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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### anxious

*adj.* worried and nervous

*synonym* : nervous, uneasy, afraid

(1) **anxious** about his health, (2) an **anxious** look

He cast **anxious** glances behind her.

### monarchy

*n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

*synonym* : kingdom, realm, empire

(1) **monarchy** system, (2) abolish **monarchy**

The **monarchy** government had been in power for centuries.

### brink

*n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

*synonym* : edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

### collapse

*v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

*synonym* : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

- fellow** *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you  
*synonym* : buddy, mate, affiliate  
(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**  
He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.
- aristocrat** *n.* a member of a distinguished social class, typically one with a hereditary title and wealth  
*synonym* : noble, blue blood, patrician  
(1) **aristocrat** family, (2) **aristocrat** society  
The **aristocrat's** grand estate was sprawling and impressive, with lush gardens and fountains.
- holy** *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion  
*synonym* : sacred, religious, divine  
(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine  
They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.
- 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.
- monk** *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience  
*synonym* : friar, cleric, brother  
(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**  
The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.
- blame** *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad  
*synonym* : condemn, rebuke, find fault with  
(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

## empire

*n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government  
*synonym*: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya  
He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

## peasant

*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society  
*synonym*: farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**  
Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

## obscurity

*n.* the state of being hard to see or understand; lack of clarity or distinction  
*synonym*: vagueness, ambiguity, uncertainty

(1) sink into **obscurity**, (2) **obscurity** of expression  
The **obscurity** of the author's writing style made it difficult to understand the book.

## conversion

*n.* the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed  
*synonym*: transformation, change, metamorphosis

(1) **conversion** rate, (2) **conversion** therapy  
The developer's **conversion** of the old factory into a modern loft apartment complex was a major success.

## orthodox

*adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church  
*synonym*: traditional, conventional, established

(1) an **orthodox** doctrine, (2) **orthodox** thought  
He challenged the **orthodox** views on business.

## church

*n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

*synonym* : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

## inspire

*v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

*synonym* : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

## humble

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

*synonym* : modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

## wander

*v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

*synonym* : ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

## endlessly

*adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

*synonym* : ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

## pilgrim

*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

*synonym* : traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

## **captivate**

*v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of

*synonym* : enchant, charm, fascinate

(1) **captivate** public sentiment, (2) **captivate** the mind

The magician **captivated** the audience with his illusions.

## **magnetic**

*adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel

*synonym* : attractive, drawing, hypnotic

(1) **magnetic** field, (2) a **magnetic** tape

The **magnetic** force of the earth keeps our planet spinning.

## **presence**

*n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

*synonym* : existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

## **mystical**

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

*synonym* : occult, esoteric, enigmatic

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

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

## **prediction**

*n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

*synonym* : forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

## healing

*n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

*synonym* : recovery, recuperation, convalescence

(1) natural **healing** ability, (2) part of the **healing** process

Each ancient tribe has its **healing** traditions.

## petty

*adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

*synonym* : minor, insignificant, trivial

(1) **petty** crime, (2) **petty** cash

The **petty** arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

## theft

*n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing

*synonym* : stealing, heist, robbery

(1) victim of identity **theft**, (2) **theft** of designs

Poverty is not a reproach; however, **theft** is.

## promiscuous

*adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

*synonym* : indiscriminate, loose, promiscuous

(1) **promiscuous** bathing, (2) **promiscuous** lifestyle

He was known for his **promiscuous** behavior.

## reputation

*n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

*synonym* : fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

## attract

*v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

*synonym* : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

## layperson

*n.* a person who is not trained or skilled in a specific profession or field; a non-expert or amateur

*synonym* : novice, amateur, non-expert

(1) **layperson** perspective, (2) in **layperson's** terms

The instructions should be clear enough for the **layperson** to understand.

## clergyman

*n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church

*synonym* : minister, pastor, priest

(1) unfrocked **clergyman**, (2) **clergyman's** duty

The Catholic **clergyman** led the congregation in prayer.

## charisma

*n.* a compelling charm or attractiveness that can inspire devotion and admiration from others, often associated with leadership or celebrity status

*synonym* : magnetism, allure, charm

(1) crowd-pulling **charisma**, (2) natural **charisma**

The politician's **charisma** won over the crowd at the rally.

## imperial

*adj.* relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it

*synonym* : royal, regal

(1) **imperial** rule, (2) **imperial** palace

The **imperial** palace is now undergoing repairs.

## spiritual

*adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

*synonym* : otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

## adviser

*n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject  
*synonym*: consultant, guide, expert

(1) a medical **adviser**, (2) chief **adviser**

After retiring, he continued to be an **adviser** to politicians.

## introductory

*adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

*synonym*: beginning, preliminary, initial

(1) **introductory** biology text, (2) product **introductory** sale

The **introductory** class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

## czar

*n.* (also tsar or tzar) a title of rulers or monarchs, especially in Russia, before the Russian Revolution of 1917; an authoritarian or powerful political leader or high-level officeholder

*synonym*: ruler, sovereign, autocrat

(1) technology **czar**, (2) economic **czar**

The **czar** of healthcare is responsible for improving the quality and accessibility of healthcare for all citizens.

## devout

*adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

*synonym*: pious, religious, faithful

(1) **devout** Buddhist, (2) act in a **devout** manner

The **devout** monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

## mystic

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

*synonym*: secret, mystical, supernatural

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

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



## supernatural

*adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

*synonym* : paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

## transfix

*v.* to cause someone to become motionless or spellbound, often through shock or amazement; to pierce or impale with a pointed object

*synonym* : pierce, impale, stab

(1) **transfix** with horror, (2) **transfix** me with its vibrant colors

The athlete's incredible skill on the field **transfixed** the spectators, who were amazed by his talent.

## tumult

*n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting

*synonym* : commotion, disturbance, upheaval

(1) **tumult** of voices, (2) in the midst of the **tumult**

The political turmoil caused great **tumult** in the country.

## cling

*v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

*synonym* : stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

## 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.

## struggle

*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

*synonym* : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

## intensify

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

*synonym* : amplify, boost, strengthen

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

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

## turmoil

*n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

*synonym* : chaos, confusion, disorder

(1) political **turmoil**, (2) the **turmoil** of the war

The company experienced financial **turmoil** after the CEO was arrested.

## heir

*n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

*synonym* : successor, inheritor, beneficiary

(1) an imperial **heir**, (2) **heir** at law

She recognized me as her lawful **heir**.

## throne

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

*synonym* : seat, throne, chair

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

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

## threaten

*v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

*synonym*: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

## disease

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

*synonym*: illness, ailment, affliction

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

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

## hemophilia

*n.* a genetic disorder in which the ability of the blood to clot is severely reduced, resulting in excessive bleeding and bruising

*synonym*: bleeding disorder, clotting disorder

(1) **hemophilia** treatment, (2) **hemophilia** diagnosis

He inherited **hemophilia** from his mother and suffers from frequent bleeding.

## suffer

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

*synonym*: endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

## severe

*adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

*synonym*: harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

## medical

*adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

*synonym* : health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

## crisis

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

*synonym* : concern, problem, emergency

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

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

## reject

*v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

*synonym* : decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym* : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## cement

*v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

*synonym* : adhesive, glue

(1) **cement** a close relationship, (2) **cement** blend

They are eager to **cement** a positive reputation.

## royal

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

*synonym*: imperial, noble, aristocratic

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

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

## magical

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

*synonym*: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

## guarantee

*v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

*synonym*: assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

## privilege

*n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

*synonym*: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

## prescribe

*v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something

*synonym*: define, specify, stipulate

(1) **prescribe** a drug, (2) **prescribe** in the preceding paragraph

Federal bankruptcy laws **prescribed** the reorganization process.

## aspirin

*n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation

(1) prescribe **aspirin**, (2) **aspirin** sensitivity

She took a tablet of **aspirin** to soothe the fever.

## worsen

*v.* to become or make something worse

*synonym*: languish, degenerate, degrade

(1) **worsen** a relation, (2) **worsen** the food problem

Unilateral import bans have **worsened** that country's terms of trade.

## incident

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

*synonym*: event, occurrence, accident

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

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

## prophecy

*n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

*synonym*: prediction, foretelling, divination

(1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

## deserted

*adj.* empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind

*synonym*: abandoned, empty, vacated

(1) **deserted** city, (2) **deserted** island

The **deserted** street was quiet and eerie, with no signs of life.

## crown

*n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

*synonym*: tiara, headdress, royalty

(1) the imperial **crown**, (2) the **crown** and throne

The bishop bestowed the golden **crown** on the king.

## regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

*synonym*: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

## amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym*: intensify, boost, argument

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

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

## unheard

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

*synonym*: unknown, obscure

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

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

## noble

*adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

*synonym*: dignified, aristocratic, benevolent

(1) a **noble** family, (2) **noble** gas

He is a **noble-minded** man

## despise

v. to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

*synonym*: hate, loathe, detest

(1) **despise** a particular food, (2) secretly **despise**

I **despise** injustice and those who perpetrate it.

## cease

v. to stop an action or event

*synonym*: stop, end, terminate

(1) **cease** to exist, (2) **cease** drinking

The company decided to **cease** production of the product.

## scandalous

*adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior

*synonym* : disgraceful, shocking, shameful

(1) **scandalous** behavior, (2) **scandalous** revelations

The media exposed the **scandalous** affair between the politician and his assistant.

## skeptical

*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

*synonym* : doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

## corruptible

*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

*synonym* : bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

## convinced

*adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

*synonym* : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

## 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.



## eliminate

*v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

*synonym*: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

## 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**.

## conviction

*n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

*synonym*: belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder

She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

## plot

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

*synonym*: scheme, plan, design

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

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

## assassination

*n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

*synonym*: murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot

The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

## mysterious

*adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

*synonym* : enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

## unfold

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

*synonym* : open, spread out, expose

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

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

## memoir

*n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

*synonym* : bio, biography

(1) family **memoir**, (2) publish a **memoir**

He wrote his **memoirs** while awaiting trial.

## pastry

*n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

*synonym* : bakery, baked goods, sweet treats

(1) **pastry** chef, (2) fruit **pastry**

The chef's specialty is a savory **pastry** with spinach and feta cheese.

## cyanide

*n.* a highly toxic compound consisting of a carbon atom triple-bonded to a nitrogen atom, most often encountered as hydrogen cyanide or one of its salts, often used in industrial processes, insecticides, and as a lethal poison

*synonym* : nitrile, poison, toxin

(1) **cyanide** poisoning, (2) hydrogen **cyanide**

The use of **cyanide** as a chemical weapon is prohibited

under international law.

## unbeknownst

*adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone;  
without someone's knowledge or participation

*synonym*: secretly, covertly

(1) **unbeknownst** to me, (2) **unbeknownst** to any of us

**Unbeknownst** to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

## conspirator

*n.* a person who is involved in a conspiracy (= a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something), especially to commit a crime or an illegal act

*synonym*: accomplice, confederate, partner in crime

(1) unmask a **conspirator**, (2) co- **conspirator**

The police arrested several **conspirators** involved in the plot to overthrow the government.

## substitute

*n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

*synonym*: alternate, replacement, reserve

(1) **substitute** coffee, (2) **substitute** teacher

I **substitute** skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.

## poison

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

*synonym*: toxin, venom, pollutant

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

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

## harmless

*adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm

*synonym*: benign, innocuous, inoffensive

(1) **harmless** in most people, (2) **harmless** substances

Most people thought of him as a **harmless** eccentric.

## substance

*n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

*synonym*: essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem

The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

## shock

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

*synonym*: amazement, surprise, stunner

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

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

## despair

*n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

*synonym*: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

## blank

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

*synonym*: empty, void, barren

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

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

## recover

*v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

*synonym*: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

## punch

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

*synonym*: hit, strike, slap

(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket

He **punched** the wall in anger.

## flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

*synonym*: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

## accomplice

n. a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity

*synonym*: confederate, partner, collaborator

(1) **accomplice** in crime, (2) secret **accomplice**

The detectives found evidence that suggested the suspect acted as an **accomplice** in the murder.

## pursue

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

*synonym*: seek, hunt, chase

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

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

## bullet

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

*synonym*: projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

## forehead

n. the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline

*synonym*: brow, frontal bone, temple

(1) **forehead** wrinkles, (2) kiss on the **forehead**

The athlete had sweat dripping down her **forehead** after the intense workout.

## dump

*v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

*synonym*: throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

## stabilize

*v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

*synonym*: brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

## enrage

*v.* to make someone extremely angry

*synonym*: anger, incense, infuriate

(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics

The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

## prophecy

*v.* to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns

*synonym*: predict, foretell, prophesize

(1) **prophecy** doom, (2) **prophecy** success

The famous author was able to **prophecy** technological advancements that were beyond the imagination of his time.

## murder

*n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

*synonym*: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

## swift

*adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

*synonym*: quick, speedy, brisk

(1) take **swift** action, (2) a **swift** current of a river  
Her voice was **swift**, yet even the last words fell lingeringly.

## downfall

*n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

*synonym*: demise, collapse, ruin

(1) a **downfall** earthquake, (2) **downfall** government  
The company's financial mismanagement was the **downfall** of the once-successful business.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a medical ad_____r                  | <i>n.</i> a person who gives advice about a particular subject   |
| 2. take sw__t action                   | <i>adj.</i> happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly  |
| 3. bl__e circumstances for the failure | <i>v.</i> to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad  |
| 4. em___e of the Maya                  | <i>n.</i> a group of countries ruled by one leader or government   |
| 5. ready to co_____se                  | <i>v.</i> to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart  |
| 6. kiss on the fo_____ad               | <i>n.</i> the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline  |
| 7. natural ch_____ma                   | <i>n.</i> a compelling charm or attractiveness that can inspire devotion and admiration from others, often associated with leadership or celebrity status  |
| 8. sp_____al leader                    | <i>adj.</i> relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things  |
| 9. su___r bad grades                   | <i>v.</i> to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant  |
| 10. economic c__r                      | <i>n.</i> (also tsar or tzar) a title of rulers or monarchs, especially in Russia, before the Russian Revolution of 1917; an authoritarian or powerful political leader or high-level officeholder |

ANSWERS: 1. adviser, 2. swift, 3. blame, 4. empire, 5. collapse, 6. forehead, 7. charisma, 8. spiritual, 9. suffer, 10. czar



11. re\_\_\_d the situation as unfortunate      *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
12. sh\_\_k-resistant      *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
13. moral con\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
14. cl\_\_g onto power      *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
15. ma\_\_\_\_\_ic field      *adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel
16. a me\_\_\_\_\_l opinion      *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
17. in la\_\_\_\_\_on's terms      *n.* a person who is not trained or skilled in a specific profession or field; a non-expert or amateur
18. po\_\_\_n bilateral relations      *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

ANSWERS: 11. regard, 12. shock, 13. conviction, 14. cling, 15. magnetic, 16. medical, 17. layperson, 18. poison

19. medieval my\_\_\_c *adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
20. con\_\_\_\_\_on rate *n.* the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed
21. few cu\_\_\_e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
22. nice fe\_\_\_w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
23. pr\_\_\_\_\_cy of doom *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
24. ma\_\_\_\_\_l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
25. ob\_\_\_\_\_ty of expression *n.* the state of being hard to see or understand; lack of clarity or distinction
26. 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
27. my\_\_\_c teaching *adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

ANSWERS: 19. mystic, 20. conversion, 21. curse, 22. fellow, 23. prophecy, 24. magical, 25. obscurity, 26. sham, 27. mystic

28. bl\_\_e the lack of knowledge      *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
29. an un\_\_\_\_d story      *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
30. ass\_\_\_\_\_ion plot      *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
31. bl\_\_k paper      *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
32. do\_\_\_\_\_ll government      *n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure
33. in\_\_\_\_\_e a feeling of curiosity      *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
34. re\_\_\_\_t the proposal      *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
35. a ro\_\_l palace      *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
36. family me\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
37. cor\_\_\_\_\_le judges      *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
38. im\_\_\_\_\_al palace      *adj.* relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it
39. a ma\_\_\_\_\_ic tape      *adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel

ANSWERS: 28. blame, 29. unheard, 30. assassination, 31. blank, 32. downfall, 33. inspire, 34. reject, 35. royal, 36. memoir, 37. corruptible, 38. imperial, 39. magnetic

40. as\_\_\_\_\_n sensitivity *n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
41. a sk\_\_\_\_\_al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
42. co\_\_\_\_\_ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
43. sup\_\_\_\_\_ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
44. financial cr\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
45. cloud his rep\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
46. crowd-pulling ch\_\_\_\_\_ma *n.* a compelling charm or attractiveness that can inspire devotion and admiration from others, often associated with leadership or celebrity status
47. under a cu\_\_\_e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
48. an an\_\_\_\_\_s look *adj.* worried and nervous
49. in\_\_\_\_\_fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
50. traffic in\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

ANSWERS: 40. aspirin, 41. skeptical, 42. convinced, 43. supernatural, 44. crisis, 45. reputation, 46. charisma, 47. curse, 48. anxious, 49. intensify, 50. incident

51. natural he\_\_\_\_\_g ability *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
52. wo\_\_\_\_n the food problem *v.* to become or make something worse
53. beginning of the industrial rev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
54. co-con\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who is involved in a conspiracy (= a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something), especially to commit a crime or an illegal act
55. worry en\_\_\_\_\_ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
56. 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
57. mys\_\_\_\_\_us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
58. secret acc\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity
59. hem\_\_\_\_\_ia diagnosis *n.* a genetic disorder in which the ability of the blood to clot is severely reduced, resulting in excessive bleeding and bruising
60. st\_\_\_\_\_le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 51. healing, 52. worsen, 53. revolution, 54. conspirator, 55. endlessly, 56. maintain, 57. mysterious, 58. accomplice, 59. hemophilia, 60. struggle

61. ch\_\_\_h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
62. the evidence of the pr\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
63. wo\_\_\_n a relation *v.* to become or make something worse
64. h\_\_r at law *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
65. en\_\_\_e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
66. publish a me\_\_\_r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
67. po\_\_\_n ivy *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
68. gu\_\_\_\_ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
69. th\_\_t of designs *n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing

ANSWERS: 61. church, 62. presence, 63. worsen, 64. heir, 65. enrage, 66. memoir, 67. poison, 68. guarantee, 69. theft

70. in the midst of the tu\_\_\_t      *n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting
71. prescribe as\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
72. prince ro\_\_l      *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
73. an\_\_\_\_s about his health      *adj.* worried and nervous
74. ce\_\_e drinking      *v.* to stop an action or event
75. ce\_\_\_t a close relationship      *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
76. fo\_\_\_\_ad wrinkles      *n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
77. pe\_\_\_\_t class      *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
78. sk\_\_\_\_al scientists      *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
79. pu\_\_h a ticket      *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
80. sca\_\_\_\_us behavior      *adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior

ANSWERS: 70. tumult, 71. aspirin, 72. royal, 73. anxious, 74. cease, 75. cement, 76. forehead, 77. peasant, 78. skeptical, 79. punch, 80. scandalous

81. mys\_\_\_\_\_us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
82. de\_\_\_\_\_ed city *adj.* empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind
83. pu\_\_\_\_e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
84. a sw\_\_t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
85. en\_\_\_\_e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry
86. repeat en\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
87. bl\_\_k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
88. act in a de\_\_\_\_t manner *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
89. re\_\_\_\_\_r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
90. in\_\_\_\_\_e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
91. in\_\_\_\_e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 81. mysterious, 82. deserted, 83. pursue, 84. swift, 85. enrage, 86. endlessly, 87. blank, 88. devout, 89. recover, 90. inspire, 91. invite



92. security in\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
93. em\_\_\_\_e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
94. in\_\_\_\_e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
95. st\_\_\_\_\_le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
96. sink into ob\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being hard to see or understand; lack of clarity or distinction
97. d\_\_p the gravel on the road *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
98. ha\_\_\_\_\_ss substances *adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
99. int\_\_\_\_\_ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
100. de\_\_\_\_t Buddhist *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
101. pr\_\_\_\_\_cy fulfillment *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
102. wa\_\_\_\_r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

ANSWERS: 92. incident, 93. empire, 94. invite, 95. struggle, 96. obscurity, 97. dump, 98. harmless, 99. introductory, 100. devout, 101. prophecy, 102. wander

103. pro\_\_\_\_\_us bathing *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
104. se\_\_\_e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
105. de\_\_\_\_\_e a particular food *v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
106. secretly de\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
107. constant sp\_\_\_\_\_al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
108. gloomy pre\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
109. pr\_\_\_\_\_sy success *v.* to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns
110. cy\_\_\_\_\_e poisoning *n.* a highly toxic compound consisting of a carbon atom triple-bonded to a nitrogen atom, most often encountered as hydrogen cyanide or one of its salts, often used in industrial processes, insecticides, and as a lethal poison

ANSWERS: 103. promiscuous, 104. severe, 105. despise, 106. despise, 107. spiritual, 108. prediction, 109. prophesy, 110. cyanide

111. mo\_\_\_\_hy system *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
112. cloistered m\_\_k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
113. a political rev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
114. at\_\_\_\_\_t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
115. his majestic pr\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
116. pr\_\_\_\_\_sy doom *v.* to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns
117. sup\_\_\_\_\_ral beings *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
118. make my pre\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
119. abdicate the th\_\_\_\_e *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen

ANSWERS: 111. monarchy, 112. monk, 113. revolution, 114. attract, 115. presence, 116. prophesy, 117. supernatural, 118. prediction, 119. throne

120. exploited pe\_\_\_\_t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
121. failed ass\_\_\_\_\_ion attempt *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
122. pi\_\_\_\_\_m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
123. cr\_\_\_\_s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
124. an or\_\_\_\_ox doctrine *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
125. ce\_\_e to exist *v.* to stop an action or event
126. im\_\_\_\_\_al rule *adj.* relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it
127. the stock market co\_\_\_\_\_sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
128. tr\_\_\_\_\_ix with horror *v.* to cause someone to become motionless or spellbound, often through shock or amazement; to pierce or impale with a pointed object
129. a h\_\_y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

ANSWERS: 120. peasant, 121. assassination, 122. pilgrim, 123. crisis, 124. orthodox, 125. cease, 126. imperial, 127. collapse, 128. transfix, 129. holy

130. ca\_\_\_\_\_te the mind                      *v.*    to attract and hold the attention or interest of
131. hydrogen cy\_\_\_\_\_e                      *n.*    a highly toxic compound consisting of a carbon atom triple-bonded to a nitrogen atom, most often encountered as hydrogen cyanide or one of its salts, often used in industrial processes, insecticides, and as a lethal poison
132. rep\_\_\_\_\_on risk                      *n.*    the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
133. re\_\_\_\_\_r a loss                      *v.*    to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
134. con\_\_\_\_\_on therapy                      *n.*    the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed
135. ma\_\_\_\_\_l powers                      *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
136. m\_\_k lifestyle                      *n.*    a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
137. sca\_\_\_\_\_us revelations                      *adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior
138. a no\_\_e family                      *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
139. unfrocked cl\_\_\_\_\_an                      *n.*    a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church

ANSWERS: 130. captivate, 131. cyanide, 132. reputation, 133. recover, 134. conversion, 135. magical, 136. monk, 137. scandalous, 138. noble, 139. clergyman

140. junior fe\_\_\_w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
141. 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
142. ari\_\_\_\_\_at society *n.* a member of a distinguished social class, typically one with a hereditary title and wealth
143. f\_\_e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
144. small ch\_\_\_h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
145. st\_\_\_\_\_ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
146. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
147. fruit pa\_\_\_y *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
148. f\_\_e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
149. an imperial h\_\_r *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

ANSWERS: 140. fellow, 141. sham, 142. aristocrat, 143. flee, 144. church, 145. stabilize, 146. improvisation, 147. pastry, 148. flee, 149. heir

150. su\_\_\_\_\_ce abuse problem *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
151. imperial th\_\_\_e *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
152. ha\_\_\_\_\_ss in most people *adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
153. attempted mu\_\_\_r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
154. pu\_\_h out numbers *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
155. am\_\_\_\_\_y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
156. part of the he\_\_\_\_\_g process *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
157. tu\_\_\_t of voices *n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting
158. abolish mo\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
159. pu\_\_\_e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
160. unb\_\_\_\_\_st to any of us *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

ANSWERS: 150. substance, 151. throne, 152. harmless, 153. murder, 154. punch, 155. amplify, 156. healing, 157. tumult, 158. monarchy, 159. pursue, 160. unbeknownst

161. the tu\_\_\_\_l of the war *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
162. temporary me\_\_\_\_l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
163. ce\_\_\_\_t blend *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
164. la\_\_\_\_\_on perspective *n.* a person who is not trained or skilled in a specific profession or field; a non-expert or amateur
165. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
166. a se\_\_\_\_e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
167. pa\_\_\_\_y chef *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
168. victim of identity th\_\_t *n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing
169. st\_\_\_\_\_ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
170. cor\_\_\_\_\_le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

ANSWERS: 161. turmoil, 162. medical, 163. cement, 164. layperson, 165. improvisation, 166. severe, 167. pastry, 168. theft, 169. stabilize, 170. corruptible



171. a hu\_\_\_e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
172. untold de\_\_\_\_r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
173. co\_\_\_\_\_ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
174. gu\_\_\_\_\_ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
175. pr\_\_\_\_\_be a drug *v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
176. on the br\_\_k *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
177. de\_\_\_\_r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
178. pro\_\_\_\_\_us lifestyle *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
179. hu\_\_\_e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
180. p\_\_t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 171. humble, 172. despair, 173. convinced, 174. guarantee, 175. prescribe, 176. brink, 177. despair, 178. promiscuous, 179. humble, 180. plot

181. pr\_\_\_\_\_ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
182. am\_\_\_\_\_y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
183. acc\_\_\_\_\_ce in crime *n.* a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity
184. my\_\_\_\_\_al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
185. de\_\_\_\_\_ed island *adj.* empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind
186. su\_\_\_\_r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
187. unb\_\_\_\_\_st to me *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
188. pr\_\_\_\_\_be in the preceding paragraph *v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
189. an explosive su\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

ANSWERS: 181. privilege, 182. amplify, 183. accomplice, 184. mystical, 185. deserted, 186. suffer, 187. unbeknownst, 188. prescribe, 189. substance

190. in\_\_\_\_\_fy a good relationship      *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
191. th\_\_\_\_\_en national security      *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
192. d\_\_p hazardous waste      *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
193. tr\_\_\_\_\_ix me with its vibrant colors      *v.* to cause someone to become motionless or spellbound, often through shock or amazement; to pierce or impale with a pointed object
194. pe\_\_y crime      *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
195. my\_\_\_\_\_al intuition      *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
196. technology c\_\_r      *n.* (also tsar or tzar) a title of rulers or monarchs, especially in Russia, before the Russian Revolution of 1917; an authoritarian or powerful political leader or high-level officeholder
197. a do\_\_\_\_\_ll earthquake      *n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure
198. previously un\_\_\_\_\_d-of economic development      *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
199. bu\_\_\_t wound      *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
200. hem\_\_\_\_\_ia treatment      *n.* a genetic disorder in which the ability of the blood to clot is severely reduced, resulting in excessive bleeding and bruising

ANSWERS: 190. intensify, 191. threaten, 192. dump, 193. transfix, 194. petty, 195. mystical, 196. czar, 197. downfall, 198. unheard, 199. bullet, 200. hemophilia

201. mu\_\_\_r in the second degree      *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
202. th\_\_\_\_\_en a healthy relationship      *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
203. un\_\_\_d the story      *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
204. sub\_\_\_\_\_te coffee      *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
205. un\_\_\_d the stroller      *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
206. the imperial cr\_\_n      *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
207. at\_\_\_\_\_t attention      *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
208. sub\_\_\_\_\_te teacher      *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
209. br\_\_k of war      *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

ANSWERS: 201. murder, 202. threaten, 203. unfold, 204. substitute, 205. unfold, 206. crown, 207. attract, 208. substitute, 209. brink

210. bu\_\_\_t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
211. re\_\_\_t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
212. el\_\_\_\_\_te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
213. unmask a con\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who is involved in a conspiracy (= a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something), especially to commit a crime or an illegal act
214. wa\_\_\_r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
215. re\_\_\_d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
216. el\_\_\_\_\_te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
217. a breach of pr\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
218. di\_\_\_\_\_e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
219. product int\_\_\_\_\_ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
220. shrine for pi\_\_\_\_\_ms *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

ANSWERS: 210. bullet, 211. reject, 212. eliminate, 213. conspirator, 214. wander, 215. regard, 216. eliminate, 217. privilege, 218. disease, 219. introductory, 220. pilgrim

221. ari\_\_\_\_\_at family *n.* a member of a distinguished social class, typically one with a hereditary title and wealth
222. con\_\_\_\_\_on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
223. a h\_\_y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
224. cl\_\_g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
225. cl\_\_\_\_\_an's duty *n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church
226. 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
227. p\_\_t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
228. death from sh\_\_k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
229. pe\_\_y cash *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

ANSWERS: 221. aristocrat, 222. conviction, 223. holy, 224. cling, 225. clergyman, 226. maintain, 227. plot, 228. shock, 229. petty

230. ca\_\_\_\_\_te public sentiment      *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
231. political tu\_\_\_\_\_l      *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
232. chief ad\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
233. no\_\_e gas      *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
234. di\_\_\_\_\_e control      *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
235. the cr\_\_n and throne      *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
236. or\_\_\_\_\_ox thought      *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

ANSWERS: 230. captivate, 231. turmoil, 232. adviser, 233. noble, 234. disease, 235. crown, 236. orthodox

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The computer screen displayed nothing but a \_\_\_\_\_ white screen  
*adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.  
*adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
3. It is a basic instinct to \_\_\_\_\_ from a dangerous situation.  
*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.  
*adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
5. The company \_\_\_\_\_ him after several years of service.  
*v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
6. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare \_\_\_\_\_ that had no known cure.  
*n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
7. Bureaucracies are more \_\_\_\_\_ than other systems or organizations.  
*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

ANSWERS: 1. blank, 2. Unbeknownst, 3. flee, 4. petty, 5. dumped, 6. disease, 7. corruptible



8. The company \_\_\_\_\_ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
- v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
9. The older man \_\_\_\_\_ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
10. The government is eager to \_\_\_\_\_ international investment.
- v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
11. The bishop bestowed the golden \_\_\_\_\_ on the king.
- n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
12. The famous author was able to \_\_\_\_\_ technological advancements that were beyond the imagination of his time.
- v. to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns
13. He \_\_\_\_\_ the wall in anger.
- v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
14. The instructions should be clear enough for the \_\_\_\_\_ to understand.
- n. a person who is not trained or skilled in a specific profession or field; a non-expert or amateur
15. The public is \_\_\_\_\_ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
- adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

ANSWERS: 8. rejected, 9. suffers, 10. attract, 11. crown, 12. prophesy, 13. punched, 14. layperson, 15. convinced

16. The unique style of this martial arts \_\_\_\_\_ many action film producers.  
*v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
17. The procession of demonstrators was \_\_\_\_\_ continuing.  
*adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
18. Each ancient tribe has its \_\_\_\_\_ traditions.  
*n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the author's writing style made it difficult to understand the book.  
*n.* the state of being hard to see or understand; lack of clarity or distinction
20. He has built a thriving e-commerce \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
21. They gathered to hear the \_\_\_\_\_ teachings of the guru.  
*adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
22. She recognized me as her lawful \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
23. The magician \_\_\_\_\_ the audience with his illusions.  
*v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
24. He got an electric \_\_\_\_\_ at work.  
*n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 16. inspired, 17. endlessly, 18. healing, 19. obscurity, 20. empire, 21. holy, 22. heir, 23. captivated, 24. shock

25. The fortune teller's \_\_\_\_\_ that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.
- n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
26. The media exposed the \_\_\_\_\_ affair between the politician and his assistant.
- adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.
- adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
28. The use of \_\_\_\_\_ as a chemical weapon is prohibited under international law.
- n.* a highly toxic compound consisting of a carbon atom triple-bonded to a nitrogen atom, most often encountered as hydrogen cyanide or one of its salts, often used in industrial processes, insecticides, and as a lethal poison
29. She spoke with \_\_\_\_\_ about the importance of education.
- n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
30. The stray \_\_\_\_\_ went through the window and hit the wall.
- n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
31. He is interested in the \_\_\_\_\_ rites of that religion.
- adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

ANSWERS: 25. prophecy, 26. scandalous, 27. mysterious, 28. cyanide, 29. conviction, 30. bullet, 31. mystic

32. He was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ behavior.

*adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

33. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the \_\_\_\_\_ of royalty and nobility.

*n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

34. The \_\_\_\_\_ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

*adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

35. The \_\_\_\_\_ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

*adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

36. The king sat on his \_\_\_\_\_ surveying his kingdom.

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

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

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

38. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.

*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

39. 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;

ANSWERS: 32. promiscuous, 33. privilege, 34. medical, 35. supernatural, 36. throne, 37. unheard, 38. struggle, 39. revolution

40. Various artificially induced causes are \_\_\_\_\_ our ecosystem.
- v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
41. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more \_\_\_\_\_ connection with the universe.
- adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.
- adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
43. He \_\_\_\_\_ to the hope that he will find a job soon.
- v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
44. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ enough raw material sources.
- v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
45. Unilateral import bans have \_\_\_\_\_ that country's terms of trade.
- v. to become or make something worse
46. They are eager to \_\_\_\_\_ a positive reputation.
- v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
47. The mystery \_\_\_\_\_ as the detectives gathered more clues.
- v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 40. threatening, 41. spiritual, 42. devout, 43. clings, 44. guarantee, 45. worsened, 46. cement, 47. unfolded

48. The \_\_\_\_\_ of healthcare is responsible for improving the quality and accessibility of healthcare for all citizens.
- n.* (also tsar or tzar) a title of rulers or monarchs, especially in Russia, before the Russian Revolution of 1917; an authoritarian or powerful political leader or high-level officeholder
49. The athlete's incredible skill on the field \_\_\_\_\_ the spectators, who were amazed by his talent.
- v.* to cause someone to become motionless or spellbound, often through shock or amazement; to pierce or impale with a pointed object
50. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
51. The chef's specialty is a savory \_\_\_\_\_ with spinach and feta cheese.
- n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
52. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the argument was well-presented.
- n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
53. The raising of interest rates \_\_\_\_\_ the inflation rate.
- v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
54. The senator received \_\_\_\_\_ criticism from his opponent.
- adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
55. The news of the betrayal \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- v.* to make someone extremely angry

ANSWERS: 48. czar, 49. transfixed, 50. skeptical, 51. pastry, 52. substance, 53. stabilizes, 54. severe, 55. enraged

56. Her voice was \_\_\_\_\_ yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

*adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

57. These results muddied the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

58. The developer's \_\_\_\_\_ of the old factory into a modern loft apartment complex was a major success.

*n.* the act or process of changing something from one thing to another; the state of being changed

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

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

60. Federal bankruptcy laws \_\_\_\_\_ the reorganization process.

*v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something

61. She is still \_\_\_\_\_ from a shot to her shoulder.

*v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

62. The path to a solid online \_\_\_\_\_ necessitates a high technical ability.

*n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

63. Rebels have pledged to \_\_\_\_\_ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

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

64. The police arrested several \_\_\_\_\_ involved in the plot to overthrow the government.

*n.* a person who is involved in a conspiracy (= a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something), especially to commit a crime or an illegal act

ANSWERS: 56. swift, 57. prediction, 58. conversion, 59. pursue, 60. prescribed, 61. recovering, 62. presence, 63. intensify, 64. conspirators

65. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a \_\_\_\_\_ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

66. We can \_\_\_\_\_ this possibility from those consumptions.

*v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

67. The \_\_\_\_\_ palace is now undergoing repairs.

*adj.* relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it

68. Poverty is not a reproach; however, \_\_\_\_\_ is.

*n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing

69. The ascetic \_\_\_\_\_ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

*n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

70. She is willing to give up her position in the \_\_\_\_\_ family to marry him.

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

71. The \_\_\_\_\_ grand estate was sprawling and impressive, with lush gardens and fountains.

*n.* a member of a distinguished social class, typically one with a hereditary title and wealth

72. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 65. peasant, 66. eliminate, 67. imperial, 68. theft, 69. monk, 70. royal, 71. aristocrat's, 72. improvisation



73. The plant's leaves contain a deadly \_\_\_\_\_ that can cause hallucinations and seizures.
- n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
74. You might need to \_\_\_\_\_ this point.
- v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
75. He challenged the \_\_\_\_\_ views on business.
- adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
76. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.
- n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
77. He is a \_\_\_\_\_ man
- adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
78. I \_\_\_\_\_ injustice and those who perpetrate it.
- v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
79. After retiring, he continued to be an \_\_\_\_\_ to politicians.
- n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject

ANSWERS: 73. poison, 74. amplify, 75. orthodox, 76. incident, 77. noble-minded, 78. despise, 79. adviser

80. I \_\_\_\_\_ skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.  
*n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
81. I often \_\_\_\_\_ around the park for half an hour.  
*v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
82. The group of \_\_\_\_\_ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.  
*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
83. She took a tablet of \_\_\_\_\_ to soothe the fever.  
*n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
84. He inherited \_\_\_\_\_ from his mother and suffers from frequent bleeding.  
*n.* a genetic disorder in which the ability of the blood to clot is severely reduced, resulting in excessive bleeding and bruising
85. The athlete had sweat dripping down her \_\_\_\_\_ after the intense workout.  
*n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
86. 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
87. The Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ led the congregation in prayer.  
*n.* a man who is a member of the clergy (= religious leader), especially a minister or priest in the Christian Church

ANSWERS: 80. substitute, 81. wander, 82. pilgrims, 83. aspirin, 84. hemophilia, 85. forehead, 86. curse, 87. clergyman

88. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ production of the product.  
*v.* to stop an action or event
89. The political turmoil caused great \_\_\_\_\_ in the country.  
*n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting
90. 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
91. We were on the \_\_\_\_\_ of a financial crisis.  
*n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
92. 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
93. The politician's \_\_\_\_\_ won over the crowd at the rally.  
*n.* a compelling charm or attractiveness that can inspire devotion and admiration from others, often associated with leadership or celebrity status
94. When I was a child, my mother often cast \_\_\_\_\_ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.  
*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
95. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.  
*n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 88. cease, 89. tumult, 90. invite, 91. brink, 92. sham, 93. charisma, 94. magical, 95. plot

96. The roof finally \_\_\_\_\_ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.  
*v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
97. The \_\_\_\_\_ government had been in power for centuries.  
*n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
98. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.  
*n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
99. This intriguing \_\_\_\_\_ mystery remains unsolved.  
*n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
100. The \_\_\_\_\_ force of the earth keeps our planet spinning.  
*adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel
101. His friend's death drove him to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
102. The nobler, the more \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
103. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.  
*n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 96. collapsed, 97. monarchy, 98. assassination, 99. murder, 100. magnetic, 101. despair, 102. humble, 103. church

104. The company experienced financial \_\_\_\_\_ after the CEO was arrested.  
*n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
105. Most people thought of him as a \_\_\_\_\_ eccentric.  
*adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
106. The \_\_\_\_\_ street was quiet and eerie, with no signs of life.  
*adj.* empty or abandoned; lacking inhabitants or visitors; left alone or left behind
107. Frugality and industry are still \_\_\_\_\_ as virtues.  
*v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
108. He is the kind of \_\_\_\_\_ who only works for his success.  
*adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
109. 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
110. While meditating, he had a \_\_\_\_\_ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.  
*adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
111. The company's financial mismanagement was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the once-successful business.  
*n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

ANSWERS: 104. turmoil, 105. harmless, 106. deserted, 107. regarded, 108. fellow, 109. maintain, 110. mystical, 111. downfall

112. He wrote his \_\_\_\_\_ while awaiting trial.

- n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

113. The \_\_\_\_\_ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

- adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

114. The detectives found evidence that suggested the suspect acted as an \_\_\_\_\_ in the murder.

- n.* a person who helps someone else commit a crime or wrongdoing; a partner or associate in a questionable or immoral activity

115. He cast \_\_\_\_\_ glances behind her.

- adj.* worried and nervous

116. She has a good \_\_\_\_\_ for being one of the best chefs in the city.

- n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

117. We \_\_\_\_\_ our impeded progress on lack of money.

- v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

118. The Chinese word for \_\_\_\_\_ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

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

ANSWERS: 112. memoirs, 113. introductory, 114. accomplice, 115. anxious, 116. reputation, 117. blamed, 118. crisis