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Session 1: Word List

countdown

n. a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline

synonym : timer

(1) **countdown** clock, (2) wedding **countdown**

The **countdown** to launch began as the astronauts prepared for their mission.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym : toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

tick

n. a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis

synonym : sound, noise, beat

(1) **tick** of the clock, (2) **tick** fever

I always put a **tick** mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.

midnight

n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

synonym : middle of the night, witching hour

(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift

I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

declaration

n. a formal or explicit statement or announcement

synonym : statement, announcement, proclamation

(1) **declaration** of independence, (2) unilateral **declaration**

The President made the **declaration** of war.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

occupation

n. a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession

synonym : job, profession, vocation

(1) **occupation** disease, (2) **occupation** of a building

The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and **occupation**.

stroke

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

synonym : blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke** cases.

squirm

v. to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

synonym : squiggle, wiggle, writhe

(1) **squirm** uncomfortably, (2) **squirm** with excitement

The child **squirmed** out of his mother's grasp and ran off.

infant

n. a baby or very young child

synonym : baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

synchronicity

n. the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose

synonym : coincidence, simultaneity, concurrence

(1) **synchronicity** theory, (2) **synchronicity** effect

The occurrence of events in **synchronicity** is often taken as a sign of divine intervention.

dazzling

adj. shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting

synonym : astonishing, breathtaking, flashy

(1) **dazzling** debut, (2) **dazzling** views

Last night, the team delivered a **dazzling** performance.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

deep-seated

adj. firmly established or strongly felt; deeply ingrained or settled

synonym: intrinsic, entrenched, profound

(1) **deep-seated** prejudice, (2) **deep-seated** fear

Their **deep-seated** beliefs prevented them from considering any other opinions.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

enigma

n. a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution

synonym: mystery, puzzle, riddle

(1) mysterious **enigma**, (2) artistic **enigma**

The ancient text remains an **enigma**, challenging scholars to unravel its meaning.

magic

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

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

imbue

v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

synonym: infuse, permeate, instill

(1) **imbue** with confidence, (2) **imbue** with meaning

He tried to **imbue** his children with a love of learning and curiosity.

extraordinary

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

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

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

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

witch

n. a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

synonym: sorceress, enchantress, healer

(1) **witch** hunt, (2) **witch** trial

Many people in the medieval period believed in **witches** and their ability to cast spells.

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym: breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the

festival.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

nemesis

n. an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions

synonym: foe, adversary, rival

(1) personal **nemesis**, (2) athletic **nemesis**

The CEO's **nemesis** was a competing business that refused to go out of business.

warrior

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

synonym: fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

telepathy

n. the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses

synonym: mind-reading, esp, thought transference

(1) **telepathy** test, (2) **telepathy** experiment

The comic book hero had a **telepathy** power, which allowed him to read and control minds, making him a formidable foe

forge

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

synonym: create, build, establish

(1) **forge** an alliance, (2) **forge** iron

She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

gender

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

synonym: sexuality

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

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

multilingual

adj. skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups

synonym: polyglot

(1) **multilingual** education, (2) **multilingual** staff

My friend is **multilingual**, speaking five different languages fluently.

conjoin

v. to join or unite two or more things, especially in a way that makes them inseparable; to be joined or united closely

synonym: unite, connect, link

(1) **conjoin** two words, (2) **conjoin** multiple theories

We need to **conjoin** our efforts to achieve a common goal.

twins

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

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.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

context

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

synonym: background, setting, environment

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

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

alike

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

synonym: similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done them.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

turbulent

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

synonym: chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

movement

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

synonym: motion, progression, action

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

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

assassin

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

synonym: killer, manslayer

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

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

coincide

v. to take place at or near the same time

synonym: overlap, coexist, concur

(1) partly **coincide**, (2) **coincide** with reality

These results **coincide** with our hypothesis.

partition

n. a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections

synonym : divider, screen, panel

(1) **partition** wall, (2) hard drive **partition**

We must install a **partition** to separate the living room from the dining area.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

outbreak

n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

synonym : eruption, outburst, explosion

(1) infectious disease **outbreaks**, (2) the **outbreak** of hostilities

The government predicts an epidemic **outbreak** of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym : seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym : crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

illuminating

adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light

synonym : enlightening, informative, clarifying

(1) **illuminating** light, (2) an **illuminating** answer

The lecture was **illuminating** and gave me a new perspective on the topic.

colonial

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

synonym : imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style

The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

genre

n. a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

synonym : type, category, style

(1) **genre** of music, (2) a literary **genre**

He is known for creating **genre-busting** paintings.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

colon

n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

(1) **colon** examination, (2) the **colon** at the end of the sentence

Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of **colon** cancer.

explore

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

synonym : analyze, delve into, examine

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

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

fallout

n. the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion

(1) nuclear **fallout**, (2) the **fallout** from the incident they had no protection from the radioactive **fallout**.

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.

migration

n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

synonym : exodus

(1) the **migration** of birds, (2) overseas **migration**

There was a **migration** of impoverished farmers into the

towns.

identity

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

synonym: character, personality, individuality

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

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

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym: knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

renowned

adj. famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.

synonym: noted, prominent, acclaimed

(1) a **renowned** artist, (2) **renowned** as a novelist

This area is **renowned** for its hot springs.

continental

adj. of or relating to a continent (= one of the earth's large landmasses)

synonym: mainland, intercontinental, transcontinental

(1) **continental** divide, (2) polar **continental** air

The **continental** breakfast at the hotel was included with the room.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym: enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

plethora

n. an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something

synonym: abundance, excess, surplus

(1) **plethora** of information, (2) **plethora** of opportunities

The restaurant's menu offered a **plethora** of options for vegetarians.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

scribble

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

synonym: scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

echo

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

synonym: reverberate, repeat, reflection

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

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

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

dazzle

v. to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

synonym: sparkle, flash, astonish

(1) **dazzle** his eyes, (2) **dazzle** all who see it

The audience was **dazzled** by her realistic acting.

rollercoaster

n. a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages

synonym: turbulence, upheaval

(1) emotional **rollercoaster**, (2) wooden **rollercoaster**

We finally divorced after experiencing a **rollercoaster** marriage.

narrate

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

synonym: tell, recount, describe

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

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

multitude

n. a large number of things or people

synonym: mass, assembly, hive

(1) great **multitude**, (2) from a **multitude** of sources

This company is faced with a **multitude** of problems.

swallow

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

synonym: consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

breathless

adj. feeling or causing a lack of breath, often due to exertion or excitement; intense or exciting to the point of causing a feeling of breathlessness

synonym: panting, winded, out of breath

(1) with **breathless** interest, (2) **breathless** anticipation

After running up the stairs, I was left **breathless** and sweaty.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

cosmology

n. the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe

synonym: cosmogony

(1) physical **cosmology**, (2) modern **cosmology**

Cosmology evolved from people's philosophical questions about the natural world.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

condense

v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

synonym : compress, compact, shorten

(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor

I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

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.

shape-shifter

n. a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures

synonym : changer, transformer

(1) **shape-shifter** creature, (2) mythological **shape-shifter**

The **shape-shifter's** ability to transform into different creatures was fascinating and terrifying.

garner

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

synonym : acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention

He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym : allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

praise

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

synonym: acclaim, honor, commendation

(1) attain critical **praise**, (2) universal **praise**

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

prestigious

adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

synonym: esteemed, renowned, eminent

(1) **prestigious** award, (2) **prestigious** event

The academy is known for its **prestigious** faculty and rigorous curriculum.

competition

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

synonym: contest, match, fight

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

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

pit

n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

synonym: hole, depression, indentation

(1) the bottomless **pit**, (2) the **pit** of the stomach

The **pit** of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

masterpiece

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

synonym: classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design
The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of art.

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
synonym: legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
synonym: ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

singular

n. being only one of its kind; unique
synonym: unique, sole, individual

(1) **singular** purpose, (2) **singular** goal

The **singular** beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

palm

n. the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate

leaves

synonym : hand, fist

(1) the **palm** side of the forearm, (2) coconut **palm** trees

This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the **palm** of your hand.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sound e__o | <i>n.</i> a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff |
| 2. nuclear fa____t | <i>n.</i> the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion |
| 3. ga___r attention | <i>v.</i> to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention |
| 4. occ_____on of a building | <i>n.</i> a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession |
| 5. legal co____t | <i>n.</i> the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning |
| 6. hi____ic accomplishment | <i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so |
| 7. syn_____ity theory | <i>n.</i> the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose |
| 8. intraspecific com_____on | <i>n.</i> a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another |
| 9. mul_____ual staff | <i>adj.</i> skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups |
| 10. tu_____nt age | <i>adj.</i> marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation |

ANSWERS: 1. echo, 2. fallout, 3. garner, 4. occupation, 5. context, 6. historic, 7. synchronicity, 8. competition, 9. multilingual, 10. turbulent

11. mi_____ht shift *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
12. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
13. fall victim to an as_____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
14. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
15. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
16. mul_____ual education *adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups
17. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
18. sc_____le on paper *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
19. young and old al__e *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
20. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 11. midnight, 12. consequence, 13. assassin, 14. emergency, 15. magic, 16. multilingual, 17. novel, 18. scribble, 19. alike, 20. magic

21. im__e with meaning *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
22. a re____ed artist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
23. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
24. co_____se water vapor *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
25. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
26. im__e with confidence *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
27. con_____al divide *adj.* of or relating to a continent (= one of the earth's large landmasses)
28. 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
29. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost

ANSWERS: 21. imbue, 22. renowned, 23. tradition, 24. condense, 25. revolution, 26. imbue, 27. continental, 28. plot, 29. trace

30. wooden rol_____ter *n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
31. oppressive co_____al rule *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
32. re____e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
33. ge____r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
34. direct pro_____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
35. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
36. co_____n two words *v.* to join or unite two or more things, especially in a way that makes them inseparable; to be joined or united closely

ANSWERS: 30. rollercoaster, 31. colonial, 32. relate, 33. gender, 34. proportion, 35. explore, 36. conjoin

37. co____al style *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
38. ex____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
39. t__k of the clock *n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
40. na____e an event *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
41. ind____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
42. da____ng debut *adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
43. con____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
44. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
45. my____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 37. colonial, 38. explore, 39. tick, 40. narrate, 41. independence, 42. dazzling, 43. contribute, 44. echo, 45. mystery

46. spe_____ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
47. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
48. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
49. pl_____ra of information *n.* an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something
50. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
51. emotional rol_____ter *n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
52. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
53. co_____wn clock *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
54. sp_____te on the outcome *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

ANSWERS: 46. spectacular, 47. stretch, 48. nation, 49. plethora, 50. typical, 51. rollercoaster, 52. rev, 53. countdown, 54. speculate

55. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
56. personal ne____s *n.* an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions
57. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
58. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
59. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
60. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
61. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
62. artistic en____a *n.* a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution
63. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
64. si_____ar purpose *n.* being only one of its kind; unique

ANSWERS: 55. folk, 56. nemesis, 57. revolution, 58. protagonist, 59. magical, 60. folk, 61. frame, 62. enigma, 63. celebrate, 64. singular

65. 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
66. hold your br___h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
67. na_____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
68. rapt in fas_____on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
69. with bre_____ss interest *adj.* feeling or causing a lack of breath, often due to exertion or excitement; intense or exciting to the point of causing a feeling of breathlessness
70. sq___m with excitement *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
71. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
72. coconut p__m trees *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

ANSWERS: 65. plot, 66. breath, 67. narrate, 68. fascination, 69. breathless, 70. squirm, 71. identity, 72. palm

73. unilateral dec_____on *n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement
74. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
75. fo__e an alliance *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
76. wa_____r spirit *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
77. sq___m uncomfortably *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
78. occ_____on disease *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
79. en___h public services *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
80. mysterious en___a *n.* a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution
81. sc_____le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
82. the fas_____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

ANSWERS: 73. declaration, 74. consequence, 75. forge, 76. warrior, 77. squirm, 78. occupation, 79. enrich, 80. enigma, 81. scribble, 82. fascination

83. pre_____us award *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
84. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
85. te_____hy experiment *n.* the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses
86. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
87. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
88. co__n examination *n.* the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
89. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
90. the ou_____ak of hostilities *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 83. prestigious, 84. religion, 85. telepathy, 86. immerse, 87. proportion, 88. colon, 89. religion, 90. outbreak

91. great mu_____de *n.* a large number of things or people
92. co_____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
93. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
94. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
95. a literary ge__e *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
96. attain critical pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
97. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
98. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
99. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
100. en___h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

ANSWERS: 91. multitude, 92. conjure, 93. epic, 94. twin, 95. genre, 96. praise, 97. refer, 98. refer, 99. frame, 100. enrich

101. in___t food	<i>n.</i> a baby or very young child
102. e__c battle	<i>n.</i> a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
103. ge__e of music	<i>n.</i> a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
104. the p_t of the stomach	<i>n.</i> a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
105. a mas_____ce of design	<i>n.</i> a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
106. ill_____ing light	<i>adj.</i> making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
107. the fa_____t from the incident	<i>n.</i> the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
108. mo_____nt of troops	<i>n.</i> a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
109. st_____h a story	<i>v.</i> to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
110. ma_____l powers	<i>adj.</i> produced by or containing supernatural powers
111. ext_____ary ability	<i>adj.</i> exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

ANSWERS: 101. infant, 102. epic, 103. genre, 104. pit, 105. masterpiece, 106. illuminating, 107. fallout, 108. movement, 109. stretch, 110. magical, 111. extraordinary

112. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
113. si_____ar goal *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
114. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
115. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
116. modern co_____gy *n.* the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe
117. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
118. al__e in nature *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
119. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
120. t__k fever *n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
121. dee_____ed prejudice *adj.* firmly established or strongly felt; deeply ingrained or settled
122. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
123. da___e his eyes *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

ANSWERS: 112. conjure, 113. singular, 114. narrative, 115. competition, 116. cosmology, 117. celebrate, 118. alike, 119. divide, 120. tick, 121. deep-seated, 122. protagonist, 123. dazzle

124. da___e all who see it *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
125. syn_____ity effect *n.* the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose
126. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
127. partly co_____de *v.* to take place at or near the same time
128. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
129. polar con_____al air *adj.* of or relating to a continent (= one of the earth's large landmasses)
130. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
131. sp_____te about the reason *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
132. ed_____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
133. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

ANSWERS: 124. dazzle, 125. synchronicity, 126. labor, 127. coincide, 128. depict, 129. continental, 130. narrative, 131. speculate, 132. educated, 133. divide

134. re_____ed as a novelist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
135. pa_____on wall *n.* a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections
136. infectious disease ou_____aks *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
137. literary mas_____ce *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
138. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
139. in___t daughter *n.* a baby or very young child
140. tu_____nt waves *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
141. fo___e iron *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
142. co_____n multiple theories *v.* to join or unite two or more things, especially in a way that makes them inseparable; to be joined or united closely

ANSWERS: 134. renowned, 135. partition, 136. outbreak, 137. masterpiece, 138. tradition, 139. infant, 140. turbulent, 141. forge, 142. conjoin

143. overseas mi_____on *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
144. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
145. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
146. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
147. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
148. hard drive pa_____on *n.* a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections
149. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
150. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
151. with de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
152. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

ANSWERS: 143. migration, 144. historic, 145. alternative, 146. movement, 147. trace, 148. partition, 149. alternative, 150. gender, 151. delight, 152. backward

153. ed____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
154. achieve spe_____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
155. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
156. a sw_____w tail *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
157. an ill_____ing answer *adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
158. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
159. the co__n at the end of the sentence *n.* the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
160. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
161. wi__h hunt *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

ANSWERS: 153. educated, 154. spectacular, 155. independence, 156. swallow, 157. illuminating, 158. relate, 159. colon, 160. twin, 161. witch

162. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
163. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
164. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
165. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
166. pl_____ra of opportunities *n.* an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something
167. from a mu_____de of sources *n.* a large number of things or people
168. the p__m side of the forearm *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
169. dec_____on of independence *n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement
170. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
171. bre_____ss anticipation *adj.* feeling or causing a lack of breath, often due to exertion or excitement; intense or exciting to the point of causing a feeling of breathlessness
172. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

ANSWERS: 162. emergency, 163. depict, 164. context, 165. vast, 166. plethora, 167. multitude, 168. palm, 169. declaration, 170. backward, 171. breathless, 172. delight

173. a st___e of the putter *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
174. armored wa_____r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
175. the mi_____on of birds *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
176. would-be as_____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
177. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
178. physical co_____gy *n.* the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe
179. mi_____ht snack *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
180. da_____ng views *adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
181. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
182. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
183. universal pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

ANSWERS: 173. stroke, 174. warrior, 175. migration, 176. assassin, 177. contribute, 178. cosmology, 179. midnight, 180. dazzling, 181. typical, 182. nation, 183. praise

184. co____de with reality *v.* to take place at or near the same time
185. unsolved my____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
186. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
187. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
188. suffer st____e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
189. mythological sha_____ter *n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures
190. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
191. wedding co_____wn *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline

ANSWERS: 184. coincide, 185. mystery, 186. novel, 187. vast, 188. stroke, 189. shape-shifter, 190. identity, 191. countdown

192. sha_____ter creature *n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures
193. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
194. pre_____us event *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
195. co_____se the text *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
196. wi__h trial *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
197. br___h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
198. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
199. dee_____ed fear *adj.* firmly established or strongly felt; deeply ingrained or settled

ANSWERS: 192. shape-shifter, 193. labor, 194. prestigious, 195. condense, 196. witch, 197. breath, 198. immerse, 199. deep-seated

200. athletic ne____s *n.* an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions
201. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
202. ext____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
203. ga___r good reviews *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
204. te_____hy test *n.* the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses
205. sw____w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
206. the bottomless p_t *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

ANSWERS: 200. nemesis, 201. rev, 202. extraordinary, 203. garner, 204. telepathy, 205. swallow, 206. pit

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I _____ my anger and kept quiet.
 - v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

2. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.
 - n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

3. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.
 - n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

4. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.
 - v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

5. The words were _____ in pencil.
 - v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

6. After running up the stairs, I was left _____ and sweaty.
 - adj. feeling or causing a lack of breath, often due to exertion or excitement; intense or exciting to the point of causing a feeling of breathlessness

7. The _____ ability to transform into different creatures was fascinating and terrifying.
 - n. a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures

ANSWERS: 1. swallowed, 2. epic, 3. warrior, 4. trace, 5. scribbled, 6. breathless, 7. shape-shifter's

8. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
9. I need to _____ all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.
v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
10. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
11. 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
12. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
13. There was a _____ of impoverished farmers into the towns.
n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
14. The audience was _____ by her realistic acting.
v. to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
15. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 8. folk, 9. condense, 10. protagonist's, 11. magical, 12. depicted, 13. migration, 14. dazzled, 15. consequences

16. We must install a _____ to separate the living room from the dining area.
- n.* a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections
17. He _____ himself in his research.
- v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
18. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
19. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.
- n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
20. The audiobook hired a professional actor to _____ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.
- v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
21. The president declared a state of _____.
- n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
22. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
- n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
23. The _____ breakfast at the hotel was included with the room.
- adj.* of or relating to a continent (= one of the earth's large landmasses)

ANSWERS: 16. partition, 17. immersed, 18. refer, 19. echoed, 20. narrate, 21. emergency, 22. delight, 23. continental

24. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
25. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
26. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
27. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
28. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
- n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
29. The ancient text remains an _____ challenging scholars to unravel its meaning.
- n.* a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution
30. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 24. context, 25. alternative, 26. contribute, 27. celebrated, 28. mystery, 29. enigma, 30. tradition

31. We finally divorced after experiencing a _____ marriage.
n. a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
32. These results _____ with our hypothesis.
v. to take place at or near the same time
33. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
34. The government predicts an epidemic _____ of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.
n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
35. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.
n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
36. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
37. The lecture was _____ and gave me a new perspective on the topic.
adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
38. they had no protection from the radioactive _____.
n. the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
39. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

ANSWERS: 31. rollercoaster, 32. coincide, 33. backward, 34. outbreak, 35. twin, 36. divide, 37. illuminating, 38. fallout, 39. narrative

40. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.
- v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
41. The comic book hero had a _____ power, which allowed him to read and control minds, making him a formidable foe
- n.* the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses
42. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
43. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
44. The city has a rich _____ history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.
- adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
45. The President made the _____ of war.
- n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement
46. Their _____ beliefs prevented them from considering any other opinions.
- adj.* firmly established or strongly felt; deeply ingrained or settled
47. This company is faced with a _____ of problems.
- n.* a large number of things or people

ANSWERS: 40. speculated, 41. telepathy, 42. nation, 43. identity, 44. colonial, 45. declaration, 46. deep-seated, 47. multitude

48. He is known for creating _____ paintings.

- n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

49. This artwork is _____ of her work.

- adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

50. She hired an _____ to kill her opponent.

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

51. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.

- v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

52. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.

- v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

53. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.

- n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

54. The two paintings looked _____ as if the same artist had done them.

- adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance

55. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

56. This area is _____ for its hot springs.

- adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.

ANSWERS: 48. genre-busting, 49. typical, 50. assassin, 51. conjured, 52. enriches, 53. breath, 54. alike, 55. novel, 56. renowned

57. The CEO's _____ was a competing business that refused to go out of business.

- n.* an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions

58. My friend is _____ speaking five different languages fluently.

- adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups

59. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

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

60. Many people in the medieval period believed in _____ and their ability to cast spells.

- n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

61. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

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

62. Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of _____ cancer.

- n.* the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

63. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 57. nemesis, 58. multilingual, 59. movement, 60. witches, 61. magic, 62. colon, 63. vast

64. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
65. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
66. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a _____ of art.
n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
67. The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and _____.
n. a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
68. 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
69. I stayed up until _____ watching my favorite movie.
n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
70. The child _____ out of his mother's grasp and ran off.
v. to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
71. The restaurant's menu offered a _____ of options for vegetarians.
n. an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something

ANSWERS: 64. competition, 65. gender, 66. masterpiece, 67. occupation, 68. plot, 69. midnight, 70. squirmed, 71. plethora

72. He used his charm and charisma to _____ support for his campaign.
v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
73. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
74. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
75. 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;
76. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
77. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
78. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
79. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 72. garner, 73. frame, 74. explore, 75. revolution, 76. spectacular, 77. stretch, 78. rev, 79. religion

80. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

81. We need to _____ our efforts to achieve a common goal.

v. to join or unite two or more things, especially in a way that makes them inseparable; to be joined or united closely

82. The drama series mainly received _____.

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

83. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

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

84. She had to _____ her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

85. The ____ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

86. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

87. The _____ beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

n. being only one of its kind; unique

ANSWERS: 80. historic, 81. conjoin, 82. praise, 83. extraordinary, 84. forge, 85. pit, 86. proportion, 87. singular

88. The occurrence of events in _____ is often taken as a sign of divine intervention.
- n.* the simultaneous occurrence of seemingly unrelated events that are connected in a meaningful way, suggesting the presence of a deeper, more significant pattern or purpose
89. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
90. The academy is known for its _____ faculty and rigorous curriculum.
- adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
91. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat _____ cases.
- n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
92. I always put a _____ mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.
- n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
93. _____ evolved from people's philosophical questions about the natural world.
- n.* the scientific study of the nature and origin of the universe
94. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
- n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

ANSWERS: 88. synchronicity, 89. labor, 90. prestigious, 91. stroke, 92. tick, 93. Cosmology, 94. independence

95. Last night, the team delivered a _____ performance.

adj. shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting

96. This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the _____ of your hand.

n. the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

97. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.

adj. having received a high standard of education

98. The _____ to launch began as the astronauts prepared for their mission.

n. a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline

99. The stock market has been _____ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

100. I looked at the painting in _____.

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

101. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

102. He tried to _____ his children with a love of learning and curiosity.

v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

ANSWERS: 95. dazzling, 96. palm, 97. educated, 98. countdown, 99. turbulent, 100. fascination, 101. relate, 102. imbue

103. Mozart was an _____ prodigy.

n. a baby or very young child

ANSWERS: 103. infant