to describe someone who lacks personality or individuality

synonym: code, symbol, character

(1) telegram in **cipher**, (2) secret **cipher**

The encrypted message was written in an unknown **cipher** that the codebreakers had to decipher.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

fundamental

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

synonym: basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

blessing

n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

synonym: favor, benediction, boon

(1) count your **blessings**, (2) bestowed **blessings**

Receiving support from his friends was a great **blessing** in his time of need.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. mo___n poetry | <i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times |
| 2. the court se____n | <i>n.</i> a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity |
| 3. re____re anxious patients | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence |
| 4. n__m of action | <i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard |
| 5. a court p__t | <i>n.</i> a person who writes poetry |
| 6. the most am____g feeling | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire |
| 7. na___n-state | <i>n.</i> a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture |
| 8. cultural and ar____ic activity | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities |
| 9. sh____ng response | <i>adj.</i> extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust |
| 10. swollen bl____r | <i>n.</i> a hollow, flexible sac-like organ in the body that stores and expels fluids, such as urine or bile |
| 11. the av___r of the authority | <i>n.</i> (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc. |

ANSWERS: 1. modern, 2. session, 3. reassure, 4. norm, 5. poet, 6. amazing, 7. nation, 8. artistic, 9. shocking, 10. bladder, 11. avatar

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| 12. remedy lon_____ss | <i>n.</i> a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people |
| 13. el__w-length sleeves | <i>n.</i> the joint between the upper arm and the lower arm; the bend in a pipe or tube formed at this joint |
| 14. gov_____nt bureaucracy | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 15. se_____r trends | <i>adj.</i> not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly |
| 16. pu__y eyes | <i>adj.</i> swollen or distended, especially with air or gas; |
| 17. a sonic b__m | <i>n.</i> a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound |
| 18. ta___c a driveway | <i>n.</i> a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac |
| 19. so te__y tiny | <i>adj.</i> extremely small; tiny |
| 20. el_____t design | <i>adj.</i> pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement |
| 21. tracking de___e | <i>n.</i> a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic |

ANSWERS: 12. loneliness, 13. elbow, 14. government, 15. secular, 16. puffy, 17. boom, 18. tarmac, 19. teeny, 20. elegant, 21. device

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| 22. d_m-building program | <i>n.</i> a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy |
| 23. first l__e | <i>n.</i> a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver |
| 24. have a da____g baby | <i>n.</i> a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear |
| 25. face inc_____gly complicated challenges | <i>adv.</i> more and more |
| 26. tr____c jam | <i>n.</i> the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time |
| 27. show ge____e regret | <i>adj.</i> real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed |
| 28. di____b the peace | <i>v.</i> to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc. |
| 29. attempt to pe____de | <i>v.</i> to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion |
| 30. li____me benefits | <i>n.</i> the duration of someone's life or something's existence; |
| 31. se_____ve documents | <i>adj.</i> able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do |

ANSWERS: 22. dam, 23. lane, 24. darling, 25. increasingly, 26. traffic, 27. genuine, 28. disturb, 29. persuade, 30. lifetime, 31. sensitive

32. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
33. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
34. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
35. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
36. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
37. con_____ty of service *n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
38. ca___l a free subscription trial *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
39. ra_____k a town *v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner

ANSWERS: 32. ancient, 33. definitely, 34. claim, 35. process, 36. afterward, 37. continuity, 38. cancel, 39. ransack

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| 40. ut____y ignorant | <i>adv.</i> completely or absolutely |
| 41. modern po____y | <i>n.</i> poems in general as a genre of literature |
| 42. divine li____y | <i>n.</i> a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church |
| 43. ad__t fully to the environment | <i>v.</i> to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment |
| 44. fr____ed buying | <i>adj.</i> wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement |
| 45. re____on of inclusion | <i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another |
| 46. make ast____ng gains | <i>adj.</i> surprising or shocking; difficult to believe |
| 47. dispatch an am____ce | <i>n.</i> a vehicle specifically designed and equipped to transport sick or injured people to and from hospitals and other medical facilities |
| 48. a to__c medicine | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor |
| 49. go out of fa____n | <i>n.</i> a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular |
| 50. ch__r me up | <i>v.</i> to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval |

ANSWERS: 40. utterly, 41. poetry, 42. liturgy, 43. adapt, 44. frenzied, 45. relation, 46. astonishing, 47. ambulance, 48. tonic, 49. fashion, 50. cheer

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| 51. no do__t about the news | <i>n.</i> a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is |
| 52. mi_____le weather | <i>adj.</i> very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering |
| 53. answer in a wh____r | <i>v.</i> to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you |
| 54. technological im____s | <i>n.</i> a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change |
| 55. pre-Christian an____t | <i>adj.</i> relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old |
| 56. gov_____nt funding | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 57. inc_____ly cheerful character | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely |
| 58. gets m_d easily | <i>adj.</i> insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry |
| 59. a signal of di____ss | <i>n.</i> a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort |
| 60. book of po____y | <i>n.</i> poems in general as a genre of literature |
| 61. d__g a team down | <i>v.</i> to pull or haul with force |
| 62. fun_____al education | <i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected |

ANSWERS: 51. doubt, 52. miserable, 53. whisper, 54. impetus, 55. ancient, 56. government, 57. incredibly, 58. mad, 59. distress, 60. poetry, 61. drag, 62. fundamental

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| 63. de____p a skill | <i>v.</i> to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created |
| 64. argue with a co____er | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization |
| 65. an arrival pl____rm | <i>n.</i> the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed |
| 66. other co____l members | <i>n.</i> a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place |
| 67. g__b an audience | <i>v.</i> to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way |
| 68. dif____ty in breathing | <i>n.</i> a condition or state that causes problems |
| 69. hungry ne____ng | <i>n.</i> a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother |
| 70. bombs fell at ra____m | <i>adj.</i> made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern |
| 71. ca____l a class | <i>v.</i> to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place |

ANSWERS: 63. develop, 64. coworker, 65. platform, 66. council, 67. grab, 68. difficulty, 69. nestling, 70. random, 71. cancel

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| 72. short story an_____gy | <i>n.</i> a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme |
| 73. the in_____on of new techniques | <i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing |
| 74. sh___k the tumor | <i>v.</i> to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount |
| 75. bl__d all the elements | <i>v.</i> to mix or combine two or more substances |
| 76. st_____ng discovery | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying |
| 77. a scientific di_____ry | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 78. sh___k with fear | <i>v.</i> to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount |
| 79. le__y canopy | <i>adj.</i> covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat |
| 80. ex-convict bu_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime |
| 81. ut_____y changed | <i>adv.</i> completely or absolutely |
| 82. li_____me ban from the sport | <i>n.</i> the duration of someone's life or something's existence; |

ANSWERS: 72. anthology, 73. invention, 74. shrink, 75. blend, 76. startling, 77. discovery, 78. shrink, 79. leafy, 80. burglar, 81. utterly, 82. lifetime

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| 83. a hu___e cottage | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance |
| 84. b__m in sales | <i>n.</i> a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound |
| 85. new fa_____n trends | <i>n.</i> a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular |
| 86. the first round of the com_____on | <i>n.</i> a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another |
| 87. le__y suburbs | <i>adj.</i> covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat |
| 88. the great di_____ry of the century | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 89. ext_____ary ability | <i>adj.</i> exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual |
| 90. hi_____y system | <i>n.</i> a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities |
| 91. lo___n grip | <i>v.</i> to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax |
| 92. ne_____ng bird | <i>n.</i> a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother |

ANSWERS: 83. humble, 84. boom, 85. fashion, 86. competition, 87. leafy, 88. discovery, 89. extraordinary, 90. highway, 91. loosen, 92. nestling

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| 93. bl__s him in my heart | <i>v.</i> to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify |
| 94. ina_____ate behavior | <i>adj.</i> not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person |
| 95. the yi__d on the bond | <i>n.</i> the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information |
| 96. pre_____ion drugs | <i>n.</i> a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient |
| 97. p__m to the dead | <i>n.</i> a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery |
| 98. country-by-country a_d programs | <i>n.</i> things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support |
| 99. fe_____al attendee | <i>n.</i> a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works |
| 100. the st___m of time | <i>n.</i> a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc. |
| 101. st___e for excellence | <i>v.</i> to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something |

ANSWERS: 93. bless, 94. inappropriate, 95. yield, 96. prescription, 97. poem, 98. aid, 99. festival, 100. stream, 101. strive

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| 102. become a professional at____e | <i>n.</i> a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance |
| 103. color ph____py | <i>n.</i> a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier |
| 104. bl__d milk and cream | <i>v.</i> to mix or combine two or more substances |
| 105. dispel do__ts | <i>n.</i> a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is |
| 106. tr____ic brain injury | <i>adj.</i> relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury |
| 107. s__k an employee | <i>v.</i> to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things |
| 108. secret ci____r | <i>n.</i> a secret or disguised way of writing or encoding a message, often using a code or key to decipher it; a person or thing of no value or importance, often used derogatorily to describe someone who lacks personality or individuality |
| 109. pe____nt life insurance | <i>adj.</i> lasting for a long time without essential change |
| 110. inc____gly become common | <i>adv.</i> more and more |
| 111. l__e change | <i>n.</i> a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver |

ANSWERS: 102. athlete, 103. photocopy, 104. blend, 105. doubt, 106. traumatic, 107. sack, 108. cipher, 109. permanent, 110. increasingly, 111. lane

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| 112. fun_____al rights | <i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected |
| 113. bl_____r infection | <i>n.</i> a hollow, flexible sac-like organ in the body that stores and expels fluids, such as urine or bile |
| 114. an endless st____m of cars | <i>n.</i> a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc. |
| 115. ta____c repair | <i>n.</i> a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac |
| 116. bo_____m relief | <i>n.</i> a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation |
| 117. di_____b his sleep | <i>v.</i> to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc. |
| 118. say def_____ly | <i>adv.</i> without any question and beyond doubt; clearly |
| 119. the morning se_____n | <i>n.</i> a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity |
| 120. chronic bo_____m | <i>n.</i> a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation |

ANSWERS: 112. fundamental, 113. bladder, 114. stream, 115. tarmac, 116. boredom, 117. disturb, 118. definitely, 119. session, 120. boredom

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| 121. a seafaring na___n | <i>n.</i> a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture |
| 122. baby with se_____ve skin | <i>adj.</i> able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do |
| 123. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise | <i>n.</i> the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed |
| 124. tell a com_____ng story | <i>adj.</i> arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration |
| 125. ascend to he___n | <i>n.</i> (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty |
| 126. count your bl_____ngs | <i>n.</i> a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune |
| 127. online ph_____cy | <i>n.</i> a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's |
| 128. st_____m capacity | <i>n.</i> a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events |
| 129. awe-in_____ng sight | <i>adj.</i> stimulating and motivating you to want to do something |

ANSWERS: 121. nation, 122. sensitive, 123. platform, 124. compelling, 125. heaven, 126. blessing, 127. pharmacy, 128. stadium, 129. inspiring

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| 130. the wh____r of the leaves | <i>v.</i> to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you |
| 131. new and com_____ng evidence | <i>adj.</i> arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration |
| 132. ad__t as needed | <i>v.</i> to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment |
| 133. pu__y off-shore winds | <i>adj.</i> swollen or distended, especially with air or gas; |
| 134. a strong sense of lon_____ss | <i>n.</i> a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people |
| 135. a p__t of sorts | <i>n.</i> a person who writes poetry |
| 136. a d__l pain | <i>adj.</i> not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp |
| 137. caught the bu_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime |
| 138. de___e a question | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 139. an_____gy series | <i>n.</i> a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme |
| 140. emotional di_____ss | <i>n.</i> a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort |
| 141. re_____on between cause and effect | <i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another |

ANSWERS: 130. whisper, 131. compelling, 132. adapt, 133. puffy, 134. loneliness, 135. poet, 136. dull, 137. burglar, 138. decide, 139. anthology, 140. distress, 141. relation

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| 142. he___n on earth | <i>n.</i> (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty |
| 143. co___t suicide | <i>v.</i> to do something illegal or wrong |
| 144. d__g a chair over | <i>v.</i> to pull or haul with force |
| 145. bl__s you | <i>v.</i> to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify |
| 146. ph_____py machine | <i>n.</i> a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier |
| 147. tr_____ic event | <i>adj.</i> relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury |
| 148. diagnosis of an_____y disorder | <i>n.</i> a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future |
| 149. co_____er relationship | <i>n.</i> a person who works with another in the same company or organization |
| 150. am_____ce service | <i>n.</i> a vehicle specifically designed and equipped to transport sick or injured people to and from hospitals and other medical facilities |
| 151. sc___d all the time | <i>adj.</i> afraid or frightened |
| 152. d_m collapsing | <i>n.</i> a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy |

ANSWERS: 142. heaven, 143. commit, 144. drag, 145. bless, 146. photocopy, 147. traumatic, 148. anxiety, 149. coworker, 150. ambulance, 151. scared, 152. dam

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| 153. chalk on a bla_____rd | <i>n.</i> a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk |
| 154. ch__r for the home team | <i>v.</i> to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval |
| 155. ra_____k a house | <i>v.</i> to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner |
| 156. the to__c sol-fa | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor |
| 157. ast_____ng achievement | <i>adj.</i> surprising or shocking; difficult to believe |
| 158. an ar_____ic photograph | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities |
| 159. common in_____on | <i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing |
| 160. political im_____s | <i>n.</i> a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change |
| 161. g__b an opportunity | <i>v.</i> to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way |
| 162. sc___d dog | <i>adj.</i> afraid or frightened |

ANSWERS: 153. blackboard, 154. cheer, 155. ransack, 156. tonic, 157. astonishing, 158. artistic, 159. invention, 160. impetus, 161. grab, 162. scared

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| 163. a ra___m choice | <i>adj.</i> made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern |
| 164. st_____ng earthquake shocks | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying |
| 165. sh_____ng revelation | <i>adj.</i> extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust |
| 166. electronic de___e | <i>n.</i> a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic |
| 167. common pa_____ce | <i>n.</i> the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social group |
| 168. medieval my___c | <i>adj.</i> having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension |
| 169. bl__k paper | <i>adj.</i> without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information |
| 170. in_____le of being resisted | <i>adj.</i> unable to do, control, or achieve something |
| 171. in the gu__e of a woman | <i>n.</i> the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature |

ANSWERS: 163. random, 164. startling, 165. shocking, 166. device, 167. parlance, 168. mystic, 169. blank, 170. incapable, 171. guise

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| 172. te__y bit | <i>adj.</i> extremely small; tiny |
| 173. city co_____l election | <i>n.</i> a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place |
| 174. de___e on a course of action | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 175. an interstate hi_____y | <i>n.</i> a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities |
| 176. corn yi__d | <i>n.</i> the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information |
| 177. drunk and in_____le | <i>adj.</i> unable to do, control, or achieve something |
| 178. digital av___r | <i>n.</i> (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc. |
| 179. com_____te well with my advisor | <i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals |
| 180. get inc_____ly insecure | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely |
| 181. decision-making pr_____s | <i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products |

ANSWERS: 172. teeny, 173. council, 174. decide, 175. highway, 176. yield, 177. incapable, 178. avatar, 179. communicate, 180. incredibly, 181. process

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| 182. co_____on with God | <i>n.</i> the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist |
| 183. ha_____y through my journey | <i>adj.</i> in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points |
| 184. st__k a key in a lock | <i>v.</i> to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material |
| 185. pe_____de enough people | <i>v.</i> to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion |
| 186. fire st__k | <i>v.</i> to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material |
| 187. social di_____ce | <i>n.</i> the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance |
| 188. literature of pe_____nt value | <i>adj.</i> lasting for a long time without essential change |
| 189. pre-mo____n agricultural society | <i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times |
| 190. a m_d person | <i>adj.</i> insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry |

ANSWERS: 182. communion, 183. halfway, 184. stick, 185. persuade, 186. stick, 187. distance, 188. permanent, 189. modern, 190. mad

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| 191. under the gu__e of friendship | <i>n.</i> the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature |
| 192. ac__e triangle | <i>adj.</i> extremely sharp or severe |
| 193. inspire co_____e | <i>n.</i> the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous |
| 194. electronic bla_____rd | <i>n.</i> a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk |
| 195. ph_____cy chain | <i>n.</i> a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's |
| 196. hu___e opinion | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance |
| 197. fill the pre_____ion | <i>n.</i> a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient |
| 198. in_____or general | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body |
| 199. fr_____e my nerves | <i>v.</i> to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork |

ANSWERS: 191. guise, 192. acute, 193. courage, 194. blackboard, 195. pharmacy, 196. humble, 197. prescription, 198. inspector, 199. frazzle

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| 200. gr__d bargain | <i>adj.</i> important and large in size, scope, or extent |
| 201. ina_____ate language | <i>adj.</i> not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person |
| 202. g_y couple | <i>adj.</i> homosexual; happy, carefree |
| 203. my___c teaching | <i>adj.</i> having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension |
| 204. legal pa_____ce | <i>n.</i> the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social group |
| 205. ha_____y decent job | <i>adj.</i> in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points |
| 206. with hindsight ret_____ct | <i>n.</i> a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished |
| 207. li_____y of a church | <i>n.</i> a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church |
| 208. driving di_____ce | <i>n.</i> the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance |

ANSWERS: 200. grand, 201. inappropriate, 202. gay, 203. mystic, 204. parlance, 205. halfway, 206. retrospect, 207. liturgy, 208. distance

209. v__e smokes
- v. to inhale and exhale the vapor (= the gaseous state of a substance) produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device; to smoke a vapor; (noun) the act or practice of inhaling and exhaling vapor produced by an electronic cigarette
210. ext_____ary weather
- adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
211. write el_____t sentences
- adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
212. ac__e pain
- adj. extremely sharp or severe
213. professional at_____cs
- n. the physical activities or sports that involve physical exertion and competition, such as running, jumping, throwing, or walking
214. high school at_____es
- n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
215. high school at_____cs
- n. the physical activities or sports that involve physical exertion and competition, such as running, jumping, throwing, or walking
216. heavy tr_____c
- n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 209. vape, 210. extraordinary, 211. elegant, 212. acute, 213. athletics, 214. athlete, 215. athletics, 216. traffic

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| 217. hollowed-out ch__k | <i>n.</i> either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw |
| 218. a gr__d meal | <i>adj.</i> important and large in size, scope, or extent |
| 219. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist | <i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals |
| 220. fr_____e-free hair | <i>v.</i> to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork |
| 221. ret_____ct review | <i>n.</i> a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished |
| 222. financial a_d | <i>n.</i> things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support |
| 223. a sleep s__k | <i>v.</i> to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things |
| 224. telegram in ci___r | <i>n.</i> a secret or disguised way of writing or encoding a message, often using a code or key to decipher it; a person or thing of no value or importance, often used derogatorily to describe someone who lacks personality or individuality |

ANSWERS: 217. cheek, 218. grand, 219. communicate, 220. frazzle, 221. retrospect, 222. aid, 223. sack, 224. cipher

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| 233. mi_____le experience | <i>adj.</i> very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering |
| 234. re_____re market | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence |
| 235. g_y rights | <i>adj.</i> homosexual; happy, carefree |
| 236. fr_____ed excitement | <i>adj.</i> wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement |
| 237. el__w bone | <i>n.</i> the joint between the upper arm and the lower arm; the bend in a pipe or tube formed at this joint |
| 238. strict ca__n | <i>n.</i> a set of rules, principles, or standards by which something is judged or measured |
| 239. d__l sight | <i>adj.</i> not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp |
| 240. st_____m seating | <i>n.</i> a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events |
| 241. cl__m responsibility | <i>v.</i> to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true |
| 242. building in_____or | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body |

ANSWERS: 233. miserable, 234. reassure, 235. gay, 236. frenzied, 237. elbow, 238. canon, 239. dull, 240. stadium, 241. claim, 242. inspector

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| 243. ch__k bone | <i>n.</i> either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw |
| 244. the degree of dif_____ty | <i>n.</i> a condition or state that causes problems |
| 245. v__e pen | <i>v.</i> to inhale and exhale the vapor (= the gaseous state of a substance) produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device; to smoke a vapor; (noun) the act or practice of inhaling and exhaling vapor produced by an electronic cigarette |
| 246. pu__e waves | <i>n.</i> the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves |
| 247. st___e hard to get | <i>v.</i> to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something |
| 248. re___e from view | <i>v.</i> to pull back or move away or backward |
| 249. a ge_____e article | <i>adj.</i> real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed |
| 250. a narrative p__m | <i>n.</i> a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery |
| 251. am_____g advances | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire |
| 252. bl__k expression | <i>adj.</i> without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information |

ANSWERS: 243. cheek, 244. difficulty, 245. vape, 246. pulse, 247. strive, 248. recede, 249. genuine, 250. poem, 251. amazing, 252. blank

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| 253. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl | <i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly |
| 254. normal se_____r life | <i>adj.</i> not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly |
| 255. abs_____ly against | <i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly |
| 256. co____t mistakes | <i>v.</i> to do something illegal or wrong |
| 257. lo____n knot | <i>v.</i> to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax |
| 258. re____e in the darkness | <i>v.</i> to pull back or move away or backward |
| 259. spiritual co_____on with nature | <i>n.</i> the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist |
| 260. bestowed bl_____ngs | <i>n.</i> a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune |
| 261. medium da_____g | <i>n.</i> a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear |
| 262. cultural n____m | <i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard |
| 263. ca____n law | <i>n.</i> a set of rules, principles, or standards by which something is judged or measured |
| 264. an_____y for knowledge | <i>n.</i> a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future |

ANSWERS: 253. absolutely, 254. secular, 255. absolutely, 256. commit, 257. loosen, 258. recede, 259. communion, 260. blessing, 261. darling, 262. norm, 263. canon, 264. anxiety

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
2. Pakistan's ____ budget was still being reviewed.
n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
3. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
4. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
5. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
6. The ____ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.
adj. homosexual; happy, carefree
7. My ex-_____ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. incredibly, 2. aid, 3. council, 4. distance, 5. absolutely, 6. gay, 7. coworker, 8. whispered

9. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

10. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

11. The skilled _____ bypassed the alarm system and entered the house without making a sound.

n. a person who unlawfully enters a building or other property to steal or commit another crime

12. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

13. We use this tableware in a _____ service.

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings;
(Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

14. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

15. I need to make a _____ of this document before I send it out.

n. a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier

ANSWERS: 9. random, 10. traffic, 11. burglar, 12. device, 13. communion, 14. blessed, 15. photocopy

16. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
17. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.
adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
18. He was _____ from his job for stealing company property.
v. to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things
19. The school _____ was there to evaluate the teachers' performance and the student's progress.
n. a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body
20. The trade is _____ right now due to the collapse of the prominent investment bank.
adj. not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp
21. The _____ for the Mass included hymns, prayers, and readings from the Bible.
n. a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church
22. Drinking too much coffee can irritate the _____ and cause frequent urination.
n. a hollow, flexible sac-like organ in the body that stores and expels fluids, such as urine or bile
23. Getting a raise at work was the _____ to start looking for a new place to live.
n. a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change

ANSWERS: 16. nation, 17. compelling, 18. sacked, 19. inspector, 20. dull, 21. liturgy, 22. bladder, 23. impetus

24. It was highly _____ to make jokes during a serious business meeting.

adj. not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person

25. She waited for her daughter with _____.

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

26. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

27. He gently touched her apple-red _____ and whispered that he loved her.

n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

28. That style is no longer in _____.

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

29. The experience was so _____ that it left a lasting impact on the survivor's mental health.

adj. relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury

30. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

31. My _____ child, I love you so much.

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

32. I realize the _____ of a single life.

n. a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

ANSWERS: 24. inappropriate, 25. anxiety, 26. poem, 27. cheek, 28. fashion, 29. traumatic, 30. cheered, 31. darling, 32. loneliness

33. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

34. She has been in great _____ since she was heartbroken.

n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

35. The sudden departure of the team leader disrupted the project's _____.

n. the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern

36. This shirt will _____ in the wash.

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

37. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

38. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

39. We are _____ opposed to any form of terrorism.

adv. completely or absolutely

40. I need to go to the hospital _____ to pick up my prescription.

n. a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's

41. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

ANSWERS: 33. definitely, 34. distress, 35. continuity, 36. shrink, 37. athlete, 38. ancient, 39. utterly, 40. pharmacy, 41. fundamental

42. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

43. I need to refill my _____ for allergy medication at the pharmacy.

n. a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

44. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

45. She decided to _____ a refreshing mint-flavored e-liquid to satisfy her nicotine cravings.

v. to inhale and exhale the vapor (= the gaseous state of a substance) produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device; to smoke a vapor; (noun) the act or practice of inhaling and exhaling vapor produced by an electronic cigarette

46. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

47. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

48. The ring was so _____ that it almost looked like a toy.

adj. extremely small; tiny

ANSWERS: 42. sensitive, 43. prescription, 44. platform, 45. vape, 46. courage, 47. boom, 48. teeny

49. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

50. I'm _____ of insects.

adj. afraid or frightened

51. He felt like _____ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

52. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

53. They operated an illegal business under the _____ of an employment agency.

n. the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

54. In medical _____ a heart attack is a myocardial infarction.

n. the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social group

55. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen

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

56. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

ANSWERS: 49. lifetime, 50. scared, 51. heaven, 52. disturb, 53. guise, 54. parlance, 55. blank, 56. artistic

57. The encrypted message was written in an unknown _____ that the codebreakers had to decipher.
- n.* a secret or disguised way of writing or encoding a message, often using a code or key to decipher it; a person or thing of no value or importance, often used derogatorily to describe someone who lacks personality or individuality
58. The long hours of studying for the exam _____ my brain.
- v.* to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork
59. Parliament is now in _____.
- n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
60. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
- v.* to do something illegal or wrong
61. The patient died from _____ alcohol intoxication.
- adj.* extremely sharp or severe
62. A renowned literary critic edited the poetry _____.
- n.* a collection of selected writings, often by various authors or from various sources, on a particular topic or theme
63. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
64. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.
- adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

ANSWERS: 57. cipher, 58. frazzled, 59. session, 60. committed, 61. acute, 62. anthology, 63. amazing, 64. shocking

65. Burglars _____ the store, stealing everything of value.

- v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner

66. She bruised her _____ after falling off her bike.

- n.* the joint between the upper arm and the lower arm; the bend in a pipe or tube formed at this joint

67. In _____ I wish I had made a different decision.

- n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

68. They _____ to make their dream come true.

- v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

69. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.

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

70. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

- n.* a condition or state that causes problems

71. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

72. He is interested in the _____ rites of that religion.

- adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding;
(noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

ANSWERS: 65. ransacked, 66. elbow, 67. retrospect, 68. strived, 69. adapt, 70. difficulty, 71. grand, 72. mystic

73. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.

- n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

74. Please _____ the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.

- v.* to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

75. The nobler, the more _____.

- adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

76. Necessity is the mother of _____.

- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

77. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

78. She excelled in _____ during high school and went on to compete at the collegiate level.

- n.* the physical activities or sports that involve physical exertion and competition, such as running, jumping, throwing, or walking

79. The _____ crowd rushed towards the stage at the music festival.

- adj.* wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement

ANSWERS: 73. festival, 74. loosen, 75. humble, 76. invention, 77. decide, 78. athletics, 79. frenzied

80. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
81. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.
n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
82. The mother bird was carefully feeding her _____.
n. a young bird that has not yet left its nest; a recently hatched or newly born animal that is still dependent on its mother
83. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
84. The king's political power _____ even further.
v. to pull back or move away or backward
85. A _____ syllable carries the main stress in a word.
adj. of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor
86. A person's cyberspace _____ often represents the appearance and behavior that the person wants to be.
n. (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.

ANSWERS: 80. government, 81. lane, 82. nestlings, 83. streams, 84. receded, 85. tonic, 86. avatar

87. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
88. The _____ of classical literature includes works by Shakespeare, Chaucer, and Homer.
n. a set of rules, principles, or standards by which something is judged or measured
89. His cheeks looked _____ after he overate junk food.
adj. swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
90. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
91. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
92. The neighborhood is known for its _____ trees and verdant gardens.
adj. covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat
93. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
n. a person who writes poetry
94. He was _____ with joy to see the results.
adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

ANSWERS: 87. astonishing, 88. canon, 89. puffy, 90. claim, 91. develop, 92. leafy, 93. poet, 94. mad

95. Her research team made an important _____.

- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

96. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

- n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

97. Receiving support from his friends was a great _____ in his time of need.

- n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

98. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

- v.* to pull or haul with force

99. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

100. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.

- v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

101. She felt _____ after her dog passed away.

- adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

102. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.

- adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

103. Is this painting _____ or forged?

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

ANSWERS: 95. discovery, 96. competition, 97. blessing, 98. dragged, 99. norms, 100. reassure, 101. miserable, 102. halfway, 103. genuine

104. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off _____.

- n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

105. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

106. The _____ crew quickly stabilized the patient before transporting them to the hospital.

- n.* a vehicle specifically designed and equipped to transport sick or injured people to and from hospitals and other medical facilities

107. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

108. She wore an _____ evening gown to the gala.

- adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

109. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

- n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

110. He describes the story with _____ reality.

- adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

111. He seems _____ of understanding what she says.

- adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something

ANSWERS: 104. boredom, 105. stick, 106. ambulance, 107. communicate, 108. elegant, 109. highway, 110. startling, 111. incapable

112. When customers _____ their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.

v. to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place

113. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your _____.

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

114. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

adv. after the time mentioned

115. The plane pulled onto the _____ and stopped at the gate.

n. a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac

116. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

117. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

adv. more and more

118. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

119. The company's stock gives a high _____.

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

ANSWERS: 112. cancel, 113. pulse, 114. afterward, 115. tarmac, 116. grab, 117. increasingly, 118. modern, 119. yield

120. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

121. She tried to _____ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

- v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

122. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

- adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

123. The baseball _____ was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.

- n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

124. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

125. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.

- n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

126. She is searching for a _____ residence.

- adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change

127. The school was founded as a _____ institution with no religious affiliations.

- adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

ANSWERS: 120. Doubt, 121. persuade, 122. extraordinary, 123. stadium, 124. relations, 125. dam, 126. permanent, 127. secular

128. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

129. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

130. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

131. The teacher asked me to rub out the _____.

n. a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

132. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

ANSWERS: 128. poetry, 129. blend, 130. process, 131. blackboard, 132. inspiring