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Session 1: Word List

temperature

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
synonym : climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric

temperature

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

laser

n. a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

synonym : beam, bar, ray

(1) **laser** printer, (2) pulse **laser**

The company holds patents on core components of **laser** jet printers.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym : transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

slavery

n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

synonym : bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym: show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

anticipate

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

synonym: forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym: alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

bush

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

synonym: copse, scrub, brushwood

(1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair

I am going to trim this **bush** off.

row

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line

synonym: line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym: excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

comedy

n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

synonym: humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**

I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

racist

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

synonym: discriminatory, prejudiced, bigoted

(1) far-right **racist**, (2) **racist** attitudes

The **racist** comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

slur

v. to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

synonym : defame, slander, denigrate

(1) **slur** a drink, (2) **slur** his reputation

He shouldn't be allowed to **slur** people based on race or sexuality.

descent

n. the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins

synonym : fall, drop, family

(1) **descent** from nobility, (2) **descent** of family

The **descent** from the mountain was steep and rocky.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym : control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym : spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym : educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

consult

v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

synonym: confer, consider, see

(1) regularly **consult** with a doctor, (2) **consult** my wallet
Always **consult** a lawyer before launching a business.

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.

euphemism

n. a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing

synonym: mild expression, implication, circumlocution

(1) genteel **euphemism**, (2) a **euphemism** for death
The company used the **euphemism** "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly

complicated

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

incident

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

synonym: event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**

The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym: candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

violent

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

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

hurl

v. to throw something with great force

synonym : throw, fling, launch

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

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

casual

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

synonym : informal, relaxed, offhand

(1) **casual** dress, (2) take a **casual** glance

They had a **casual** conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym : lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

stump

v. to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled

synonym: mix up

(1) the riddle **stumped** everybody, (2) we are **stumped** with the problem

He is **stumped** with the question.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

awkward

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

synonym: embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomfiting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym: humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

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.

humiliate

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

synonym: shame, embarrass, degrade

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

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

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

cycle

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

synonym : revolution, rotation, bike

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

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

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

groundbreaking

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

synonym : innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

advocate

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

synonym : proponent, exponent, promoter

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

advocates

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

argue

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

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym : argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

obscure

adj. not well known to many people

synonym : esoteric, vague, unrecognized

(1) **obscure** answer, (2) **obscure** artist

This information was primarily **obscured** in the first release.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym: below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

neat

adj. clean or tidy, with everything in its place

synonym: tidy, uncluttered, refined

(1) a **neat** piece of work, (2) **neat** idea

She has **neat** habits.

relic

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

synonym: whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

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.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

immutable

adj. unchanging; permanent or unalterable

synonym: unchanging, constant, permanent

(1) **immutable** love, (2) **immutable** characteristics

The laws of physics are **immutable**; they never change.

inferior

adj. lower in rank, status, or quality

synonym: lower, subordinate, secondary

(1) an **inferior** poet, (2) **inferior** quality

The new employee's work was **inferior** to that of the experienced workers in the team.

inferiority

n. the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

synonym: lower status, low self-esteem, inadequacy

(1) **inferiority** complex, (2) **inferiority** mindset

The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of **inferiority** about their work.

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

suffer

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

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

spew

v. to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

synonym: vomit, spout, discharge

(1) **spew** carbon dioxide, (2) **spew** insults

The volcano started to **spew** lava and ash, causing panic among residents.

obscene

adj. offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

synonym: improper, nasty, lewd

(1) **obscene** literature, (2) an **obscene** story

He made an **obscene** gesture.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym: jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

cord

n. a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment

synonym : wire, cable, string

(1) spinal **cord**, (2) electrical **cord**

Your spinal **cord** is located deep within your body.

snip

v. to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice

synonym : clip, trim, cut

(1) **snip** a lock of hair, (2) **snip** the wire

I must **snip** the loose thread on my shirt before it becomes a bigger problem.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym : excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time

I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

announcement

n. a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

synonym : declaration, notification, statement

(1) public **announcement**, (2) **announcement** date

The company made an **announcement** about its new product at a press conference.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the

context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

stud

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

synonym: beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

essay

n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

synonym: paper, commentary, report

(1) score the SAT **essays**, (2) thoughtful **essay**

The Chief editor checks all **essays** for plagiarism with software.

vile

adj. highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence

synonym: disgusting, repulsive, despicable

(1) **vile** behavior, (2) **vile** language

The **vile** smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.

problematic

adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

synonym: inappropriate, inconvenient, worrisome

(1) a **problematic** situation, (2) seems to be highly **problematic**

Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving

problematic situations within a community.

buffer

n. a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage

synonym: cushion, shield, insulation

(1) a **buffer** between the quarreling parents, (2) use a **buffer** to reduce noise

Using a password manager can act as a **buffer** against hackers who try to steal your personal information.

surrogate

adj. acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

synonym: substitute, replacement, deputy

(1) **surrogate** pregnancy, (2) **surrogate** decision

The **surrogate** mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.

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**.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

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**.

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.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym : basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

utter

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

synonym : absolute, complete, total

(1) **utter** nonsense, (2) **utter** a big sigh

The **utter** chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym : turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

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.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym : extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym : crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym : rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

insufferable

adj. intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent

synonym : unbearable, intolerable, annoying

(1) **insufferable** heat, (2) **insufferable** traffic during rush hour

My **insufferable** neighbor plays loud music at all hours of the night.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes
I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

eager

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

synonym: keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes
The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

confess

v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

synonym: admit, acknowledge, own up

(1) **confess** sin, (2) **confess** truth
He **confessed** to his crime and turned himself into the police.

jersey

n. a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

synonym: shirt, sweater, top

(1) **jersey** material, (2) fabric of the **jersey**
I always wear my favorite basketball player's **jersey** to the games.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak
The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

synonym: regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**

Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym: cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

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.

memorable

adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

synonym: extraordinary, noteworthy, unforgettable

(1) create **memorable** experiences, (2) least **memorable** song

His passionate speech makes a **memorable** impression.

fuss

n. a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance

synonym: commotion, agitation, disturbance

(1) make a **fuss**, (2) get into a **fuss**

There was a **fuss** about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.

administrator

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

synonym: manager, executive, supervisor

(1) school **administrator**, (2) network **administrator**

The university's **administrator** announced new policies regarding campus safety.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym : hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

weep

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

synonym : cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

immune

adj. protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

synonym : resistant, unsusceptible, unaffected

(1) **immune** from criminal prosecution, (2) the cell of the **immune** system

The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely **immune**.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty
During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

fraught

adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

synonym: tense, anxious, stressed

(1) become increasingly **fraught**, (2) **fraught** with danger

The negotiations were **fraught** with challenges and setbacks.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

synonym: entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym: accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

huck

v. to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently

synonym: throw, toss, pitch

(1) **huck** a ball, (2) **huck** a disc

I was able to **huck** the frisbee across the field to my friend.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

poison

n. a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

synonym: toxin, venom, pollutant

(1) **poison** ivy, (2) **poison** bilateral relations

The plant's leaves contain a deadly **poison** that can cause hallucinations and seizures.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something

synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of

writing.

horror

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

synonym: fear, terror, dread

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

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

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

invoke

v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

synonym: evoke, summon, call forth

(1) **invoke** memories, (2) **invoke** the right to remain silent

The politician **invoked** the name of the founding fathers in his

speech.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
synonym : crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym : remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym : cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

capsule

n. a small, enclosed container often used for holding medicines or supplements or for transporting payloads in spacecraft; a small, elongated structure within the body, such as a joint or a gland

(1) space **capsule**, (2) medical **capsule**

The **capsule** hotel room may be small but it has all the necessary amenities.

accumulate

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

synonym : amass, stash, earn

(1) **accumulate** cash value, (2) **accumulate** evidence
He has **accumulated** his wealth through real estate investments.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air
The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
synonym: air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

spotlight

n. a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
synonym: limelight, stage light, highlight

(1) **spotlight** effect, (2) **spotlight** moment

The singer was in the **spotlight** as she performed her hit song.

bobblehead

n. a figurine with a head that is attached to a spring or wire so that it moves or wobbles easily
synonym: nodder, figurine, statuette

(1) wedding **bobblehead**, (2) celebrity **bobblehead**

The baseball team gave away **bobblehead** dolls of their star

player at the game.

gauge

n. an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something

synonym: measure, benchmark, judge

(1) pressure **gauge**, (2) take the **gauge** of a situation

We use various precision **gauges** in the manufacturing process of machinery.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

mockingbird

n. a type of songbird known for its ability to imitate the calls and songs of other birds and animals

synonym: mimic, imitator, mocker

(1) tropical **mockingbird**, (2) a **mockingbird's** nest

The **mockingbird's** song echoed through the neighborhood, mockingly imitating other birds.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

faculty

n. an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge

synonym: capability, talent, aptitude

(1) a member of the **faculty**, (2) the illative **faculty** of the

mind

This university's computer science **faculty** is world distinguished.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym : angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

boycott

v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

synonym : protest, abstain, avoid

(1) **boycott** campaign, (2) **boycott** the discussion

Many people have decided to **boycott** the company due to their unethical practices.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

statistics

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

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

emulate

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

synonym: impersonate, mimic, imitate

(1) **emulate** a successful business model, (2) **emulate** his watercolors

They intend to **emulate** the footsteps of successful software companies.

memorial

n. a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event

synonym: monument, remembrance, tribute

(1) **memorial** address, (2) **memorial** park

The war **memorial** stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our ancestors.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

navigate

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

synonym : guide, helm, voyage

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

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

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym : amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

incorporate

v. to include something as a part of a larger entity

synonym : contain, integrate, amalgamate

(1) **incorporate** the current trends, (2) **incorporate**

technology into daily life

We will attempt to **incorporate** some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

vocabulary

n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

synonym : lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

subversive

adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

synonym : incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel

(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature

The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.

virulent

adj. extremely harmful or poisonous, especially in a physical or biological sense; highly infectious or contagious; intensely bitter or hostile

synonym : poisonous, venomous, toxic

(1) **virulent** disease, (2) **virulent** criticism

The **virulent** virus spread rapidly through the close-knit community.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym : different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

assault

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

synonym : assault, attack, raid

(1) **assault** aircraft, (2) victim of sexual **assault**

We got caught up in an **assault** case.

mobility

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

synonym : flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**

I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

aspiration

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

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

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

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

swift

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

synonym : quick, speedy, brisk

(1) take **swift** action, (2) a **swift** current of a river

Her voice was **swift**, yet even the last words fell lingeringly.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

tirade

n. a long, angry speech or outburst of criticism or condemnation

synonym : rant, diatribe, harangue

(1) **tirade** against him, (2) launch a **tirade**

The politician went on a **tirade** about the opposition party's policies.

assert

v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

synonym : maintain, state, declare

(1) **assert** a free society, (2) **assert** a claim for unjust enrichment

She **asserted** that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

prosper

v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

synonym : thrive, flourish, succeed

(1) **prosper** in the long run, (2) **prosper** as a trading hub

With careful planning and hard work, she was able to **prosper** in her new business venture.

kneel

v. to rest on someone's knee or knees

synonym : genuflect, crouch, bend

(1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest
The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice-**president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

shush

v. to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound

synonym: silence, hush, quiet

(1) **shush** the baby, (2) **shush** the crowd

I had to **shush** my chatty friend during the movie.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym: bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

taboo

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

synonym: forbidden, prohibited, proscribed

(1) a **taboo** word, (2) academic **taboo**

In this society, discussing politics in public is a **taboo** subject.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym : art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

tantalize

v. to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

synonym : tease, tempt, torment

(1) **tantalize** taste buds, (2) **tantalize** with promises

The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen **tantalized** me.

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym : ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

negotiate

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

synonym : discuss, mediate, bargain

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

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

squeamish

adj. easily nauseated or disgusted; readily affected by or sensitive to unpleasant or shocking things; excessively fastidious or scrupulous about one's actions or behavior

synonym : delicate, queasy

(1) **squeamish** reaction, (2) avoid **squeamish** topics

She's a bit **squeamish** when it comes to handling raw meat.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym : falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

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.

explore

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

synonym : analyze, delve into, examine

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

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

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym: closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

rein

n. a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior; (verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control

synonym: strap, harness, headstall

(1) tight **rein**, (2) **rein** in costs

The new driver struggled to keep a firm grip on the **rein** as the horse bolted.

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.

acquaint

v. to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something

synonym: familiarize, inform, enlighten

(1) **acquaint** himself with a subject, (2) **acquaint** me with business

I recently **acquainted** myself with a new coworker by introducing myself and chatting with her for a few minutes.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|------|---|
| 1. as___n projects | v. | to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone |
| 2. a m_d person | adj. | insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry |
| 3. su___r bad grades | v. | to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant |
| 4. algebraic ine_____ty | n. | the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different |
| 5. bo_____t campaign | v. | to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change |
| 6. the wh_____r of the leaves | v. | to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you |
| 7. go to the workplace by cy__e | n. | an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle |
| 8. victim of a vi_____t crime | adj. | involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something |

ANSWERS: 1. assign, 2. mad, 3. suffer, 4. inequality, 5. boycott, 6. whisper, 7. cycle, 8. violent

9. sq_____sh reaction *adj.* easily nauseated or disgusted; readily affected by or sensitive to unpleasant or shocking things; excessively fastidious or scrupulous about one's actions or behavior
10. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
11. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
12. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
13. vi_____nt criticism *adj.* extremely harmful or poisonous, especially in a physical or biological sense; highly infectious or contagious; intensely bitter or hostile
14. in_____or quality *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
15. score the SAT es__ys *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
16. pol_____ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
17. the cell of the im___e system *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
18. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 9. squeamish, 10. incredibly, 11. essentially, 12. violent, 13. virulent, 14. inferior, 15. essay, 16. politically, 17. immune, 18. disease

19. acc_____te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
20. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
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22. take sw__t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
23. become increasingly fr_____t *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
24. sp_____ht effect *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
25. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
26. ac_____e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
27. hu_____te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
28. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
29. noun ph_____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together

ANSWERS: 19. accumulate, 20. propose, 21. disease, 22. swift, 23. fraught, 24. spotlight, 25. identity, 26. accuse, 27. humiliate, 28. hop, 29. phrase

30. v__e language *adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
31. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
32. ut__r a big sigh *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
33. with ea__r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
34. give si__t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
35. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
36. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
37. fr_____t with danger *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
38. as__t a claim for unjust enrichment *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
39. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

ANSWERS: 30. vile, 31. essentially, 32. utter, 33. eager, 34. silent, 35. racial, 36. amazing, 37. fraught, 38. assert, 39. navigate

40. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
41. co_____t my wallet *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
42. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
43. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
44. ac_____nt me with business *v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something
45. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
46. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
47. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
48. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
49. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else

ANSWERS: 40. disguise, 41. consult, 42. navigate, 43. radical, 44. acquaint, 45. biology, 46. inequality, 47. environment, 48. bush, 49. underneath

50. take a ca___l glance *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
51. native to ___e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
52. a ta__o word *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
53. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
54. di____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
55. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
56. pu____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
57. gross in_____ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
58. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
59. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
60. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 50. casual, 51. tongue, 52. taboo, 53. suffer, 54. display, 55. negotiate, 56. publicly, 57. injustice, 58. decision, 59. giant, 60. statistics

61. w__p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
62. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
63. id____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
64. pr____r as a trading hub *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
65. inf____ty mindset *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
66. in____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
67. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
68. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
69. pr____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
70. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 61. weep, 62. flood, 63. identity, 64. prosper, 65. inferiority, 66. intention, 67. relative, 68. decision, 69. principle, 70. giant

71. vi_____nt disease *adj.* extremely harmful or poisonous, especially in a physical or biological sense; highly infectious or contagious; intensely bitter or hostile
72. medical ca_____e *n.* a small, enclosed container often used for holding medicines or supplements or for transporting payloads in spacecraft; a small, elongated structure within the body, such as a joint or a gland
73. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
74. tax re_____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
75. re_____e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
76. h__k a disc *v.* to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently
77. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
78. sh__h the baby *v.* to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound
79. a eu_____sm for death *n.* a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
80. ta_____ze with promises *v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

ANSWERS: 71. virulent, 72. capsule, 73. ultimate, 74. relief, 75. refuse, 76. huck, 77. temperature, 78. shush, 79. euphemism, 80. tantalize

81. research on anti-ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
82. holy re__cs *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
83. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
84. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
85. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
86. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
87. create me_____le experiences *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
88. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
89. in___e the right to remain silent *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
90. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do

ANSWERS: 81. racism, 82. relic, 83. ugly, 84. encounter, 85. refuse, 86. responsible, 87. memorable, 88. flood, 89. invoke, 90. intention

91. im_____le characteristics *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
92. in___t a suspect *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
93. ann_____ent date *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
94. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
95. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
96. de_____t from nobility *n.* the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
97. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
98. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
99. use a bu___r to reduce noise *n.* a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage
100. a hand-loomed fa___c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

ANSWERS: 91. immutable, 92. indict, 93. announcement, 94. defend, 95. amazing, 96. descent, 97. explore, 98. fundamental, 99. buffer, 100. fabric

101. spinal c__d *n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
102. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
103. academic voc_____ry *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
104. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
105. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
106. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
107. in___e memories *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
108. sub_____ve elements *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 101. cord, 102. locate, 103. vocabulary, 104. encounter, 105. atmosphere, 106. insist, 107. invoke, 108. subversive

109. a sw__t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
110. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
111. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
112. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
113. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
114. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
115. po___n bilateral relations *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
116. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
117. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 109. swift, 110. stud, 111. provoke, 112. radical, 113. grade, 114. negotiate, 115. poison, 116. uncomfortable, 117. unleash

118. ha____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
119. far-right ra____t *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
120. an in____or poet *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
121. pulse la__r *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
122. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
123. mo____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
124. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
125. network adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

ANSWERS: 118. haunted, 119. racist, 120. inferior, 121. laser, 122. movement, 123. movement, 124. tip, 125. administrator

126. pressure ga__e *n.* an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something
127. gr____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
128. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
129. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
130. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
131. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
132. get inc____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
133. fr____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
134. lack in mo____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

ANSWERS: 126. gauge, 127. graduate, 128. invite, 129. discuss, 130. sham, 131. relation, 132. incredibly, 133. frustrate, 134. mobility

135. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
136. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
137. academic ta__o *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
138. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
139. de_____t of family *n.* the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
140. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
141. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
142. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
143. launch a ti___e *n.* a long, angry speech or outburst of criticism or condemnation
144. lose some of my sh_____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
145. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 135. tip, 136. colleague, 137. taboo, 138. hop, 139. descent, 140. colleague, 141. mad, 142. bush, 143. tirade, 144. shyness, 145. intellect

146. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
147. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
148. school adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
149. a member of the fa_____y *n.* an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge
150. sub_____ve literature *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
151. get into a f__s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
152. inf_____ty complex *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
153. ant_____te a black future *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

ANSWERS: 146. tongue, 147. emerge, 148. administrator, 149. faculty, 150. subversive, 151. fuss, 152. inferiority, 153. anticipate

154. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
155. wedding bob_____ad *n.* a figurine with a head that is attached to a spring or wire so that it moves or wobbles easily
156. me_____al park *n.* a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
157. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
158. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
159. ant_____te your kind cooperation *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
160. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
161. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
162. s__p a lock of hair *v.* to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice
163. pr_____r in the long run *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

ANSWERS: 154. quotation, 155. bobblehead, 156. memorial, 157. context, 158. uncomfortable, 159. anticipate, 160. aspiration, 161. background, 162. snip, 163. prosper

164. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
165. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
166. in_____ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
167. ho___r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
168. gro_____ing settlement *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
169. seems to be highly pro_____ic *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
170. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
171. r___y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
172. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
173. h___l a brickbat *v.* to throw something with great force
174. in_____t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 164. survey, 165. reaction, 166. injustice, 167. horror, 168. groundbreaking, 169. problematic, 170. haunted, 171. rely, 172. initial, 173. hurl, 174. insist

175. sigh of re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
176. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
177. ac_____nt himself with a subject *v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something
178. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
179. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
180. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
181. ut__r nonsense *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
182. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
183. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
184. je___y material *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

ANSWERS: 175. relief, 176. increasingly, 177. acquaint, 178. crisis, 179. handle, 180. shift, 181. utter, 182. row, 183. shock, 184. jersey

185. s__p the wire *v.* to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice
186. take the ga__e of a situation *n.* an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something
187. ra___l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
188. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
189. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
190. me_____al address *n.* a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
191. im_____le love *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
192. electrical c__d *n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
193. ap_____ze for being late *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
194. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

ANSWERS: 185. snip, 186. gauge, 187. racial, 188. atmosphere, 189. advocate, 190. memorial, 191. immutable, 192. cord, 193. apologize, 194. misinformation

195. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
196. ea__r anticipation *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
197. hard to re___n *v.* to think or believe something
198. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
199. space ca_____e *n.* a small, enclosed container often used for holding medicines or supplements or for transporting payloads in spacecraft; a small, elongated structure within the body, such as a joint or a gland
200. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
201. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
202. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
203. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
204. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
205. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
206. ob_____e literature *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

ANSWERS: 195. decide, 196. eager, 197. reckon, 198. astonished, 199. capsule, 200. explore, 201. craft, 202. grade, 203. shift, 204. nation, 205. hallway, 206. obscene

207. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
208. a moc_____rd's nest *n.* a type of songbird known for its ability to imitate the calls and songs of other birds and animals
209. di_____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
210. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
211. ti___e against him *n.* a long, angry speech or outburst of criticism or condemnation
212. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
213. em_____e his watercolors *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
214. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
215. fabric of the je___y *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
216. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 207. responsible, 208. mockingbird, 209. distinct, 210. argue, 211. tirade, 212. rely, 213. emulate, 214. handle, 215. jersey, 216. argue

217. least me_____le song *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
218. n__t idea *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
219. s__w carbon dioxide *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
220. the riddle st__ped everybody *v.* to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
221. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
222. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
223. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
224. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
225. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
226. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 217. memorable, 218. neat, 219. spew, 220. stump, 221. bully, 222. wit, 223. feat, 224. awkward, 225. invention, 226. policy

227. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
228. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
229. s__r a drink *v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
230. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
231. co___y series *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
232. criminal gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
233. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
234. se__r a rope *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

ANSWERS: 227. shock, 228. invention, 229. slur, 230. crisis, 231. comedy, 232. guilt, 233. complicated, 234. sever

235. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
236. thoughtful es__y *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
237. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
238. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
239. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
240. la__r printer *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
241. co____s truth *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
242. as____t aircraft *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
243. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
244. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

ANSWERS: 235. release, 236. essay, 237. vulnerable, 238. complicated, 239. context, 240. laser, 241. confess, 242. assault, 243. environment, 244. pitch

245. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
246. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
247. regularly co_____t with a doctor *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
248. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
249. h__l a cup out of the window *v.* to throw something with great force
250. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
251. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
252. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
253. traffic in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
254. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
255. sp_____ht moment *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
256. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
257. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 245. apologize, 246. protest, 247. consult, 248. emphasize, 249. hurl, 250. wit, 251. whisper, 252. increasingly, 253. incident, 254. fundamental, 255. spotlight, 256. vulnerable, 257. conversation

258. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
259. institution of sl____y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
260. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
261. historical re__c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
262. re___n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
263. co_____s sin *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
264. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
265. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
266. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
267. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

ANSWERS: 258. pitch, 259. slavery, 260. conversation, 261. relic, 262. reckon, 263. confess, 264. reaction, 265. discuss, 266. phrase, 267. misinformation

268. im___e from criminal prosecution *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
269. romantic co___y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
270. di_____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
271. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
272. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
273. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
274. r__n in costs *n.* a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior; (verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control

ANSWERS: 268. immune, 269. comedy, 270. disguise, 271. frustrate, 272. background, 273. locate, 274. rein

275. ta_____ze taste buds *v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable
276. ho___r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
277. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
278. ob_____e artist *adj.* not well known to many people
279. as___n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
280. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
281. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
282. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
283. gro_____ing concept *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
284. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
285. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
286. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 275. tantalize, 276. horror, 277. statistics, 278. obscure, 279. assign, 280. astonished, 281. debate, 282. relation, 283. groundbreaking, 284. craft, 285. temperature, 286. sham

287. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
288. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
289. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
290. a silent pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
291. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
292. an ob____e story *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
293. a n__t piece of work *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
294. un____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
295. pr____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
296. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
297. go there af____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
298. ins____ble heat *adj.* intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent
299. a pro____ic situation *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

ANSWERS: 287. fabric, 288. row, 289. upset, 290. protest, 291. ugly, 292. obscene, 293. neat, 294. unleash, 295. propose, 296. nation, 297. afterward, 298. insufferable, 299. problematic

300. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
301. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
302. make a f__s *n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
303. sh____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
304. security in____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
305. avoid sq____sh topics *adj.* easily nauseated or disgusted; readily affected by or sensitive to unpleasant or shocking things; excessively fastidious or scrupulous about one's actions or behavior
306. se__r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
307. ca___l dress *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
308. ac____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
309. cell and molecular bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
310. an ac____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

ANSWERS: 300. silent, 301. graduate, 302. fuss, 303. shyness, 304. incident, 305. squeamish, 306. sever, 307. casual, 308. academic, 309. biology, 310. academic

311. tight r__n *n.* a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior; (verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control
312. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
313. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
314. kn__l down and worship *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
315. ins_____ble traffic during rush hour *adj.* intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent
316. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
317. em_____e a successful business model *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
318. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

ANSWERS: 311. rein, 312. decide, 313. racism, 314. kneel, 315. insufferable, 316. feat, 317. emulate, 318. cycle

319. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
320. public ann_____ent *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
321. sl_____y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
322. s__w insults *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
323. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
324. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
325. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
326. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
327. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

ANSWERS: 319. stud, 320. announcement, 321. slavery, 322. spew, 323. tight, 324. initial, 325. invite, 326. display, 327. provoke

328. bo____t the discussion
329. a few years af_____rd
330. noted sc____r
331. de___e competition
332. no asp_____on for fame
333. tropical moc_____rd
334. ra___t attitudes
335. ac___e his rudeness
- v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
- adv.* after the time mentioned
- n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
- n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
- n.* a type of songbird known for its ability to imitate the calls and songs of other birds and animals
- adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
- v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 328. boycott, 329. afterward, 330. scholar, 331. debate, 332. aspiration, 333. mockingbird, 334. racist, 335. accuse

336. celebrity bob_____ad *n.* a figurine with a head that is attached to a spring or wire so that it moves or wobbles easily
337. s__r his reputation *v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
338. su_____te decision *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
339. acc_____te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
340. voc_____ry list *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
341. po___n ivy *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
342. inc_____te technology into daily life *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
343. pu_____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

ANSWERS: 336. bobblehead, 337. slur, 338. surrogate, 339. accumulate, 340. vocabulary, 341. poison, 342. incorporate, 343. publicly

344. genteel eu_____sm *n.* a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
345. inc_____te the current trends *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
346. become pol_____ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
347. em_____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
348. feeling of gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
349. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
350. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
351. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
352. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
353. improve social mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

ANSWERS: 344. euphemism, 345. incorporate, 346. politically, 347. emphasize, 348. guilt, 349. principle, 350. stark, 351. president, 352. survey, 353. mobility

354. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
355. an aw____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
356. ob____e answer *adj.* not well known to many people
357. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
358. public education ad____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
359. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
360. und____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
361. double qu____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
362. enrich my in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
363. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
364. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
365. hu____te the heckler in the audience *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

ANSWERS: 354. emerge, 355. awkward, 356. obscure, 357. relative, 358. advocate, 359. stark, 360. underneath, 361. quotation, 362. intellect, 363. upset, 364. ultimate, 365. humiliate

366. a bu___r between the quarreling parents
n. a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage
367. student on a ti__t budget
adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
368. su_____te pregnancy
adj. acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
369. w__p for joy
v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
370. we are st__ped with the problem
v. to cause to be perplexed or confused;
(noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
371. sh__h the crowd
v. to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound
372. h__k a ball
v. to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently
373. health po___y
n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
374. the illative fa_____y of the mind
n. an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge

ANSWERS: 366. buffer, 367. tight, 368. surrogate, 369. weep, 370. stump, 371. shush, 372. huck, 373. policy, 374. faculty

375. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
376. di____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
377. v__e behavior *adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
378. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
379. victim of sexual as____t *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
380. the head of a ha____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
381. sc____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
382. pr____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
383. as____t a free society *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

ANSWERS: 375. bully, 376. distinct, 377. vile, 378. defend, 379. assault, 380. hallway, 381. scholar, 382. president, 383. assert

384. kn__l in protest v. to rest on someone's knee or knees
385. re____e a prisoner v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
386. in___t him of injuries v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

ANSWERS: 384. kneel, 385. release, 386. indict

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.
n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
2. This bronze sword is a _____ of ancient times.
n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
3. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
4. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.
n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
5. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.
v. to think or believe something
6. We will attempt to _____ some of your suggestions into our future strategy.
v. to include something as a part of a larger entity
7. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
8. He is _____ with the question.
v. to cause to be perplexed or confused; (noun) the base part of a tree that remains standing after the tree has been felled
9. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 1. wit, 2. relic, 3. amazing, 4. craft, 5. reckons, 6. incorporate, 7. shift, 8. stumped, 9. incredibly

10. The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen _____ me.
- v. to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable
11. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
- adv. after the time mentioned
12. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
- v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
13. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
14. The company holds patents on core components of _____ jet printers.
- n. a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
15. The _____ from the mountain was steep and rocky.
- n. the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
16. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
17. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
- n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 10. tantalized, 11. afterward, 12. display, 13. suffers, 14. laser, 15. descent, 16. intellect, 17. principle

18. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
19. She angrily _____ the book across the room.
v. to throw something with great force
20. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.
n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
21. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
22. This information was primarily _____ in the first release.
adj. not well known to many people
23. I must _____ the loose thread on my shirt before it becomes a bigger problem.
v. to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice
24. My initial reaction was to _____.
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
25. In this society, discussing politics in public is a _____ subject.
adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom
26. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 18. accused, 19. hurled, 20. row, 21. environment, 22. obscured, 23. snip, 24. refuse, 25. taboo, 26. relatives

27. The company used the _____ "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.
- n.* a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
28. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
29. The _____ chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.
- adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
30. The Chief editor checks all _____ for plagiarism with software.
- n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
31. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
- n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
32. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
- n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

ANSWERS: 27. euphemism, 28. frustrate, 29. utter, 30. essays, 31. survey, 32. Advocates

33. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
34. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.
adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
35. The _____ smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.
adj. highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
36. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
37. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
38. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
39. The new employee's work was _____ to that of the experienced workers in the team.
adj. lower in rank, status, or quality
40. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 33. biology, 34. racial, 35. vile, 36. conversation, 37. argue, 38. reaction, 39. inferior, 40. movement

41. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would _____ in sympathy if I saw that movie.
v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
42. I recently _____ myself with a new coworker by introducing myself and chatting with her for a few minutes.
v. to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something
43. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
44. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
45. Her voice was _____ yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.
adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
46. She has _____ habits.
adj. clean or tidy, with everything in its place
47. The children were _____ to start the treasure hunt.
adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
48. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.
v. to give or show particular importance to something
49. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

ANSWERS: 41. weep, 42. acquainted, 43. increasingly, 44. propose, 45. swift, 46. neat, 47. eager, 48. emphasize, 49. fabrics

50. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

51. Using a password manager can act as a _____ against hackers who try to steal your personal information.

n. a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage

52. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

53. This university's computer science _____ is world distinguished.

n. an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge

54. The laws of physics are _____ they never change.

adj. unchanging; permanent or unalterable

55. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

56. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

57. Shame and _____ have significant social influences.

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

ANSWERS: 50. anticipate, 51. buffer, 52. debate, 53. faculty, 54. immutable;, 55. grade, 56. unleash, 57. guilt

58. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
59. The penny fell _____ the piano.
adv. under or below something else
60. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.
n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
61. We are always happy to _____ a discount.
v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
62. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.
v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
63. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.
adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
64. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
65. The singer was in the _____ as she performed her hit song.
n. a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person

ANSWERS: 58. context, 59. underneath, 60. racism, 61. negotiate, 62. accumulated, 63. publicly, 64. complicated, 65. spotlight

66. His abusive words made me _____.

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

67. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

68. I had to _____ my chatty friend during the movie.

v. to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound

69. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

70. With careful planning and hard work, she was able to _____ in her new business venture.

v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

71. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

72. 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

73. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

ANSWERS: 66. uncomfortable, 67. emerged, 68. shush, 69. scholar, 70. prosper, 71. haunted, 72. relations, 73. incident

74. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

75. I love going to see live _____ shows with my friends.

- n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

76. He has produced _____ research on the subject.

- adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

77. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.

- n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

78. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

79. We use various precision _____ in the manufacturing process of machinery.

- n.* an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something

80. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.

- n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

81. I always wear my favorite basketball player's _____ to the games.

- n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

ANSWERS: 74. identity, 75. comedy, 76. groundbreaking, 77. quotation, 78. invention, 79. gauges, 80. temperatures, 81. jersey

82. The _____ hotel room may be small but it has all the necessary amenities.
- n.* a small, enclosed container often used for holding medicines or supplements or for transporting payloads in spacecraft; a small, elongated structure within the body, such as a joint or a gland
83. The artwork was criticized for its _____ theme that undermined religious beliefs.
- adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
84. Using proper _____ is essential for writing a good essay.
- n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
85. There was a _____ about the broken vase, but it was quickly forgotten.
- n.* a state of agitation or excitement; an angry disturbance
86. The politician _____ the name of the founding fathers in his speech.
- v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
87. He finally overcame his _____.
- n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
88. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 82. capsule, 83. subversive, 84. vocabulary, 85. fuss, 86. invoked, 87. shyness, 88. insisted

89. The _____ mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.
adj. acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
90. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
n. something you want to do and are going to do
91. His passionate speech makes a _____ impression.
adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
92. The _____ comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.
adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
93. The war _____ stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our ancestors.
n. a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
94. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
95. We bought a Spanish _____ book.
n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together
96. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

ANSWERS: 89. surrogate, 90. intentions, 91. memorable, 92. racist, 93. memorial, 94. Essentially, 95. phrase, 96. inequality

97. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

98. He _____ to his crime and turned himself into the police.

v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

99. They had a _____ conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

100. The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to _____ the corrupt politician.

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

101. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

102. My _____ neighbor plays loud music at all hours of the night.

adj. intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent

103. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

104. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 97. radical, 98. confessed, 99. casual, 100. indict, 101. fundamental, 102. insufferable, 103. politically, 104. encounter

105. Many people have decided to _____ the company due to their unethical practices.

- v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

106. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

107. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

108. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.

- n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

109. 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

110. The new driver struggled to keep a firm grip on the _____ as the horse bolted.

- n.* a long, narrow strap attached to a horse's bit, used to control the animal while riding; a means of controlling or limiting something or someone's actions and behavior; (verb) to control or restrain something, especially something that is becoming excessive or out of control

ANSWERS: 105. boycott, 106. vulnerable, 107. background, 108. relief, 109. nation, 110. rein

111. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

112. The university's _____ announced new policies regarding campus safety.

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

113. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

114. He was ___ with joy to see the results.

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

115. I am going to trim this _____ off.

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

116. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

117. The data he prepared was completely _____.

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

118. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

ANSWERS: 111. locate, 112. administrator, 113. injustice, 114. mad, 115. bush, 116. stud, 117. sham, 118. initial

119. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.

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

120. The plant's leaves contain a deadly _____ that can cause hallucinations and seizures.

- n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

121. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

122. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.

- n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

123. The national election was held amid _____ security.

- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

124. He shouldn't be allowed to _____ people based on race or sexuality.

- v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

125. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.

- adj.* extremely surprised and upset

126. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 119. navigate, 120. poison, 121. discuss, 122. hallway, 123. tight, 124. slur, 125. astonished, 126. release

127. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

- v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

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

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

129. The company made an _____ about its new product at a press conference.

- n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

130. The negotiations were _____ with challenges and setbacks.

- adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

131. I was able to _____ the frisbee across the field to my friend.

- v.* to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently

132. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

133. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

- n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

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

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

ANSWERS: 127. rely, 128. violent, 129. announcement, 130. fraught, 131. huck, 132. ultimate, 133. bully, 134. explore

135. Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving _____ situations within a community.
adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
136. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
137. The baseball team gave away _____ dolls of their star player at the game.
n. a figurine with a head that is attached to a spring or wire so that it moves or wobbles easily
138. 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
139. The ____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
140. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
141. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
142. The _____ song echoed through the neighborhood, mockingly imitating other birds.
n. a type of songbird known for its ability to imitate the calls and songs of other birds and animals

ANSWERS: 135. problematic, 136. pitch, 137. bobblehead, 138. decide, 139. ugly, 140. shock, 141. silent, 142. mockingbird's

143. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.
- n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
144. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.
- v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
145. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.
- n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
146. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
147. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.
- adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
148. I _____ for neglecting your email.
- v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
149. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
150. The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely _____.
- adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

ANSWERS: 143. atmosphere, 144. assign, 145. horror, 146. feat, 147. academic, 148. apologize, 149. policy, 150. immune

151. He made an _____ gesture.

adj. offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

152. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

153. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

154. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

155. He was awfully _____ by the news.

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

156. Always _____ a lawyer before launching a business.

v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

157. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

158. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 151. obscene, 152. provoked, 153. graduate, 154. stark, 155. upset, 156. consult, 157. misinformation, 158. giant

159. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

- n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

160. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.

- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

161. The abolition of _____ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

- n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

162. They intend to _____ the footsteps of successful software companies.

- v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

163. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.

- adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

164. He has an _____ to become a doctor.

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

165. The volcano started to _____ lava and ash, causing panic among residents.

- v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

166. The food chain causes a material _____.

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

ANSWERS: 159. tongue, 160. tips, 161. slavery, 162. emulate, 163. awkward, 164. aspiration, 165. spew, 166. cycle

167. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

168. He _____ a branch from a tree quickly.

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

169. The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of _____ about their work.

n. the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

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

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

171. She's a bit _____ when it comes to handling raw meat.

adj. easily nauseated or disgusted; readily affected by or sensitive to unpleasant or shocking things; excessively fastidious or scrupulous about one's actions or behavior

172. She _____ that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

173. The politician went on a _____ about the opposition party's policies.

n. a long, angry speech or outburst of criticism or condemnation

174. Your spinal _____ is located deep within your body.

n. a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment

ANSWERS: 167. disguised, 168. severed, 169. inferiority, 170. statistics, 171. squeamish, 172. asserted, 173. tirade, 174. cord

175. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

176. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

177. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.

- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

178. 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

179. I have limited _____ in my arms.

- n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

180. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.

- n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

181. The players are _____ during the national anthem.

- v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees

182. We got caught up in an _____ case.

- n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

ANSWERS: 175. crisis, 176. decision, 177. disease, 178. whispered, 179. mobility, 180. protest, 181. kneeling, 182. assault

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

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

184. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

185. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

- v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

186. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

187. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

188. The _____ virus spread rapidly through the close-knit community.

- adj.* extremely harmful or poisonous, especially in a physical or biological sense; highly infectious or contagious; intensely bitter or hostile

189. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

- v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

190. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

- n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

ANSWERS: 183. humiliated, 184. invite, 185. hopped, 186. president, 187. defend, 188. virulent, 189. handle, 190. colleague

191. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

192. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

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

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

ANSWERS: 191. distinct, 192. floods, 193. responsible