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Session 1: Word List

poetics

n. the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature

synonym : poetry, verse, literature

(1) intertextual **poetics**, (2) **poetics** of cinema

The poet's use of **poetics** captured the essence of the human condition.

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

synonym : noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

synonym : unshakable, unyielding, relentless

(1) **unstoppable** force, (2) **unstoppable** momentum

The team's winning streak was **unstoppable**.

bra

n. a woman's undergarment designed to support the breasts

synonym : brassiere, undergarment, bustier

(1) push-up **bra**, (2) sports **bra**

She bought a new **bra** that was comfortable and supportive

for all-day wear.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym: gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently
Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

inept

adj. lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy

synonym: incompetent, unskilled, clumsy

(1) **inept** government, (2) socially **inept**

He was **inept** at handling the situation.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

synonym: foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

grand

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

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

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

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

gesture

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

synonym: motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**

She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym : tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym : wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym : beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

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.

sigh

v. to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way

synonym : breathe out, exhale, groan

(1) **sigh** deeply, (2) let out a **sigh**

He **sighed** in relief when he finally found his lost keys.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym : invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym: condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

good-for-nothing

n. a person who is considered to be lazy and worthless; a thing that is considered to be useless or ineffective

synonym: no-account, goldbrick, ne'er-do-well

(1) **good-for-nothing** loser, (2) **good-for-nothing** behavior

He's such a **good-for-nothing** layabout, and he never does anything productive.

tune

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

synonym: melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

(1) the **tune** of a song, (2) **tune** a piano

The band played a beautiful **tune** on their instruments.

awe

n. a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

synonym: wonder, amazement, reverence

(1) a feeling of **awe**, (2) in **awe** of the situation

The **awe-inspiring** mountains dominate the landscape.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

elastic

adj. flexible, resilient, or adaptable; (noun) a stretchy material or band that can be stretched and then returned to its original shape; something that is flexible and adaptable

synonym : stretchy, flexible, resilient

(1) **elastic** body, (2) **elastic** waistband

The skin of a snake is remarkably **elastic**, allowing it to slither through tight spaces.

expansive

adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

synonym : large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym : boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

nickname

n. a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

synonym : moniker, sobriquet, handle

(1) endearing **nickname**, (2) **nickname** for a person

The team has a **nickname** for their star player: "The Ace."

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym: throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym: close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

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.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

magnificent

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

synonym: splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain

The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

norm

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

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

creative

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

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

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.

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.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

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.

hierarchy

n. a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

synonym: ranking, order, scale

(1) top of the **hierarchy**, (2) **hierarchy** of folders

She has taken a step up in the organizational **hierarchy**.

beg

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

synonym: plead, implore, entreat

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

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

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym: implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome

difficult times.

sink

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

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

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

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

participate

- v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

echo

- n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

synonym: reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

butcher

- n. a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others

synonym: butcherer, meat cutter, slaughterer

(1) **butcher** knife, (2) local **butcher**

He's a vegetarian and was shocked to see so much meat in the **butcher** shop.

clench

- v. to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress

synonym: grasp, clasp, tighten

(1) **clench** teeth, (2) **clench** muscles

He **clenched** his fist in anger when he heard the bad news.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

laughter

n. the act or sound of laughing

synonym: laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

anxiety

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

synonym: concern, dread, agita

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

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

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

accent

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social

group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

synonym : articulation, inflection, pronunciation

(1) a foreign **accent**, (2) put the **accent** on comfort

She has a thick southern **accent**.

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**.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym : articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym : believe, consider, suppose

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

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

thanksgiving

n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

synonym : gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade

My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym :

fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

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**.

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym: settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

quota

n. a limited amount or share of something assigned or allocated; a restriction on the number of people or goods that can enter or leave a country

synonym: allotment, share, portion

(1) an import **quota**, (2) admission **quota**

Each country was given a **quota** for the fish they were allowed to catch.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

bot

n. a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users

synonym: robot, droid, android

(1) spam **bot**, (2) **bot** detection

The translation **bot** helped me translate a website from another country.

peanut

n. a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source

synonym: nut, groundnut, earthenut

(1) **peanut** butter, (2) the seed of a **peanut**

Some people have severe allergies to **peanuts** and must avoid them completely.

con

n. an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something

synonym: oppose, objection, deception

(1) telemarketing **cons**, (2) the pros and **cons**

The **con** artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.

flay

v. to strip the skin off; to inflict severe criticism or punishment

synonym: bark, remove skin, hide

(1) **flay** an ox, (2) **flay** him as a con artist

Critics **flayed** the latest movie for its lack of originality and cliched storyline.

flake

n. a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

synonym: chip, bit, shred

(1) **flakes** of snow, (2) **flake** graphite

She found a paint **flake** on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym : border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

elevate

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

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

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

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

grammar

n. the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

synonym : syntax, elements

(1) **grammar** checker, (2) Latin **grammar**

Mastering **grammar** takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym : edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
synonym : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

exclude

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

synonym : expel, ban, bar

(1) **exclude** a newcomer, (2) **exclude** all other possibilities

The cost for the trip **excludes** food and beverages.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym : separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

condescension

n. an attitude of patronizing superiority or disdain towards others, often based on a feeling of superiority or arrogance

synonym : patronization, snobbery, arrogance

(1) attitude of **condescension**, (2) his **condescension** toward anyone

The **condescension** in his tone was obvious as he spoke down to his colleagues.

cashier

n. an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business

synonym : teller, clerk

(1) **cashier** position, (2) bank **cashier**

After working as a **cashier** for a few years, she was promoted to a managerial position within the grocery store.

shrink

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

synonym : decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF
She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

negate

v. to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something

synonym: refuse, nullify, annul

(1) **negate** the possibility, (2) **negate** the existing system
Drinking may **negate** the beneficial effects of the drug.

articulate

v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

synonym: express, state, utter

(1) **articulate** his position, (2) eloquently **articulate**
She was able to **articulate** her argument in the debate clearly.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade
She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

bargain

n. an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected

synonym: deal, agreement, pact

(1) **bargain** deal, (2) **bargain** hunting
The price for the used car was a **bargain** compared to the market value.

discount

n. a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

synonym : sale, reduction, (verb) lower

(1) **discount** a draft, (2) **discount** store

I got a massive **discount** on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.

brag

v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

synonym : boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym : merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

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**.

refined

adj. made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

synonym : cultured, purified, tasteful

(1) adopt a **refined** attitude, (2) a lot of **refined** sugar

She was highly **refined** in her choice of apparel.

permeate

v. to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something

synonym : penetrate, diffuse, infiltrate

(1) **permeate** the air, (2) **permeate** the fabric

The aroma of freshly baked bread **permeated** the entire bakery.

gatekeeper

n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

synonym : guardian, watchman, custodian

(1) **gatekeeper** role, (2) information **gatekeeper**

The company's **gatekeeper screened** all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

- hire** v. to give somebody a job
synonym: employ, engage, lease
(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour
We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.
- purity** n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
synonym: sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness
(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**
Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.
- 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.
- workshop** n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
synonym: studio, laboratory, atelier
(1) **workshop** attendee, (2) carpentry **workshop**
The artist held a **workshop** to teach students how to paint with watercolors.
- legitimacy** n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
synonym: legality, lawfulness, authenticity
(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**
I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.
- marginal** adj. of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective
synonym: fringy, peripheral, borderline

(1) **marginal** note, (2) **marginal** cost

The company's profits have only been **marginal** this year, but they're hoping for a better year.

cohesion

n. the act or state of keeping or sticking together

synonym: coherence, coherency, cohesiveness

(1) social **cohesion**, (2) the **cohesion** of a team

We gain higher levels of social **cohesion** and stability.

underworld

n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

synonym: hell, netherworld, underworld

(1) god of the **underworld**, (2) criminal **underworld**

The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the **underworld**, where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

gay

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

synonym: cheerful, lively, joyful

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

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

Latino

n. a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States

synonym: Hispanic, Chicano

(1) **Latino** coworkers, (2) **Latino** culture

The **Latino** community has had a significant impact on American culture.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym : family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym : insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

dingy

adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty

synonym : gloomy, dirty, drab

(1) **dingy** apartment, (2) **dingy** lighting

The **dingy** room needed a fresh coat of paint.

wig

n. a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume

synonym : hairpiece, toupee, hair system

(1) curly **wig**, (2) blonde **wig**

She decided to wear a pink **wig** to the costume party.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym : combine, mix, intermingle

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

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

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.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

bloom

n. a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

synonym : blossom, flush, flower

(1) **bloom** in autumn, (2) black-and-white **blooms**

The cherry blossoms in the park were in full **bloom**.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym : ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

butch

adj. a slang term that has been used to describe a woman who exhibits masculine traits, often used to describe lesbians, but it can also be used to describe any woman who does not conform to traditional feminine gender roles

synonym : masculine, rugged, burly

(1) **butch** identity, (2) **butch** clothing

The **butch** haircut has been popular among women in recent years.

slang

n. informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be

considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

synonym : lingo, jargon, vernacular

(1) **slang** phrases, (2) Internet **slang**

A lot of **slang** words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym : haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym : bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

apologetic

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

synonym : sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym : build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym :

sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

orientation

n. a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment

synonym: direction, introduction, frontage

(1) sexual **orientation**, (2) the school **orientation**

There will be an **orientation** lecture for new students this afternoon.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

nonbinary

adj. someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things

synonym: pluralistic, polyphyletic

(1) **nonbinary** gender, (2) **nonbinary** identities

More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for **nonbinary** people.

mermaid

n. a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish

synonym: siren, naiad, sea-maiden

(1) **mermaid** costume, (2) **mermaid** tail

The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret **mermaid** kingdom beneath the sea.

revolution

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

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

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

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

snap

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

synonym: break, crack, fracture

(1) **snap** a whip, (2) **snap** judgment

She **snapped** a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

cyborg

n. a being that is part human and part machine or technology, often created through the integration of electronic and mechanical devices

synonym: android, bionic, half-human

(1) **cyborg** technology, (2) **cyborg** cop

The idea of a superhuman **cyborg** army is a popular trope in action movies.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym: output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

sashay

v. to walk in a way that is exaggeratedly graceful and confident, typically with one's hips swaying from side to side

synonym : glide, saunter, strut

(1) **sashay** down the runway, (2) **sashay** into the room
She loves to **sashay** onto the dance floor and impress everyone with her moves.

twirl

v. to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion

synonym : spin, swirl, rotate

(1) **twirl** a ribbon, (2) **twirl** a hula hoop
She **twirled** her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.

glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

synonym : sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes
Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group
All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**
He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true
synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

inviting

adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

synonym: attractive, tempting, alluring

(1) **inviting** scent, (2) **inviting** atmosphere

The **inviting** aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.

punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

synonym: emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk

Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

vowel

n. a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

synonym: letter, sound, syllable

(1) **vowel** chart, (2) **vowel** combination

Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the **vowel** sounds.

wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

synonym: clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

ethnicity

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

synonym : race, culture, heritage

(1) with respect to **ethnicity**, (2) based on their **ethnicity**

The company has a diverse workforce representing different **ethnicity** and backgrounds.

immigration

n. the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country

synonym : migration, settlement, emigration

(1) **immigration** control, (2) **immigration** application

The **immigration** policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

synonym : wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

stigmatize

v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

synonym : brand, mark, denounce

(1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him as a swindler

She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym : marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

freaky

adj. strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling

synonym: weird, strange, unusual

(1) **freaky** accident, (2) **freaky-deaky**

The **freaky** clown at the haunted house scared the children.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

manifestation

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

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

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

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

brilliance

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

synonym: splendor, glory, luster

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

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

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym : shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym : act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

traffic

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

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

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

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

seep

v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

synonym : leak, ooze, trickle

(1) **seep** cool and moist air, (2) **seep** into paper

The rain began to **seep** through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym: dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

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

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

dam

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

synonym: barricade, barrier, embankment

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

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

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.

suspend

v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

synonym: stop, postpone, adjourn

(1) **suspend** a decision, (2) **suspend** fruits from the ceiling

The University **suspended** the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

incorrect

adj. not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate

synonym : unsound, wrong, inaccurate

(1) make an **incorrect** report, (2) an **incorrect** translation

He found my English sentences are **incorrect**.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

activate

v. make something start working, more active or dynamic

synonym : mobilize, stimulate, initiate

(1) **activate** a receptor, (2) **activate** a motor

You must **activate** the software with a 16-digit key before you can use it.

endless

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

synonym : infinite, ceaseless, boundless

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. cl___h muscles *v.* to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress
2. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
3. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
4. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
5. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. public ri_____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
7. in_____ng atmosphere *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
8. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 1. clench, 2. solid, 3. span, 4. manifestation, 5. opportune, 6. ridicule, 7. inviting, 8. silent

9. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
10. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
11. geographical bo____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
12. the degree of pu____y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
13. 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
14. common in____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
15. bu____r knife *n.* a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others
16. ex____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
17. walk-in wa____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

ANSWERS: 9. crop, 10. tuck, 11. boundary, 12. purity, 13. vocabulary, 14. invention, 15. butcher, 16. exclusive, 17. wardrobe

18. Internet sl__g *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
19. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
20. en_____ze the body *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
21. b__g about my knowledge *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
22. a mag_____nt plan *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
23. an in_____ct translation *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
24. 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
25. minimalist wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
26. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 18. slang, 19. gender, 20. energize, 21. brag, 22. magnificent, 23. incorrect, 24. sham, 25. wardrobe, 26. magic

27. bring la____er *n.* the act or sound of laughing
28. information gat_____er *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
29. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
30. fl__es of snow *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
31. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
32. ca_____r position *n.* an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business
33. fr___y accident *adj.* strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling
34. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
35. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 27. laughter, 28. gatekeeper, 29. uncomfortable, 30. flake, 31. creative, 32. cashier, 33. freaky, 34. maintain, 35. stick

36. ex_____e a newcomer *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
37. a foreign ac____t *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
38. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
39. t__s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
40. in samba rh____m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
41. bri_____ce of diamond *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
42. based on their et_____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
43. with respect to et_____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
44. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
45. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 36. exclude, 37. accent, 38. possibility, 39. toss, 40. rhythm, 41. brilliance, 42. ethnicity, 43. ethnicity, 44. origin, 45. encounter

46. 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
47. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
48. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
49. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
50. el_____c body *adj.* flexible, resilient, or adaptable; (noun) a stretchy material or band that can be stretched and then returned to its original shape; something that is flexible and adaptable
51. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
52. high pu____y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
53. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
54. tw__l a ribbon *v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion

ANSWERS: 46. vocabulary, 47. elevate, 48. pronounce, 49. echo, 50. elastic, 51. isolate, 52. purity, 53. interaction, 54. twirl

55. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
56. sl__g phrases *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
57. pu_____te a sentence *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
58. social co_____on *n.* the act or state of keeping or sticking together
59. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
60. imm_____on application *n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
61. sp_____le lens *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
62. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
63. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
64. t__e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

ANSWERS: 55. origin, 56. slang, 57. punctuate, 58. cohesion, 59. construct, 60. immigration, 61. spectacle, 62. norm, 63. tongue, 64. tune

65. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
66. s__p into paper *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
67. anti-terrorist leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
68. goo_____ing behavior *n.* a person who is considered to be lazy and worthless; a thing that is considered to be useless or ineffective
69. ma____n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
70. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
71. pr_____ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
72. ba____n hunting *n.* an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected
73. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
74. uns_____le momentum *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent

ANSWERS: 65. destroy, 66. seep, 67. legislation, 68. good-for-nothing, 69. margin, 70. dam, 71. pronounce, 72. bargain, 73. crop, 74. unstoppable

75. er__e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
76. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
77. el_____c waistband *adj.* flexible, resilient, or adaptable; (noun) a stretchy material or band that can be stretched and then returned to its original shape; something that is flexible and adaptable
78. irregular heart rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
79. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
80. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
81. pe___t butter *n.* a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source
82. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
83. 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
84. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
85. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 75. erase, 76. shrink, 77. elastic, 78. rhythm, 79. yell, 80. anxiety, 81. peanut, 82. norm, 83. background, 84. excite, 85. opportune

86. diagnosis of an_____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
87. hand ge_____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
88. no_____ry identities *adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
89. fl__e graphite *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
90. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
91. s__p cool and moist air *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
92. push-up b_a *n.* a woman's undergarment designed to support the breasts
93. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
94. in_____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
95. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
96. telemarketing c_ns *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something

ANSWERS: 86. anxiety, 87. gesture, 88. nonbinary, 89. flake, 90. disappear, 91. seep, 92. bra, 93. echo, 94. intimate, 95. immigrant, 96. con

97. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
98. make an in_____ct report *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
99. fr___y-deaky *adj.* strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling
100. ba_____n deal *n.* an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected
101. vo___l chart *n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth
102. few cu___e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
103. d___g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
104. the gr_____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
105. black-and-white bl___ms *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
106. su_____d a decision *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

ANSWERS: 97. invisible, 98. incorrect, 99. freaky, 100. bargain, 101. vowel, 102. curse, 103. drag, 104. grocery, 105. bloom, 106. suspend

107. share of a mu___l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
108. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
109. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
110. y___l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
111. spam b_t *n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users
112. ex_____e all other possibilities *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
113. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
114. bu__h identity *adj.* a slang term that has been used to describe a woman who exhibits masculine traits, often used to describe lesbians, but it can also be used to describe any woman who does not conform to traditional feminine gender roles
115. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 107. mutual, 108. shrink, 109. recognize, 110. yell, 111. bot, 112. exclude, 113. intimate, 114. butch, 115. gender

116. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
117. 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
118. s__p judgment *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
119. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
120. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
121. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
122. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
123. a feeling of a_e *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
124. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
125. hi_____hy of folders *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

ANSWERS: 116. invisible, 117. rein, 118. snap, 119. invention, 120. inherit, 121. hire, 122. peer, 123. awe, 124. academic, 125. hierarchy

126. no_____ry gender *adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
127. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
128. criminal und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
129. the pros and c_ns *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
130. ex_____ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
131. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
132. carpentry wo_____op *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
133. sa___y into the room *v.* to walk in a way that is exaggeratedly graceful and confident, typically with one's hips swaying from side to side
134. ri_____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

ANSWERS: 126. nonbinary, 127. recognize, 128. underworld, 129. con, 130. expansive, 131. legislation, 132. workshop, 133. sashay, 134. ridicule

135. the t__e of a song *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
136. a profit ma___n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
137. me_____d tail *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
138. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
139. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
140. pretty sp_____le *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
141. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
142. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
143. blonde w_g *n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
144. curly w_g *n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume

ANSWERS: 135. tune, 136. margin, 137. mermaid, 138. invite, 139. statistics, 140. spectacle, 141. quarter, 142. participate, 143. wig, 144. wig

145. gr____r checker *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
146. s__h deeply *v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
147. the school ori_____on *n.* a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment
148. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
149. native to___e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
150. en____s possibilities *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
151. endearing ni_____me *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
152. uns_____le force *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
153. vo__l combination *n.* a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

ANSWERS: 145. grammar, 146. sigh, 147. orientation, 148. uncomfortable, 149. tongue, 150. endless, 151. nickname, 152. unstoppable, 153. vowel

154. local bu____r *n.* a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others
155. sa____y down the runway *v.* to walk in a way that is exaggeratedly graceful and confident, typically with one's hips swaying from side to side
156. gat_____er role *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
157. ac_____te a receptor *v.* make something start working, more active or dynamic
158. t__s the bottle into a trash can *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
159. sports b_a *n.* a woman's undergarment designed to support the breasts
160. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
161. eloquently art_____te *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
162. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
163. po_____s of cinema *n.* the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature

ANSWERS: 154. butcher, 155. sashay, 156. gatekeeper, 157. activate, 158. toss, 159. bra, 160. storytelling, 161. articulate, 162. excite, 163. poetics

164. s__p a whip *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
165. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
166. mountain tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
167. el____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
168. socially in__t *adj.* lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy
169. fi___e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
170. 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
171. bank ca____r *n.* an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business
172. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 164. snap, 165. scan, 166. tribe, 167. elevate, 168. inept, 169. fierce, 170. rein, 171. cashier, 172. magic

173. apo_____ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
174. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
175. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
176. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
177. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
178. pe_____te the air *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
179. sexual ori_____on *n.* a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment
180. goo_____ing loser *n.* a person who is considered to be lazy and worthless; a thing that is considered to be useless or ineffective
181. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
182. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
183. en_____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

ANSWERS: 173. apologetic, 174. twist, 175. maintain, 176. solid, 177. dam, 178. permeate, 179. orientation, 180. good-for-nothing, 181. roar, 182. isolate, 183. energize

184. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
185. tha_____ing traditions *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
186. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
187. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
188. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
189. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
190. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
191. sti_____ze him as a swindler *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
192. under a cu__e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
193. ma_____al cost *adj.* of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective

ANSWERS: 184. erase, 185. thanksgiving, 186. deserve, 187. twist, 188. silent, 189. pray, 190. freak, 191. stigmatize, 192. curse, 193. marginal

194. heavy tr____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
195. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
196. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
197. adopt a re____d attitude *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
198. art_____te his position *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
199. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
200. imm_____on control *n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
201. f__y him as a con artist *v.* to strip the skin off; to inflict severe criticism or punishment
202. aboriginal tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
203. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances

ANSWERS: 194. traffic, 195. span, 196. marvel, 197. refined, 198. articulate, 199. storytelling, 200. immigration, 201. flay, 202. tribe, 203. blend

204. the bo____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
205. en____s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
206. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
207. pu_____te his talk *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
208. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
209. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
210. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
211. gl_____r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
212. tha_____ing parade *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

ANSWERS: 204. boundary, 205. endless, 206. scan, 207. punctuate, 208. statistics, 209. introduction, 210. straight, 211. glitter, 212. thanksgiving

213. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
214. a mag_____nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
215. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
216. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
217. tw__l a hula hoop *v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
218. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
219. mighty d_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
220. economic bri_____ce *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
221. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
222. cl___h teeth *v.* to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress
223. na_____e an event *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

ANSWERS: 213. participate, 214. magnificent, 215. beg, 216. beg, 217. twirl, 218. introduction, 219. din, 220. brilliance, 221. grand, 222. clench, 223. narrate

224. ge____e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
225. cy____g technology *n.* a being that is part human and part machine or technology, often created through the integration of electronic and mechanical devices
226. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
227. et____c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
228. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
229. f__y an ox *v.* to strip the skin off; to inflict severe criticism or punishment
230. b__g to each other *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
231. La____o culture *n.* a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States
232. es____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
233. for in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
234. in a_e of the situation *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
235. se____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 224. gesture, 225. cyborg, 226. grand, 227. ethnic, 228. destroy, 229. flay, 230. brag, 231. Latino, 232. essential, 233. instance, 234. awe, 235. separate

236. apo_____ic letter *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
237. la_____er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
238. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
239. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
240. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
241. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
242. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
243. with an ex_____ve spirit *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
244. run a gr_____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
245. di_____nt store *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
246. the co_____on of a team *n.* the act or state of keeping or sticking together

ANSWERS: 236. apologetic, 237. laughter, 238. blend, 239. degree, 240. straight, 241. essential, 242. drag, 243. expansive, 244. grocery, 245. discount, 246. cohesion

247. ac____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
248. in__t government *adj.* lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy
249. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
250. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
251. La___o coworkers *n.* a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States
252. top of the hi_____hy *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
253. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
254. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
255. admission qu__a *n.* a limited amount or share of something assigned or allocated; a restriction on the number of people or goods that can enter or leave a country
256. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

ANSWERS: 247. academic, 248. inept, 249. revolution, 250. expand, 251. Latino, 252. hierarchy, 253. sink, 254. encounter, 255. quota, 256. roar

257. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
258. 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
259. in____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
260. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
261. mu___l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
262. a lot of re____d sugar *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
263. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
264. ni____me for a person *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
265. in____ng scent *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
266. intertextual po____s *n.* the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature

ANSWERS: 257. deem, 258. sham, 259. infinite, 260. expand, 261. mutual, 262. refined, 263. deem, 264. nickname, 265. inviting, 266. poetics

267. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
268. na____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
269. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
270. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
271. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
272. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
273. sti_____ze the deviant as criminal *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
274. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
275. gl_____r against her skin *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
276. di__y apartment *adj.* dark, gloomy, and dirty
277. su_____d fruits from the ceiling *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

ANSWERS: 267. gay, 268. narrate, 269. freak, 270. tuck, 271. pray, 272. invite, 273. stigmatize, 274. construct, 275. glitter, 276. dingy, 277. suspend

278. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
279. bl__m in autumn *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
280. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
281. ac_____te a motor *v.* make something start working, more active or dynamic
282. wo_____op attendee *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
283. di__y lighting *adj.* dark, gloomy, and dirty
284. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
285. technical ma___l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
286. let out a s__h *v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
287. the seed of a pe___t *n.* a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source
288. b_t detection *n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users

ANSWERS: 278. hire, 279. bloom, 280. belong, 281. activate, 282. workshop, 283. dingy, 284. complain, 285. marvel, 286. sigh, 287. peanut, 288. bot

289. an import qu__a *n.* a limited amount or share of something assigned or allocated; a restriction on the number of people or goods that can enter or leave a country
290. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
291. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
292. g_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
293. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
294. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
295. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
296. attitude of con_____ion *n.* an attitude of patronizing superiority or disdain towards others, often based on a feeling of superiority or arrogance
297. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
298. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
299. put the ac____t on comfort *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
300. a fi____e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening

ANSWERS: 289. quota, 290. weird, 291. revolution, 292. gay, 293. possibility, 294. eventually, 295. inherit, 296. condescension, 297. separate, 298. exclusive, 299. accent, 300. fierce

301. me_____d costume *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
302. his con_____ion toward anyone *n.* an attitude of patronizing superiority or disdain towards others, often based on a feeling of superiority or arrogance
303. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
304. di_____nt a draft *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
305. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
306. ma_____al note *adj.* of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective
307. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
308. in_____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
309. ne___e the existing system *v.* to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something
310. man_____ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

ANSWERS: 301. mermaid, 302. condescension, 303. immigrant, 304. discount, 305. peer, 306. marginal, 307. quarter, 308. infinite, 309. negate, 310. manifestation

311. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
312. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
313. challenge the leg____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
314. co____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
315. democratic leg____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
316. tr____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
317. 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
318. Latin gr____r *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
319. bachelor's de____e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

ANSWERS: 311. weird, 312. instance, 313. legitimacy, 314. complain, 315. legitimacy, 316. traffic, 317. background, 318. grammar, 319. degree

320. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
321. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
322. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
323. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
324. god of the und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
325. cy___g cop *n.* a being that is part human and part machine or technology, often created through the integration of electronic and mechanical devices
326. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
327. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
328. bu__h clothing *adj.* a slang term that has been used to describe a woman who exhibits masculine traits, often used to describe lesbians, but it can also be used to describe any woman who does not conform to traditional feminine gender roles

ANSWERS: 320. interaction, 321. din, 322. eventually, 323. stick, 324. underworld, 325. cyborg, 326. sink, 327. disappear, 328. butch

329. de____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
330. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
331. single et____c group *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
332. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
333. ne____e the possibility *v.* to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something
334. pe____te the fabric *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something

ANSWERS: 329. deserve, 330. belong, 331. ethnic, 332. creative, 333. negate, 334. permeate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of water is called ice.

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

2. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.

adj. not divided or shared with others

3. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.

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

4. The _____ mountains dominate the landscape.

n. a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

5. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

6. Sow early for an early _____.

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

7. The audiobook hired a professional actor to _____ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

8. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 1. solid-state, 2. exclusive, 3. dam, 4. awe-inspiring, 5. quarter, 6. crop, 7. narrate, 8. belong

9. The _____ community has had a significant impact on American culture.
- n.* a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States
10. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
11. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.
- n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
12. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
- adj.* without any or little sound
13. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.
- v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
14. She decided to wear a pink _____ to the costume party.
- n.* a head covering made of synthetic or real hair worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion accessory, to conceal hair loss or baldness, or as part of a costume
15. The translation _____ helped me translate a website from another country.
- n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users

ANSWERS: 9. Latino, 10. statistics, 11. tribe, 12. silent, 13. tossed, 14. wig, 15. bot

16. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.
v. to mix or combine two or more substances
17. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
18. The _____ haircut has been popular among women in recent years.
adj. a slang term that has been used to describe a woman who exhibits masculine traits, often used to describe lesbians, but it can also be used to describe any woman who does not conform to traditional feminine gender roles
19. The _____ in his tone was obvious as he spoke down to his colleagues.
n. an attitude of patronizing superiority or disdain towards others, often based on a feeling of superiority or arrogance
20. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
21. This shirt will _____ in the wash.
v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
22. The company has an _____ network of offices and locations around the world.
adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
23. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.
n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

ANSWERS: 16. blend, 17. begged, 18. butch, 19. condescension, 20. opportune, 21. shrink, 22. expansive, 23. interaction

24. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

v. to give somebody a job

25. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

26. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

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

27. He's a vegetarian and was shocked to see so much meat in the _____ shop.

n. a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others

28. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

29. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

30. 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

31. You should not _____ them from the community.

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

ANSWERS: 24. hire, 25. excited, 26. academic, 27. butcher, 28. magic, 29. degree, 30. sham, 31. isolate

32. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.
n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
33. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
n. the first existence or beginning of something
34. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
35. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
36. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
37. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.
adj. common to or shared by two or more parties
38. He _____ his fist in anger when he heard the bad news.
v. to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress
39. The rain began to _____ through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.
v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
40. The _____ aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.
adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

ANSWERS: 32. immigrants, 33. origin, 34. yelled, 35. peer, 36. destroyed, 37. mutual, 38. clenched, 39. seep, 40. inviting

41. Some people have severe allergies to _____ and must avoid them completely.
n. a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source
42. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.
v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
43. My family gathers together every year for _____ dinner.
n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
44. She was highly _____ in her choice of apparel.
adj. made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
45. He found my English sentences are _____.
adj. not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
46. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see
47. Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from _____ about his success.
v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
48. The scientist's _____ led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.
n. the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

ANSWERS: 41. peanuts, 42. scanned, 43. thanksgiving, 44. refined, 45. incorrect, 46. invisible, 47. bragging, 48. brilliance

49. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
50. After working as a _____ for a few years, she was promoted to a managerial position within the grocery store.
- n.* an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business
51. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
52. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
53. The company's _____ all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.
- n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
54. She has a thick southern _____.
- n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

ANSWERS: 49. separate, 50. cashier, 51. stick, 52. invention, 53. gatekeeper screened, 54. accent

55. I got a massive _____ on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.
- n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
56. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
- v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
57. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
58. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
59. The company's profits have only been _____ this year, but they're hoping for a better year.
- adj.* of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective
60. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
- n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
61. He's such a _____ layabout, and he never does anything productive.
- n.* a person who is considered to be lazy and worthless; a thing that is considered to be useless or ineffective

ANSWERS: 55. discount, 56. deserved, 57. grand, 58. gender, 59. marginal, 60. ridicule, 61. good-for-nothing

62. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

63. She was able to _____ her argument in the debate clearly.

v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

64. The company has a diverse workforce representing different _____ and backgrounds.

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

65. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

66. The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the _____ where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

67. The artist held a _____ to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

68. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

69. She waited for her daughter with _____.

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

ANSWERS: 62. intimate, 63. articulate, 64. ethnicity, 65. freak, 66. underworld, 67. workshop, 68. straight, 69. anxiety

70. Her dress _____ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.
- v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
71. Critics _____ the latest movie for its lack of originality and cliched storyline.
- v. to strip the skin off; to inflict severe criticism or punishment
72. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
- n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
73. The cost for the trip _____ food and beverages.
- v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
74. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
- v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
75. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.
- n. a shop that sells food and other household items
76. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
- v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
77. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
- v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
78. She _____ her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.
- v. to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion

ANSWERS: 70. glittered, 71. flayed, 72. margin, 73. excludes, 74. inherited, 75. grocery, 76. deemed, 77. roared, 78. twirled

79. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
80. He was _____ at handling the situation.
adj. lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy
81. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
82. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
83. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
84. 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
85. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
86. 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: 79. norms, 80. inept, 81. traffic, 82. possibility, 83. instances, 84. tongue, 85. elevates, 86. encounter

87. The ___ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.
adj. homosexual; happy, carefree
88. 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
89. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.
adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening
90. The _____ clown at the haunted house scared the children.
adj. strange or unusual in a way that is frightening or unsettling
91. The ___ of the city was overwhelming.
n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
92. Strikes had also _____ the preceding weeks.
v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
93. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
94. The ___ artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.
n. an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something

ANSWERS: 87. gay, 88. background, 89. fierce, 90. freaky, 91. din, 92. punctuated, 93. manifestation, 94. con

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

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

96. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.

- n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

97. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.

- v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

98. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

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

99. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

100. The _____ policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.

- n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country

101. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.

- n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

102. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.

- n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

ANSWERS: 95. legitimacy, 96. echoed, 97. tuck, 98. revolution, 99. introduction, 100. immigration, 101. rhythm, 102. gesture

103. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
104. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
105. The poet's use of _____ captured the essence of the human condition.
n. the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature
106. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.
n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
107. A lot of _____ words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.
n. informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
108. The _____ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.
adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
109. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.
adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
110. Her _____ selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.
n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

ANSWERS: 103. span, 104. recognize, 105. poetics, 106. legislation, 107. slang, 108. magnificent, 109. ethnic, 110. wardrobe

111. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

112. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

113. She has taken a step up in the organizational _____.

n. a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

114. The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret _____ kingdom beneath the sea.

n. a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish

115. She _____ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

116. 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

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

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

118. The team has a _____ for their star player: "The Ace."

n. a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

ANSWERS: 111. erase, 112. disappear, 113. hierarchy, 114. mermaid, 115. snapped, 116. rein, 117. creative, 118. nickname

119. The motivational speaker _____ the crowd with their words.

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

120. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

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

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

122. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

123. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

124. The skin of a snake is remarkably _____ allowing it to slither through tight spaces.

adj. flexible, resilient, or adaptable; (noun) a stretchy material or band that can be stretched and then returned to its original shape; something that is flexible and adaptable

125. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

126. You must _____ the software with a 16-digit key before you can use it.

v. make something start working, more active or dynamic

ANSWERS: 119. energized, 120. tune, 121. endless, 122. eventually, 123. pronounce, 124. elastic, 125. infinite, 126. activate

127. The team's winning streak was _____.

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

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

v. to pull or haul with force

129. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

130. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.

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

131. Drinking may _____ the beneficial effects of the drug.

v. to make something ineffective or null; to deny the truth of something

132. The price for the used car was a _____ compared to the market value.

n. an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected

133. Please pronounce your name slowly and emphasize the _____ sounds.

n. a speech sound pronounced with an open vocal tract, typically made by vibrating the vocal cords and without any constriction or obstruction of airflow in the lungs or mouth

134. The _____ room needed a fresh coat of paint.

adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty

ANSWERS: 127. unstoppable, 128. dragged, 129. complaining, 130. sink, 131. negate, 132. bargain, 133. vowel, 134. dingy

135. She was _____ by society because she had a child out of wedlock.
v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
136. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
137. He _____ in relief when he finally found his lost keys.
v. to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
138. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.
n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
139. She found a paint _____ on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.
n. a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
140. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.
n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
141. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
142. 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

ANSWERS: 135. stigmatized, 136. essential, 137. sighed, 138. boundary, 139. flake, 140. purity, 141. constructs, 142. vocabulary

143. The cherry blossoms in the park were in full _____.
- n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
144. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
145. She loves to _____ onto the dance floor and impress everyone with her moves.
- v.* to walk in a way that is exaggeratedly graceful and confident, typically with one's hips swaying from side to side
146. Each country was given a _____ for the fish they were allowed to catch.
- n.* a limited amount or share of something assigned or allocated; a restriction on the number of people or goods that can enter or leave a country
147. Some doctor says _____ is the best medicine.
- n.* the act or sound of laughing
148. Mastering _____ takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.
- n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
149. More and more people in various countries believe that the policymaker should change the marriage rules for _____ people.
- adj.* someone who does not identify as a man or a woman; not relating to, composed of, or including only two things
150. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 143. bloom, 144. storytelling, 145. sashay, 146. quota, 147. laughter, 148. grammar, 149. nonbinary, 150. prayed

151. The aroma of freshly baked bread _____ the entire bakery.
v. to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
152. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
153. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
154. His abusive words made me _____.
adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
155. She bought a new ____ that was comfortable and supportive for all-day wear.
n. a woman's undergarment designed to support the breasts
156. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
157. There will be an _____ lecture for new students this afternoon.
n. a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment
158. Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.
n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
159. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 151. permeated, 152. participated, 153. maintain, 154. uncomfortable, 155. bra, 156. twisted, 157. orientation, 158. curse, 159. weird

160. She could not help watching the sad _____.

- n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

161. He was _____ for being late to the meeting.

- adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

162. 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

163. The idea of a superhuman _____ army is a popular trope in action movies.

- n.* a being that is part human and part machine or technology, often created through the integration of electronic and mechanical devices

164. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.

- n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

165. We gain higher levels of social _____ and stability.

- n.* the act or state of keeping or sticking together

166. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

167. The University _____ the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

- v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

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