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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### protest

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

*synonym*: objection, disapproval, challenge

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

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

### papier-mache

*n.* a craft or artistic technique involving the use of paper strips or pulp, typically mixed with glue or paste, to create sculptures, masks, and other objects

*synonym*: paper-mache, paper pulp

(1) **papier-mache** sculpture, (2) **papier-mache** ball

The kids had fun making **papier-mache** masks for their school play.

### confess

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

*synonym*: admit, acknowledge, own up

(1) **confess** sin, (2) **confess** truth

He **confessed** to his crime and turned himself into the police.

### obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## decent

*adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

*synonym*: respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education  
He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

## responsible

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

*synonym*: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

## communal

*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

*synonym*: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

**Communal** elections were held in several European countries.

## prefer

*v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

*synonym*: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat  
The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

## fancy

*v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

*synonym*: imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**  
I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

## ramp

*n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods

*synonym* : slope, incline, gradient

(1) the **ramp** of a chasm, (2) an exit **ramp**

The wheelchair user needed a **ramp** to access the building's entrance.

## commit

*v.* to do something illegal or wrong

*synonym* : engage, carry out, execute

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

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

## made-to-measure

*adj.* designed and made specifically to fit an individual's measurements and requirements

*synonym* : custom-made, bespoke, tailored

(1) **made-to-measure** suit, (2) **made-to-measure** curtains

The designer offers **made-to-measure** couture dresses for a one-of-a-kind look.

## workshop

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

*synonym* : studio, laboratory, atelier

(1) **workshop** attendee, (2) carpentry **workshop**

The artist held a **workshop** to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

## nurture

*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

*synonym* : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

## tiara

*n.* a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions

*synonym* : diadem, crown, coronet

(1) **tiara** crown, (2) diamond **tiara**

The princess wore a **tiara** adorned with precious jewels to the ball.

## fake

*adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

*synonym*: affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

## bride

*n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married

*synonym*: groom, fiancée, wife-to-be

(1) **bride** of noble birth, (2) June **bride**

The young **bride** looked stunning in her wedding gown.

## vicar

*n.* a member of the clergy in certain Christian churches, typically Anglican, who is responsible for the religious needs of parishioners in a particular district

*synonym*: clergyman, pastor, minister

(1) **vicar** church, (2) assistant **vicar**

The **vicar's** sermon was inspiring and comforting to the attendees.

## hospitalize

*v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

*synonym*: admit, place in hospital

(1) **hospitalize** patient, (2) **hospitalize** child

She had to be **hospitalized** due to her injuries.

## 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.

## glue

*n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

*synonym* : adhesive, paste, gum

(1) **glue** stick, (2) epoxy **glue**

The carpenter applied **glue** to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.

## cosplay

*n.* a type of performance art in which participants dress up in costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a book, movie, video game, or other media

*synonym* : costume play, dress-up, masquerading

(1) participate in **cosplay**, (2) **cosplay** makeup

The **cosplay** community is a supportive and welcoming group of people.

## discipline

*n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

*synonym* : training, restraint, field

(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

## 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.

## accuracy

*n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

*synonym* : precision, exactness, truthfulness

(1) degree of **accuracy**, (2) the **accuracy** of his compass

To assure **accuracy**, I recommend investing in high-quality

test kits.

## peculiar

*adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way  
*synonym* : bizarre, abnormal, odd

(1) **peculiar** way, (2) **peculiar** people

The juice has a **peculiar** taste.

## eccentricity

*n.* the quality of being unconventional, peculiar, or odd in behavior, appearance, or ideas; (of a celestial body) the state of having an unusual or peculiar shape or orbit  
*synonym* : quirkiness, kookiness, oddness

(1) **eccentricity** of behavior, (2) personal **eccentricity**

His **eccentricity** made him stand out from the rest of the crowd.

## cardboard

*n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials  
*synonym* : corrugated board, paperboard

(1) **cardboard** box, (2) **cardboard** cutout

I made a **cardboard** box to store my winter clothes in.

## cutout

*n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

*synonym* : silhouette, shape, form

(1) **cutout** from magazines, (2) **cutout** of flowers

The artist used a star **cutout** to make a unique art piece.

## dodge

*v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep

*synonym* : evade, sidestep, avoid

(1) **dodge** a blow, (2) **dodge** a question

She had to **dodge** the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.

- sew** v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle  
*synonym*: stitch, darn, tailor  
(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button  
My mother taught me how to **sew**.
- staple** *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used  
*synonym*: essential, fundamental, pivotal  
(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop  
Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.
- seam** *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil  
*synonym*: stitch, seam, joint  
(1) uneven **seam**, (2) the **seam** on the shoulder  
She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn **seam**.
- couture** *n.* fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person  
*synonym*: fashion, haute couture, dressmaking  
(1) **couture** collection, (2) **couture** gown  
She's always been interested in fashion and dreams of becoming a famous **couture** designer.
- aspect** *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.  
*synonym*: characteristic, element, factor  
(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life  
His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.
- awful** *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant  
*synonym*: terrible, appalling, horrible  
(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage  
I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

## podcast

*n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player

(1) football **podcast**, (2) listen to a **podcast**

Our **podcast** was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.

## fashion

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

*synonym*: style, manner, fad

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

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

## fantasy

*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

*synonym*: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

## costume

*n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

*synonym*: attire, garb, outfit

(1) **costume** party, (2) **costume** change

She wore a beautiful **costume** for the play.

## 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.

## elaborate

*adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

*synonym*: detailed, intricate, complicated



(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme  
He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

## intricacy

*n.* the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved;  
the existence of many interrelated parts or elements  
*synonym*: complexity, intricateness, elaboration

(1) the **intricacy** of the design, (2) legal **intricacy**  
The clockwork mechanism of the antique watch showed  
incredible **intricacy**.

## influence

*n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character,  
growth, or behavior, or the effect itself  
*synonym*: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life  
The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he  
abdicated.

## distinction

*n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people  
*synonym*: eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**  
I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

## ordinary

*adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way,  
especially in quality, ability, size, or degree  
*synonym*: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue  
The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

## 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.

## outfit

*n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular  
occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a  
company, military, etc.

*synonym* : ensemble, set, suit

(1) camping **outfit**, (2) a construction **outfit**

I need to buy a new **outfit** for the wedding I'm attending next weekend.

## strike

*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

*synonym* : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

## encounter

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

*synonym* : meet, run into, come across

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

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

## counterintuitive

*adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest

*synonym* : unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

## crusader

*n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims

*synonym* : advocate, activist, ideologue

(1) anti-corruption **crusader**, (2) a **crusader** for justice

The history books are full of tales of legendary **crusaders** who went on epic adventures.

## modern

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

*synonym* : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society  
Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

## suffrage

*n.* the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them

*synonym*: franchise, vote, enfranchisement

(1) **suffrage** movement, (2) female **suffrage**

The **suffrage** march was a peaceful protest demanding voting rights for women.

## creative

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

*synonym*: imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

## 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.

## flimsy

*adj.* very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used

*synonym*: delicate, insubstantial, fragile

(1) a **flimsy** structure, (2) make a **flimsy** excuse

His arguments are based on **flimsy** evidence.

## distract

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym*: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

## trillion

*n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million  
(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars  
One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort  
*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous  
(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student  
He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## margin

*n.* the space around the edge of a page or document;  
(finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold  
*synonym*: edge, border, periphery  
(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**  
Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

## dismiss

*v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment  
*synonym*: decline, disband, dissolve  
(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh  
The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

## affair

*n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship  
*synonym*: matter, incident, fling  
(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**  
Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

## construct

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

*synonym* : build, assemble, create

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

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

## 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.

## frivolous

*adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

*synonym* : silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation

He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

## extreme

*adj.* very great in amount or degree

*synonym* : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

## in-between

*adj.* occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time

*synonym* : intermediate, middleman, halfway

(1) **in-between** meals, (2) **in-between** stages

She enjoyed floating in the ocean's **in-between** zone where the waves met the shoreline

## develop

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

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

## 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.

## relation

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

*synonym*: association, linkage, connection

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

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

## gown

*n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women

*synonym*: dress, robe, garment

(1) a judge's **gown**, (2) **gown** for the prom

She looked stunning in her long, flowing **gown** at the formal event.

## represent

*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

*synonym*: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

## spirit

*n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body;

the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

*synonym* : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

## electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym* : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## decidedly

*adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

*synonym* : definitely, absolutely, positively

(1) **decidedly** unfriendly, (2) **decidedly** different

She was **decidedly** unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

## trend

*n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

*synonym* : direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

## millennium

*n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

## avocado

*n.* a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole

*synonym* : alligator pear, butter pear, midshipman's butter

(1) **avocado** toast, (2) **avocado** smoothie

I love adding **avocado** to my salads for that extra creaminess.

## 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.

## controversial

*adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

*synonym* : contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

## urban

*adj.* relating to or located in a town or city

*synonym* : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

## influencer

*n.* a person or thing that affects or changes someone's or something's behavior, especially a person with the ability to affect potential buyers of a product or service through recommendations on social media

*synonym* : tastemaker, bellwether

(1) high-profile **influencer**, (2) **influencer** marketing

My team measures the effectiveness of advertising with social media **influencers**.

## satire

*n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

*synonym* : irony, mockery, ridicule

(1) **satire** magazine, (2) a pungent **satire**



The comedian's **satire** on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

## disrupt

*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym*: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep  
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## provocation

*n.* action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired

*synonym*: agitation, incitement, stimulus

(1) **provocation** tactics, (2) verbal **provocation**

The politician's speech was seen as a **provocation** to the opposition party.

## slogan

*n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

*synonym*: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

## bonkers

*adj.* slang for completely crazy or insane

*synonym*: crazy, insane, nuts

(1) **bonkers** idea, (2) sound **bonkers**

The traffic during rush hour can make even the calmest person go **bonkers**.

## subversive

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

the power or authority of an established system or institution

*synonym* : incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel

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

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

## garment

*n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt

*synonym* : apparel, clothing, attire

(1) **garment** industry, (2) silk **garment**

She hung the wet **garment** on the clothesline to dry.

## anarchy

*n.* a state of society without government or law

*synonym* : chaos, disorder, lawlessness

(1) **anarchy** in the classroom, (2) lapse into **anarchy**

The concept of **anarchy** has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.

## continuity

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

*synonym* : coherence, uninterruptedness, perseverance

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

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

## gunpowder

*n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive

*synonym* : ammunition, explosive, bullet

(1) **gunpowder** paper, (2) smokeless **gunpowder**

The invention of **gunpowder** revolutionized warfare.

## 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.

## occupy

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time  
*synonym*: inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

## mask

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

*synonym*: disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**

The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

## comic

*adj.* funny and making you laugh

*synonym*: amusing, funny, humorous

(1) **comic** books, (2) a **comic** hat

The novel is **comic** and tragic.

## anonymous

*adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source

*synonym*: nameless, unidentified, unnamed

(1) **anonymous** letter, (2) **anonymous** house

She received several **anonymous** calls.

## 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.

## variation

*n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

*synonym*: fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

## hark

*v.* to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something

*synonym*: listen, heed, obey

(1) **hark** to the wind in the trees, (2) **hark** forward to a time of peace

The new smartphone's design **harks** back to the original model, which was much simpler and compact.

## ancient

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

*synonym*: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

## carnival

*n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment

*synonym*: fair, festival, celebration

(1) **carnival** parade, (2) **carnival** atmosphere

The traveling **carnival** is coming to our town next week.

## masquerade

*n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show

*synonym*: disguise, pretense, facade

(1) show up in a **masquerade**, (2) absurd **masquerade**

The **masquerade** party was lavish, with guests in elaborate costumes and masks.

## societal

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

*synonym* : social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

## temporarily

*adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently

*synonym* : for a time

(1) a hut made **temporarily**, (2) **temporarily** suspend the production

Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size **temporarily**.

## topsy-turvy

*adj.* in a state of confusion, disorder, or chaos; upside down or in a disorderly fashion

*synonym* : upside-down, chaotic, disordered

(1) **topsy-turvy** world, (2) **topsy-turvy** emotions

The house had been turned **topsy-turvy** during the party, with furniture and decorations everywhere.

## tale

*n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

*synonym* : canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

## appropriate

*adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

*synonym* : fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

## demonstration

*n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

*synonym* : manifestation, presentation, show

(1) **demonstration** project, (2) a campus **demonstration**

Thousands of people attended the protest **demonstration** against the proposed policy.

## trump

*n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

## administer

*v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

*synonym*: allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

## fiction

*n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

*synonym*: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

## dystopia

*n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

*synonym*: anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

## conflict

*n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

*synonym*: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

## silent

*adj.* without any or little sound

*synonym* : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

## visible

*adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view

*synonym* : clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

## courtroom

*n.* a room in which a court of law is held

*synonym* : law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

## capitol

*n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

*synonym* : government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

## hilarious

*adj.* extremely funny

*synonym* : funny, comical, amusing

(1) **hilarious** mistake, (2) a **hilarious** anecdote

The comedian's stand-up routine was **hilarious**.

## judgment

*n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

*synonym* : conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

## mood

*n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

*synonym* :

mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

## retailer

*n.* a person or business that sells goods to the public, typically in small quantities

*synonym* : seller, vendor, merchant

(1) **retailer** strategy, (2) **retailer** competition

The consumer-electronics **retailer** offered a discount for customers who paid in cash.

## prompt

*v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

*synonym* : actuate, inspire, incite

(1) **prompt** a feeling of hunger, (2) **prompt** a debate

That incident **prompted** a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

## widespread

*adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people

*synonym* : across-the-board, overall, general

(1) **widespread** use, (2) **widespread** fear of nuclear war

In medieval times, death punishment was **widespread** and socially accepted.

## disgust

*n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

*synonym* : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

## launch

*v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

*synonym* : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next



month.

## 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.

## visual

*adj.* relating to seeing or sight

*synonym* : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

## purple

*adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue

*synonym* : violet

(1) deep **purple**, (2) **purple** sweet potatoes

The plant has a stunning **purple** blossom.

## dignity

*n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

*synonym* : grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

## purity

*n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

*synonym* : sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

## hashtag

*n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track

engagement and reach.

## sentimental

*adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

*synonym*: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

## render

*v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

*synonym*: deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

## justice

*n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

*synonym*: fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

## stunt

*n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

*synonym*: feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

## contentious

*adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

*synonym*: antagonistic, combative, confrontational

(1) **contentious** subject, (2) **contentious** debate

There are many **contentious** issues in claiming a patent.

## debate

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

*synonym*: argument, discussion, dispute

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

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

## classic

*adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

*synonym*: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

## icon

*n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

*synonym*: figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

## hijack

*v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

*synonym*: commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

## grammar

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

*synonym*: syntax, elements

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

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

## superhero

*n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

## invoke

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

*synonym*: evoke, summon, call forth

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

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

## instinctive

*adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

*synonym*: spontaneous, intuitive, natural

(1) **instinctive** reaction, (2) **instinctive** behavior

It was **instinctive** for the mother to protect her child from harm.

## nostalgia

*n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

*synonym*: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

## sympathetic

*adj.* feeling, showing, or expressing kindness or compassion to somebody who is hurt, sad, or in a problematic situation

*synonym*: compassionate, empathetic, understanding

(1) **sympathetic** nervous system, (2) **sympathetic** toward poor people

She is very **sympathetic** to our project.

## 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.

## domestic

*adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

*synonym* : endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

## opposition

*n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

*synonym* : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

## calm

*adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

*synonym* : quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

## comfort

*n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

*synonym* : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

## knit

*v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine

*synonym* : weave, crochet, knot

(1) **knit** my eyebrows, (2) **knit** a pair of socks  
The grandmother **knit** a warm sweater for her grandchild.

## craft

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

*synonym*: art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture  
His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

## origin

*n.* the first existence or beginning of something

*synonym*: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**  
There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

## conceive

*v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

*synonym*: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child  
I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

## march

*v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

*synonym*: parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east  
The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

## embrace

*v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;  
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

*synonym*: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**  
The woods **embrace** the house.

## mow

*v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

*synonym*: cut, trim, clip

(1) **mow** the field, (2) **mow** a yard

My father likes to **mow** the lawn early on Saturday mornings.

## cheerful

*adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism

*synonym* : happy, joyful, lively

(1) **cheerful** smile, (2) a **cheerful** disposition

Her **cheerful** personality brightened up the room.

## symbol

*n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

*synonym* : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

## feminist

*adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women;  
*(noun)* a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

*synonym* : egalitarian

(1) **feminist** movement, (2) **feminist** perspective

The **feminist** ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

## defiance

*n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

*synonym* : disobedience, disregard, confrontation

(1) fierce **defiance**, (2) adopt an attitude of **defiance**

He acted in **defiance** of our decision.

## vogue

*n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture

*synonym* : trend, style, fashion

(1) current **vogue**, (2) follow **vogue** trends

Bellbottoms were in **vogue** during the 1970s but are not as popular today.

## brilliantly

*adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

*synonym* : brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

## acquire

*v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

*synonym* : attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

## jean

*n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

*synonym* : denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

## occasion

*n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

*synonym* : event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

## atmosphere

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

*synonym* : air, ambiance, circumstances

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

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

## cycle

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

*synonym* : revolution, rotation, bike



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

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

## 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.

## writ

*n.* a written legal order or command

*synonym*: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

## complexity

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

*synonym*: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

## shifting

*adj.* constantly changing or moving

*synonym*: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

## divisive

*adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

*synonym*: polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments

The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions from the public.

## elude

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

*synonym* : evade, avoid, dodge

(1) **elude** the law, (2) **elude** responsibility for the failure

The suspect **eluded** capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

## ridicule

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

*synonym* : derision, mockery, satire

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

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

## critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

*synonym* : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

## troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

*synonym* : provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

## rebrand

v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability

*synonym* :

reintroduce, relaunch, reintegrate

(1) **rebrand** product, (2) **rebrand** company

The clothing brand decided to **rebrand** its image to attract a younger audience.

## assert

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

*synonym*: maintain, state, declare

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

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

## ambition

*n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something

*synonym*: purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**  
Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

## ballet

*n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing

(1) a **ballet** enthusiast, (2) **ballet** lessons

She is a leading female classical **ballet** dancer

## firefighter

*n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

## aspire

*v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

*synonym*: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

## opportune

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

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

## brave

*adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

*synonym* : courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

## decide

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

*synonym* : choose, determine, settle

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

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

## courage

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

*synonym* : bravery, valor, fearlessness

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

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

## illustration

*n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

*synonym* : picture, diagram, explanation

(1) educational **illustration**, (2) **illustration** artist

The **illustration** in the book helped me understand the concept better.

## jack

*n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

*synonym* : lever, crank, wrench

(1) a **jack** of all trades, (2) a line-in **jack**  
He used a **jack** to lift the car to change the tire.

## regiment

*n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

*synonym* : unit, brigade, battalion

(1) logistics **regiment**, (2) marching **regiment**  
The army **regiment** marched in perfect unison during the parade.

## 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**.

## uniform

*adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

*synonym* : livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**  
This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

## disguise

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

*synonym* : mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice  
Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

## 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.

## gaze

*v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

*synonym* : stare, gawk, look

(1) **gaze** steadily at his face, (2) **gaze** absently out a window

The youngster was **gazed** at by the beast.

## 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**.

## elope

*v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

*synonym* : run away, abscond, escape

(1) **elope** secretly, (2) **elope** together

The young couple decided to **elope** instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.

## chaperon

*n.* a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior

*synonym* : escort, companion, guardian

(1) **chaperon** duties, (2) need for a **chaperon**

The school dance required each group of students to have a

**chaperon** to supervise.

**sanction**

*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

*synonym* : approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

**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.

**ascribe**

*v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source

*synonym* : attribute, credit, assign

(1) **ascribe** everything to nature, (2) **ascribe** my failure to bad luck

The project's success was **ascribed** to the team's hard work.

**daring**

*adj.* brave and taking risks

*synonym* : audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

**psychology**

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

**imaginable**

*adj.* capable of being imagined

*synonym* : conceivable, plausible, possible

(1) easily **imaginable**, (2) worst **imaginable** case  
This is the only **imaginable** strategy.

## atrocious

*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act  
*synonym*: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**  
The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

## committed

*adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something  
*synonym*: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff  
Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

## 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.

## criminal

*n.* a person who has committed a crime  
*synonym*: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation  
The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

## chill

*n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler  
*synonym*: coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**  
His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.



## intrinsically

*adv.* from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within

*synonym* : inherently, essentially, fundamentally

(1) **intrinsically** motivated, (2) **intrinsically** valuable

The kindness of strangers is **intrinsically** rewarding, even when no reward is expected.

## innocent

*adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

*synonym* : blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

## innermost

*adj.* situated or occurring at the deepest or most central part or point; relating to one's deepest or most private thoughts, feelings, or experiences

*synonym* : deepest, inner, intimate

(1) **innermost** secrets, (2) **innermost** longings

It took years of therapy before the patient could reveal their **innermost** thoughts and feelings.

## evil

*adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

*synonym* : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

## compulsory

*adj.* required or mandatory, often due to legal or institutional regulations or expectations; obligatory

*synonym* : mandatory, required, obligatory

(1) **compulsory** health insurance, (2) **compulsory** military service

Education is **compulsory** for every child in most countries.

## union

*n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or

being joined together

*synonym* : alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym* : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## honor

*n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

*synonym* : integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

## placard

*n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement

*synonym* : poster, sign, billboard

(1) **placard** campaign, (2) warning **placard**

The protesters held a **placard** with their political message.

## individual

*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

*synonym* : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

## vest

*n.* a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority

*synonym* :

jacket, waistcoat, garment

(1) **vest** him with authority, (2) bulletproof **vest**

The hiker put his map and compass in the **vest** pocket for easy access.

## tribal

*adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society

*synonym*: indigenous, ethnic, traditional

(1) **tribal** culture, (2) **tribal** community

The **tribal** leaders gathered for a summit to discuss important issues.

## subsume

*v.* to include or encompass within a larger category or concept

*synonym*: absorb, incorporate, encompass

(1) **subsume** data, (2) **subsume** category

The new software will **subsume** all the functions of the old one, making it unnecessary.

## entirely

*adv.* completely

*synonym*: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

## bizarre

*adj.* very strange or unusual

*synonym*: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

## conceal

*v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

*synonym*: hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

## arresting

*adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

*synonym* : striking, impressive, captivating

(1) an **arresting** image, (2) an **arresting** sight

The painting's **arresting** beauty made it difficult to look away.

## unequivocal

*adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

*synonym* : apparent, absolute, undeniable

(1) **unequivocal** evidence, (2) receive an **unequivocal** answer

It is **unequivocal** that human activities are the cause of global warming.

## communicate

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

*synonym* : convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

## democracy

*n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

*synonym* : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

**Democracy** often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

## identify

*v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

*synonym* : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

## confront

*v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

*synonym* : engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

## dissent

*n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

*synonym* : discord, conflict, disagreement

(1) **dissent** opinion, (2) with no **dissent**

The dictatorship crushes all **dissent** severely.

## 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.

## recognition

*n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

*synonym* : acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

## confirm

*v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

*synonym* : affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

## perspective

*n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

*synonym* : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

## bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

*synonym*: jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase  
Canada **bounds** on the United States.

## embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

*synonym*: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity  
The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

## constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

*synonym*: restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow  
The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

## environment

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

*synonym*: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**  
Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

## imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

*synonym*: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy  
Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

## utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

*synonym*: paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

## clutch

*v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

*synonym*: grip, hold, grab

(1) **clutch** at any straw, (2) **clutched** her daughter to her breast

The boy **clutched** his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

## harry

*v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target

*synonym*: bother, pester, annoy

(1) **harry** the ship all night, (2) **harry** a suspect

I need to **harry** my coworkers to finish the project on time.

## potter

*n.* a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind

*synonym*: shape, form, mold

(1) **potter's** studio, (2) **potter** around in the garden

The ancient Egyptians were skilled **potters** and left behind many beautiful artifacts.

## wand

*n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

*synonym*: rod, stick, staff

(1) magic **wand**, (2) security **wand**

The magician waved his **wand**, and a rabbit appeared from the hat.

## grotesque

*adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

*synonym* : bizarre, deformed, monstrous

(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance

The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.

## rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

*synonym* : scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

## president

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

*synonym* : leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

## candid

adj. honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

*synonym* : honest, frank, straightforward

(1) **candid** conversation, (2) in my **candid** opinion

The **candid** photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

## predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

*synonym* : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

## elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

*synonym* : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.



## outcome

*n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

*synonym* : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

## handsome

*adj.* physically attractive and pleasing in appearance;  
attractive and generous

*synonym* : good-looking, attractive, beautiful

(1) a **handsome** young man, (2) a **handsome** salary

The politician was known for his **handsome** appearance and charm.

## fundamental

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

*synonym* : basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

## infinite

*adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

*synonym* : boundless, countless, limitless

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

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

## possibility

*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

*synonym* : chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

## sophisticated

*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

*synonym* : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

## experiment

*n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

*synonym*: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

## escapist

*adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment

*synonym*: fantastical, dreamy

(1) **escapist** literature, (2) **escapist** tendencies

The **escapist** film provided a brief but much-needed break from reality.

## treasure

*n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

*synonym*: hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

## capsule

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

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

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

## interpretation

*n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

*synonym*: rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

## brilliant

*adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

*synonym*: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

## rainbow

*n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

*synonym*: spectrum, iridescence, prism

(1) marine **rainbow**, (2) **rainbow** after a storm

She was mesmerized by the **rainbow's** colors.

## crew

*n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

*synonym*: team, group, squad

(1) the film **crew**, (2) the **crew** of a fishing boat

The ship's **crew** worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

## strength

*n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

*synonym*: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

## belong

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

*synonym*: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

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

## palette

*n.* a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art

*synonym*: board, plate, color chart

(1) **palette** knife, (2) **palette** art

The artist selected colors from her **palette** to paint a beautiful landscape.

## 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.

## pride

*n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

*synonym*: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

## solidarity

*n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

*synonym*: unity, cooperation, mutual support

(1) **solidarity** among union members, (2) **solidarity** action

The workers showed **solidarity** in their strike for better working conditions.

## glorious

*adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

*synonym*: exquisite, magnificent, majestic

(1) a **glorious** victory, (2) photo in **glorious** color

I choose a **glorious** death rather than a shameful life.

## shorthand

*n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

*synonym*: stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

## grab

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

*synonym* : clutch, snatch, grasp

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

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

## fierce

*adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening

*synonym* : ferocious, convulsive, forceful

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

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

## astronaut

*n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

*synonym* : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

## 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.

## tawdry

*adj.* cheap, gaudy, or tacky in appearance; characterized by a lack of style or quality; showy but tasteless or vulgar

*synonym* : gaudy, cheap, flashy

(1) **tawdry** affair, (2) **tawdry** decorations

The actress refused to wear the **tawdry** costume, insisting on something more elegant.

## blueprint

*n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

*synonym* : draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

## 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.

## principle

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

*synonym*: rule, creed, code

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

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

## parliament

*n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

*synonym*: congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**

He was a member of **parliament**.

## getup

*n.* a person's clothing, appearance, or style

*synonym*: attire, costume, outfit

(1) a clownish **getup**, (2) a sharp **getup**

The bride was stunning in her elegant wedding **getup**.

## subtle

*adj.* not readily apparent or visible

*synonym*: slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison

A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

## embolden

*v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief

*synonym*: encourage, inspire, empower

(1) **embolden** the opposition, (2) **embolden** a country's leadership

She was **emboldened** by her success and decided to take on a more significant challenge.

## massive

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

*synonym*: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

## micro

*n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth

(1) **micro** bubble, (2) **micro** force sensor

This approach employs both **micro** and macro analysis methods.

## trivial

*adj.* of little value or importance

*synonym*: insignificant, minor, unimportant

(1) a **trivial** man, (2) for **trivial** reasons

The problem seemed **trivial** initially, but it became a significant issue.

## gumption

*n.* shrewdness and resourcefulness in solving problems or achieving goals; initiative, drive, and determination to succeed in the face of obstacles or challenges

*synonym*: initiative, resourcefulness, courage

(1) financial **gumption**, (2) entrepreneurial **gumption**

It takes much **gumption** to start your own business from scratch.

## imaginative

*adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

*synonym*: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. po\_\_\_r around in the garden  
*n.* a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind
2. fun\_\_\_\_\_al rights  
*adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
3. de\_\_\_\_\_ly unfriendly  
*adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
4. an alt\_\_\_\_\_ve plan  
*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
5. ha\_\_y a suspect  
*v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target
6. a crumbling dy\_\_\_\_\_ia  
*n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
7. mo\_\_\_\_\_nt of troops  
*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 1. potter, 2. fundamental, 3. decidedly, 4. alternative, 5. harry, 6. dystopia, 7. movement



8. ha\_\_y the ship all night *v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target
9. fe\_\_\_\_\_st movement *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
10. the degree of pu\_\_\_y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
11. ac\_\_\_\_\_e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
12. hi\_\_\_\_\_ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
13. respect for human di\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
14. ca\_\_\_\_\_rd cutout *n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials
15. the int\_\_\_\_\_ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
16. new fa\_\_\_\_\_n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

ANSWERS: 8. harry, 9. feminist, 10. purity, 11. acquire, 12. historic, 13. dignity, 14. cardboard, 15. interpretation, 16. fashion

17. a sop\_\_\_\_\_ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
18. or\_\_\_\_\_ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
19. m\_\_k body odor *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
20. re\_\_\_\_\_nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
21. co\_\_\_\_\_ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
22. do\_\_e a blow *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
23. cl\_\_\_hed her daughter to her breast *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
24. joint rec\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
25. the r\_\_p of a chasm *n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
26. a hut made tem\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
27. el\_\_t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 17. sophisticated, 18. ordinary, 19. mask, 20. represent, 21. conceive, 22. dodge, 23. clutch, 24. recognition, 25. ramp, 26. temporarily, 27. elect

28. go to the workplace by cy\_\_e      *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
29. an am\_\_\_\_\_on for political power      *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
30. re\_\_\_\_\_er competition      *n.* a person or business that sells goods to the public, typically in small quantities
31. as\_\_\_\_\_ut mission      *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
32. as\_\_\_\_\_e everything to nature      *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
33. ur\_\_n property owners      *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
34. co\_\_\_t suicide      *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
35. pap\_\_\_\_\_che ball      *n.* a craft or artistic technique involving the use of paper strips or pulp, typically mixed with glue or paste, to create sculptures, masks, and other objects
36. bri\_\_\_\_\_ly lit      *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
37. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary weather      *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
38. co\_\_\_\_\_om drama      *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
39. silk ga\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
40. security w\_\_d      *n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

ANSWERS: 28. cycle, 29. ambition, 30. retailer, 31. astronaut, 32. ascribe, 33. urban, 34. commit, 35. papier-mache, 36. brilliantly, 37. extraordinary, 38. courtroom, 39. garment, 40. wand

41. at a un\_\_\_\_\_m temperature      *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
42. en\_\_\_\_\_er a storm      *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
43. co\_\_\_\_\_m a transaction      *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
44. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life      *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
45. 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
46. vi\_\_\_\_\_e stars      *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
47. give si\_\_\_\_t consent      *adj.* without any or little sound
48. ca\_\_\_\_d conversation      *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
49. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
50. su\_\_\_\_\_e data      *v.* to include or encompass within a larger category or concept

ANSWERS: 41. uniform, 42. encounter, 43. confirm, 44. empower, 45. rev, 46. visible, 47. silent, 48. candid, 49. environment, 50. subsume

51. de\_\_\_\_\_ly different *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
52. the story is bi\_\_\_\_\_e *adj.* very strange or unusual
53. a su\_\_\_\_\_e poison *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
54. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
55. de\_\_\_\_\_p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
56. worst ima\_\_\_\_\_le case *adj.* capable of being imagined
57. co\_\_\_\_\_e collection *n.* fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person
58. co\_\_\_\_\_al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
59. c\_\_\_m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
60. popular sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 51. decidedly, 52. bizarre, 53. subtle, 54. electrify, 55. develop, 56. imaginable, 57. couture, 58. communal, 59. calm, 60. sanction

61. ma\_\_\_\_\_l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
62. mad\_\_\_\_\_ure curtains *adj.* designed and made specifically to fit an individual's measurements and requirements
63. current af\_\_\_\_rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
64. ce\_\_\_\_\_te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
65. res\_\_\_\_\_le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
66. have gr\_\_\_\_\_ue design *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
67. ex\_\_\_\_\_e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
68. sa\_\_\_\_e magazine *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
69. sub\_\_\_\_\_ve elements *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 61. magical, 62. made-to-measure, 63. affair, 64. celebrate, 65. responsible, 66. grotesque, 67. extreme, 68. satire, 69. subversive

70. as\_\_\_\_\_e my failure to bad luck      *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
71. as oc\_\_\_\_\_on demands      *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
72. bl\_\_\_\_\_nt for economic reform      *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
73. current vo\_\_\_e      *n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
74. nu\_\_\_\_\_e his talents      *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
75. ecc\_\_\_\_\_ity of behavior      *n.* the quality of being unconventional, peculiar, or odd in behavior, appearance, or ideas; (of a celestial body) the state of having an unusual or peculiar shape or orbit
76. a ch\_\_\_\_\_ul disposition      *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
77. go out of fa\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
78. 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

ANSWERS: 70. ascribe, 71. occasion, 72. blueprint, 73. vogue, 74. nurture, 75. eccentricity, 76. cheerful, 77. fashion, 78. explore

79. the co\_\_\_\_ct between good and evil     *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
80. c\_\_m sea     *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
81. re\_\_\_\_on of inclusion     *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
82. confuse fa\_\_\_\_y with reality     *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
83. trending ha\_\_\_\_g     *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
84. a cl\_\_\_\_c experiment     *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
85. g\_\_b an audience     *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
86. ch\_\_\_\_ul smile     *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
87. a convivial atm\_\_\_\_re     *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
88. pr\_\_\_\_t when she will arrive     *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 79. conflict, 80. calm, 81. relation, 82. fantasy, 83. hashtag, 84. classic, 85. grab, 86. cheerful, 87. atmosphere, 88. predict



89. res\_\_\_\_\_le for a customer service     *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
90. mil\_\_\_\_\_um bottle of wine     *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
91. cold-blooded at\_\_\_\_\_ty     *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
92. perfect ut\_\_\_\_a     *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
93. mi\_\_o bubble     *n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
94. sp\_\_\_\_t and the letter of the law     *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
95. bo\_\_ded with delight     *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
96. con\_\_\_\_\_us subject     *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
97. an in\_\_\_\_\_nt child     *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
98. 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

ANSWERS: 89. responsible, 90. millennium, 91. atrocity, 92. utopia, 93. micro, 94. spirit, 95. bound, 96. contentious, 97. innocent, 98. pursue

99. re\_\_\_\_er strategy *n.* a person or business that sells goods to the public, typically in small quantities
100. an\_\_\_\_t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
101. ur\_\_n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
102. the per\_\_\_\_ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
103. ind\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
104. personal ecc\_\_\_\_ity *n.* the quality of being unconventional, peculiar, or odd in behavior, appearance, or ideas; (of a celestial body) the state of having an unusual or peculiar shape or orbit
105. 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
106. cou\_\_\_\_ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
107. improved student ou\_\_\_\_es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
108. field of vi\_\_\_\_l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
109. as\_\_\_\_ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 99. retailer, 100. ancient, 101. urban, 102. perspective, 103. industrious, 104. eccentricity, 105. gender, 106. counterintuitive, 107. outcome, 108. visual, 109. aspect

110. co\_\_\_\_\_ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
111. con\_\_\_\_\_ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
112. ma\_\_h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
113. the tr\_\_d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
114. a per\_\_\_\_\_ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
115. su\_\_\_e changes *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
116. show di\_\_\_\_\_t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
117. high pu\_\_\_y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
118. the escape from dy\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
119. co\_\_\_t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
120. s\_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
121. a desirable ou\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 110. construct, 111. controversial, 112. march, 113. trend, 114. perspective, 115. subtle, 116. disgust, 117. purity, 118. dystopia, 119. commit, 120. sew, 121. outcome

122. a construction ou\_\_\_t      *n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.
123. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory      *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
124. warning pl\_\_\_\_\_d      *n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
125. ac\_\_\_\_\_e knowledge      *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
126. cr\_\_\_\_\_al investigation      *n.* a person who has committed a crime
127. ins\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior      *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
128. tr\_\_\_l culture      *adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
129. ex\_\_\_\_\_e weather events      *adj.* very great in amount or degree
130. legal in\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved; the existence of many interrelated parts or elements
131. em\_\_\_y my goal      *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
132. sol\_\_\_\_\_ty among union members      *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

ANSWERS: 122. outfit, 123. complexity, 124. placard, 125. acquire, 126. criminal, 127. instinctive, 128. tribal, 129. extreme, 130. intricacy, 131. embody, 132. solidarity

133. id\_\_\_\_fy gene sequences      *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
134. architect's bl\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
135. co\_\_\_\_\_om trial      *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
136. t\_\_e of horror      *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
137. do aw\_\_l damage      *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
138. si\_\_\_\_t reading      *adj.* without any or little sound
139. de\_\_\_e on a course of action      *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
140. pr\_\_\_\_r physics to chemistry      *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
141. anti-corruption cr\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
142. pr\_\_\_\_\_nt emeritus      *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
143. pr\_\_\_\_\_le of treatment      *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 133. identify, 134. blueprint, 135. courtroom, 136. tale, 137. awful, 138. silent, 139. decide, 140. prefer, 141. crusader, 142. president, 143. principle

144. ho\_\_r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
145. ca\_\_\_\_\_rd box *n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials
146. hi\_\_\_\_\_us mistake *adj.* extremely funny
147. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
148. co\_\_\_\_\_l a close relationship *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
149. sop\_\_\_\_\_ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
150. a warm em\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
151. inf\_\_\_\_\_er marketing *n.* a person or thing that affects or changes someone's or something's behavior, especially a person with the ability to affect potential buyers of a product or service through recommendations on social media
152. public ri\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

ANSWERS: 144. honor, 145. cardboard, 146. hilarious, 147. opportune, 148. conceal, 149. sophisticated, 150. embrace, 151. influencer, 152. ridicule

153. fr\_\_\_\_\_us lawsuits *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
154. public di\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
155. co\_\_c books *adj.* funny and making you laugh
156. a profit ma\_\_\_\_n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
157. a clownish ge\_\_p *n.* a person's clothing, appearance, or style
158. cl\_\_\_\_h at any straw *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
159. be\_\_\_\_g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
160. di\_\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
161. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
162. as\_\_\_\_t a claim for unjust enrichment *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
163. g\_\_n for the prom *n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women
164. hold a pr\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
165. wanted cr\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a person who has committed a crime

ANSWERS: 153. frivolous, 154. disgust, 155. comic, 156. margin, 157. getup, 158. clutch, 159. belong, 160. distract, 161. psychology, 162. assert, 163. gown, 164. protest, 165. criminal

166. ri\_\_\_\_\_le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
167. ima\_\_\_\_\_ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
168. female su\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them
169. pro\_\_\_\_\_on tactics *n.* action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired
170. in\_\_\_\_\_ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
171. co\_\_\_\_\_y makeup *n.* a type of performance art in which participants dress up in costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a book, movie, video game, or other media
172. rec\_\_\_\_\_on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
173. Imperial sa\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 166. ridicule, 167. imaginative, 168. suffrage, 169. provocation, 170.



influence, 171. cosplay, 172. recognition, 173. sanction

174. con\_\_\_\_\_us debate *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
175. cr\_\_t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
176. pe\_\_\_\_\_ar way *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
177. a judge's g\_\_n *n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women
178. el\_\_\_\_\_te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
179. degree of ac\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
180. stuff of science fi\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
181. com\_\_\_\_\_te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
182. words of co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
183. pap\_\_\_\_\_che sculpture *n.* a craft or artistic technique involving the use of paper strips or pulp, typically mixed with glue or paste, to create sculptures, masks, and other objects
184. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

ANSWERS: 174. contentious, 175. craft, 176. peculiar, 177. gown, 178. elaborate, 179. accuracy, 180. fiction, 181. communicate, 182. comfort, 183. papier-mache, 184. extraordinary

185. with no di\_\_\_\_t                    *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
186. June br\_\_e                        *n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
187. top\_\_\_\_vy emotions            *adj.* in a state of confusion, disorder, or chaos; upside down or in a disorderly fashion
188. high-profile inf\_\_\_\_er           *n.* a person or thing that affects or changes someone's or something's behavior, especially a person with the ability to affect potential buyers of a product or service through recommendations on social media
189. in\_\_\_e the right to remain silent   *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
190. ta\_\_\_y decorations               *adj.* cheap, gaudy, or tacky in appearance; characterized by a lack of style or quality; showy but tasteless or vulgar
191. st\_\_\_e commodities               *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
192. j\_\_n denim                         *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
193. de\_\_\_\_cy advocate             *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 185. dissent, 186. bride, 187. topsy-turvy, 188. influencer, 189. invoke, 190. tawdry, 191. staple, 192. jean, 193. democracy

194. verbal pro\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired
195. an app\_\_\_\_\_te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
196. ma\_\_\_\_\_l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
197. co\_\_\_\_\_nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
198. cu\_\_\_\_t of flowers *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
199. ga\_\_\_\_r good reviews *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
200. a cr\_\_\_\_\_er for justice *n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
201. marine ra\_\_\_\_\_w *n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
202. tem\_\_\_\_\_ly suspend the production *adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently

ANSWERS: 194. provocation, 195. appropriate, 196. magical, 197. confront, 198. cutout, 199. garner, 200. crusader, 201. rainbow, 202. temporarily

203. an_____us house	<i>adj.</i> having no known name, identity, or known source
204. engage in fr_____us conversation	<i>adj.</i> not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
205. a fi___e animal	<i>adj.</i> severe and violent in a way that is frightening
206. sy___l for happiness	<i>n.</i> something visible that is used to represent something else
207. fi___e competition	<i>adj.</i> severe and violent in a way that is frightening
208. id_____fy handwriting	<i>v.</i> to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
209. pr_____le in business	<i>n.</i> a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
210. photo in gl_____us color	<i>adj.</i> having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
211. assistant vi__r	<i>n.</i> a member of the clergy in certain Christian churches, typically Anglican, who is responsible for the religious needs of parishioners in a particular district
212. di_____ve question	<i>adj.</i> tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
213. Chinese cl_____c literature	<i>adj.</i> judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

ANSWERS: 203. anonymous, 204. frivolous, 205. fierce, 206. symbol, 207. fierce, 208. identify, 209. principle, 210. glorious, 211. vicar, 212. divisive, 213. classic

214. di\_\_\_\_s a person from the office      *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
215. so\_\_\_\_al expectations      *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
216. st\_\_\_\_th of the economy      *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
217. int\_\_\_\_lly valuable      *adv.* from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within
218. the ac\_\_\_\_cy of his compass      *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
219. in-\_\_\_\_en meals      *adj.* occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time
220. choose tr\_\_p      *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
221. achieve the hi\_\_\_\_ic feat      *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
222. bi\_\_\_\_e behavior      *adj.* very strange or unusual
223. em\_\_\_\_en a country's leadership      *v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
224. meet with opp\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
225. hos\_\_\_\_ze child      *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

ANSWERS: 214. dismiss, 215. societal, 216. strength, 217. intrinsically, 218. accuracy, 219. in-between, 220. trump, 221. historic, 222. bizarre, 223. embolden, 224. opposition, 225. hospitalize

226. issue a w\_\_t *n.* a written legal order or command
227. di\_\_\_\_se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
228. commit at\_\_\_\_ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
229. con\_\_\_\_ty of service *n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
230. there is no other alt\_\_\_\_ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
231. an or\_\_\_\_ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
232. the nation's ca\_\_\_\_l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
233. sy\_\_\_\_l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
234. pr\_\_\_\_t a feeling of hunger *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
235. ca\_\_\_\_al atmosphere *n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment
236. adm\_\_\_\_er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
237. in\_\_\_\_e memories *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

ANSWERS: 226. writ, 227. disguise, 228. atrocity, 229. continuity, 230. alternative, 231. ordinary, 232. capitol, 233. symbol, 234. prompt, 235. carnival, 236. administer, 237. invoke

238. draw a dis_____on	<i>n.</i>	a difference or contrast between similar things or people
239. deliver a ju_____nt	<i>n.</i>	the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
240. mi__o force sensor	<i>n.</i>	extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
241. hi___k a helicopter	<i>v.</i>	to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
242. ti__a crown	<i>n.</i>	a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions
243. co_____al swimming pool	<i>adj.</i>	belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
244. br__e soldier	<i>adj.</i>	showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
245. forest fir_____er	<i>n.</i>	a person whose job is to extinguish fires
246. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re	<i>n.</i>	the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
247. m_w a yard	<i>v.</i>	to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
248. pr_____t the future	<i>v.</i>	to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
249. space ca_____e	<i>n.</i>	a small, enclosed container often used for holding medicines or supplements or for transporting payloads in spacecraft; a small, elongated structure within the body, such as a joint or a gland

ANSWERS: 238. distinction, 239. judgment, 240. micro, 241. hijack, 242. tiara, 243. communal, 244. brave, 245. firefighter, 246. atmosphere, 247. mow, 248. predict, 249. capsule



250. an ar\_\_\_\_\_ng sight *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
251. a fl\_\_\_\_y structure *adj.* very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used
252. as\_\_\_\_t a free society *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
253. suppress di\_\_\_\_ve arguments *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
254. su\_\_\_\_e category *v.* to include or encompass within a larger category or concept
255. di\_\_\_\_t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
256. el\_\_e the law *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
257. domestic af\_\_\_\_rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
258. in\_\_\_\_te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
259. 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

ANSWERS: 250. arresting, 251. flimsy, 252. assert, 253. divisive, 254. subsume, 255. disrupt, 256. elude, 257. affair, 258. infinite, 259. refer

260. pe\_\_\_\_ar people *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
261. bank and credit un\_\_ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
262. st\_\_t brain growth *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
263. dem\_\_\_\_\_ion project *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
264. di\_\_\_\_\_se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
265. an emotional ju\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
266. co\_\_\_\_\_m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
267. sym\_\_\_\_\_ic nervous system *adj.* feeling, showing, or expressing kindness or compassion to somebody who is hurt, sad, or in a problematic situation
268. ins\_\_\_\_\_ve reaction *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

ANSWERS: 260. peculiar, 261. union, 262. stunt, 263. demonstration, 264. disguise, 265. judgment, 266. confirm, 267. sympathetic, 268. instinctive

269. el__e secretly	<i>v.</i>	to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends
270. r_b shoulders	<i>v.</i>	to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
271. in a sen_____al mood	<i>adj.</i>	connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
272. de___e topic	<i>n.</i>	a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
273. e__l ways	<i>adj.</i>	profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
274. su_____ge movement	<i>n.</i>	the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them
275. a private ind_____al	<i>n.</i>	a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
276. pu___e a goal	<i>v.</i>	to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
277. or___n of information	<i>n.</i>	the first existence or beginning of something
278. im_____ry pregnancy	<i>adj.</i>	existing only in someone's mind

ANSWERS: 269. elope, 270. rub, 271. sentimental, 272. debate, 273. evil, 274. suffrage, 275. individual, 276. pursue, 277. origin, 278. imaginary

279. ind\_\_\_\_\_al freedom      *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
280. skydiving st\_\_t      *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
281. a fairy t\_\_e      *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
282. st\_\_\_e a blow      *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
283. racial or \_\_\_n      *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
284. co\_\_\_\_\_e gown      *n.* fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person
285. an aw\_\_l error      *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
286. non-fi\_\_\_\_\_n bestseller      *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
287. strong and co\_\_\_\_\_ed sales staff      *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 279. individual, 280. stunt, 281. tale, 282. strike, 283. origin, 284. couture, 285. awful, 286. fiction, 287. committed

288. a craft un\_\_n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
289. a tr\_\_\_\_l man *adj.* of little value or importance
290. tr\_\_\_\_re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
291. severe cr\_\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
292. Latin gr\_\_\_\_r *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
293. el\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
294. a de\_\_\_t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
295. listen to a po\_\_\_\_t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
296. fierce de\_\_\_\_ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
297. ind\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 288. union, 289. trivial, 290. treasure, 291. critic, 292. grammar, 293. electrify, 294. decent, 295. podcast, 296. defiance, 297. industrious

298. 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
299. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
300. de\_\_\_e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
301. football po\_\_\_\_t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
302. mo\_\_\_n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
303. opp\_\_\_\_\_on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
304. event of a hung par\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
305. co\_\_\_\_\_in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
306. the ch\_\_l of autumn *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
307. co\_\_\_\_\_e party *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

ANSWERS: 298. identity, 299. possibility, 300. debate, 301. podcast, 302. modern, 303. opposition, 304. parliament, 305. constrain, 306. chill, 307. costume

308. ju\_\_\_\_e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
309. en\_\_\_\_\_er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
310. television i\_\_n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
311. re\_\_\_\_d company *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
312. a flight of fa\_\_y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
313. h\_\_k forward to a time of peace *v.* to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something
314. k\_\_t a pair of socks *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
315. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
316. bulletproof v\_\_t *n.* a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority

ANSWERS: 308. justice, 309. encounter, 310. icon, 311. rebrand, 312. fancy, 313. hark, 314. knit, 315. possibility, 316. vest

317. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
318. sh\_\_\_\_\_ng balance  
*adj.* constantly changing or moving
319. an indomitable sp\_\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
320. need for a ch\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior
321. re\_\_\_\_\_r an assessment  
*v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
322. 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
323. a pungent sa\_\_\_\_\_e  
*n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

ANSWERS: 317. empower, 318. shifting, 319. spirit, 320. chaperon, 321. render, 322. plot, 323. satire



324. 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
325. yearn for the de\_\_\_t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
326. pre-mo\_\_\_n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
327. hi\_\_\_k a phone number *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
328. capable of ima\_\_\_\_\_ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
329. tr\_\_p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
330. app\_\_\_\_\_te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
331. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
332. the film c\_\_w *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
333. continuously sh\_\_\_\_\_ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
334. a campus dem\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
335. wa\_\_\_\_\_r spirit *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

ANSWERS: 324. rev, 325. decent, 326. modern, 327. hijack, 328. imaginative, 329. trump, 330. appropriate, 331. obvious, 332. crew, 333. shifting, 334. demonstration, 335. warrior

336. nontechnical as\_\_\_ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
337. spread of f\_\_e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
338. di\_\_\_\_\_ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
339. con\_\_\_\_\_ty plan *n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
340. gu\_\_\_\_\_er paper *n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
341. the characters that re\_\_\_\_\_nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
342. boundless am\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
343. security in\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
344. at\_\_\_\_\_t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
345. g\_\_e stick *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
346. no\_\_\_\_\_ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

ANSWERS: 336. aspect, 337. fake, 338. distract, 339. continuity, 340. gunpowder, 341. represent, 342. ambition, 343. incident, 344. attract, 345. glue, 346. nostalgia

347. cou\_\_\_\_\_ive behavior      *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
348. in\_\_\_\_\_st longings      *adj.* situated or occurring at the deepest or most central part or point; relating to one's deepest or most private thoughts, feelings, or experiences
349. traffic in\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
350. 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
351. cr\_\_t arts of Japan      *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
352. sen\_\_\_\_\_al damage      *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
353. be\_\_\_g to a group      *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
354. a ha\_\_\_\_\_me young man      *adj.* physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous
355. ra\_\_\_\_\_w after a storm      *n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
356. do\_\_e a question      *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep

ANSWERS: 347. counterintuitive, 348. innermost, 349. incident, 350. explore, 351. craft, 352. sentimental, 353. belong, 354. handsome, 355. rainbow, 356. dodge

357. hos\_\_\_\_\_ze patient      *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
358. em\_\_\_y a spirit of charity      *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
359. muscular st\_\_\_\_\_th      *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
360. disband par\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
361. womanly ho\_\_\_r      *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
362. marching re\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
363. re\_\_\_\_\_d product      *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
364. em\_\_\_\_\_e an opportunity      *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasp another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
365. m\_w the field      *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

ANSWERS: 357. hospitalize, 358. embody, 359. strength, 360. parliament, 361. honor, 362. regiment, 363. rebrand, 364. embrace, 365. mow

366. a gl\_\_\_\_us victory *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
367. pr\_\_e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
368. cu\_\_\_t from magazines *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
369. sol\_\_\_\_\_ty action *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
370. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
371. he was en\_\_\_\_\_ly to blame *adv.* completely
372. write in sh\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
373. vi\_\_r church *n.* a member of the clergy in certain Christian churches, typically Anglican, who is responsible for the religious needs of parishioners in a particular district

ANSWERS: 366. glorious, 367. pride, 368. cutout, 369. solidarity, 370. psychology, 371. entirely, 372. shorthand, 373. vicar

374. v\_\_t him with authority *n.* a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority
375. 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
376. Ca\_\_\_\_\_l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
377. 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
378. f\_\_e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
379. break dis\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
380. vi\_\_\_\_\_e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
381. int\_\_\_\_\_lly motivated *adv.* from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within
382. gr\_\_\_\_\_ue appearance *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
383. av\_\_\_\_\_o toast *n.* a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole

ANSWERS: 374. vest, 375. immerse, 376. capitol, 377. tradition, 378. fake, 379. discipline, 380. visible, 381. intrinsically, 382. grotesque, 383. avocado

384. ma\_\_\_\_e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
385. st\_\_\_e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
386. cr\_\_\_\_ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
387. co\_\_\_\_e change *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
388. marked with a ha\_\_\_\_g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
389. decided to be a fir\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
390. at\_\_\_\_t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
391. mad\_\_\_\_\_ure suit *adj.* designed and made specifically to fit an individual's measurements and requirements
392. diamond ti\_\_a *n.* a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions
393. open to int\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
394. 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

ANSWERS: 384. massive, 385. staple, 386. creative, 387. costume, 388. hashtag, 389. firefighter, 390. attract, 391. made-to-measure, 392. tiara, 393. interpretation, 394. novel

395. es\_\_\_\_st tendencies *adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment
396. de\_\_\_\_t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
397. an\_\_\_\_us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
398. principles of de\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
399. vice-pr\_\_\_\_nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
400. 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
401. a ba\_\_\_\_t enthusiast *n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
402. as\_\_\_\_e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
403. cor\_\_\_\_le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
404. ga\_\_\_\_r attention *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

ANSWERS: 395. escapist, 396. depict, 397. anonymous, 398. democracy, 399. president, 400. refer, 401. ballet, 402. aspire, 403. corruptible, 404. garner



405. epoxy g\_\_e *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
406. di\_\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
407. es\_\_\_\_\_st literature *adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment
408. pl\_\_\_\_\_d campaign *n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
409. pa\_\_\_\_\_e art *n.* a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art
410. com\_\_\_\_\_te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
411. re\_\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
412. ce\_\_\_\_\_te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
413. tr\_\_\_l community *adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
414. catchy sl\_\_\_n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

ANSWERS: 405. glue, 406. disrupt, 407. escapist, 408. placard, 409. palette, 410. communicate, 411. relation, 412. celebrate, 413. tribal, 414. slogan

415. av\_\_\_\_o smoothie *n.* a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole
416. a silent pr\_\_\_\_t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
417. a hi\_\_\_\_us anecdote *adj.* extremely funny
418. da\_\_\_g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
419. past mil\_\_\_\_um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
420. pr\_\_\_t a debate *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
421. learn sh\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
422. art cr\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
423. ma\_\_\_n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
424. gene va\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
425. im\_\_\_\_ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
426. a co\_\_\_c hat *adj.* funny and making you laugh

ANSWERS: 415. avocado, 416. protest, 417. hilarious, 418. daring, 419. millennium, 420. prompt, 421. shorthand, 422. critic, 423. margin, 424. variation, 425. imaginary, 426. comic

427. fun\_\_\_\_\_al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
428. top\_\_\_\_\_vy world *adj.* in a state of confusion, disorder, or chaos; upside down or in a disorderly fashion
429. a ut\_\_\_a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
430. k\_\_t my eyebrows *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
431. an\_\_\_\_\_y in the classroom *n.* a state of society without government or law
432. make a fl\_\_\_y excuse *adj.* very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used
433. uneven s\_\_m *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
434. in\_\_\_\_\_ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
435. com\_\_\_\_\_ry military service *adj.* required or mandatory, often due to legal or institutional regulations or expectations; obligatory
436. do\_\_\_\_\_ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

ANSWERS: 427. fundamental, 428. topsy-turvy, 429. utopia, 430. knit, 431. anarchy, 432. flimsy, 433. seam, 434. influence, 435. compulsory, 436. domestic

437. co\_\_\_\_\_l my identity      *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
438. de\_\_\_e a question      *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
439. tr\_\_\_\_\_re island      *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
440. ill\_\_\_\_\_ion artist      *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
441. su\_\_\_\_\_ro movies      *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
442. the cy\_\_e of the seasons      *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
443. co\_\_\_\_\_t level      *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
444. the longstanding co\_\_\_\_\_ct      *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
445. r\_b a glass window      *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
446. the m\_\_d in a room      *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
447. wid\_\_\_\_\_ad fear of nuclear war      *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people

ANSWERS: 437. conceal, 438. decide, 439. treasure, 440. illustration, 441. superhero, 442. cycle, 443. comfort, 444. conflict, 445. rub, 446. mood, 447. widespread

448. con\_\_\_\_\_ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
449. an oxygen m\_\_k *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
450. va\_\_\_\_\_on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
451. 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
452. many tr\_\_\_\_\_ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
453. vi\_\_\_l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
454. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
455. educational ill\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
456. nu\_\_\_\_\_e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
457. carpentry wo\_\_\_\_\_op *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
458. deep pu\_\_\_e *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue

ANSWERS: 448. controversial, 449. mask, 450. variation, 451. plot, 452. trillion, 453. visual, 454. writ, 455. illustration, 456. nurture, 457. workshop, 458. purple

459. inspire co\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
460. 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
461. entrepreneurial gu\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* shrewdness and resourcefulness in solving problems or achieving goals; initiative, drive, and determination to succeed in the face of obstacles or challenges
462. the in\_\_\_\_\_cy of the design      *n.* the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved; the existence of many interrelated parts or elements
463. br\_\_\_e decision      *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
464. an exit r\_\_\_p      *n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
465. br\_\_\_\_\_nt idea      *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
466. ca\_\_\_\_\_al parade      *n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment
467. com\_\_\_\_\_ry health insurance      *adj.* required or mandatory, often due to legal or institutional regulations or expectations; obligatory
468. gr\_\_\_\_\_r checker      *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

ANSWERS: 459. courage, 460. novel, 461. gumption, 462. intricacy, 463. brave, 464. ramp, 465. brilliant, 466. carnival, 467. compulsory, 468. grammar

469. a glad oc\_\_\_\_on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
470. a charm against e\_\_l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
471. bo\_\_\_\_s idea *adj.* slang for completely crazy or insane
472. an ar\_\_\_\_ng image *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
473. s\_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
474. lapse into an\_\_\_\_y *n.* a state of society without government or law
475. financial gu\_\_\_\_on *n.* shrewdness and resourcefulness in solving problems or achieving goals; initiative, drive, and determination to succeed in the face of obstacles or challenges
476. a ha\_\_\_\_me salary *adj.* physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous
477. an international tr\_\_d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
478. une\_\_\_\_al evidence *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

ANSWERS: 469. occasion, 470. evil, 471. bonkers, 472. arresting, 473. sew, 474. anarchy, 475. gumption, 476. handsome, 477. trend, 478. unequivocal

479. oc\_\_\_y his time      *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
480. mental co\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
481. de\_\_\_\_\_p a strategy      *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
482. di\_\_\_\_\_t opinion      *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
483. br\_\_e of noble birth      *n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
484. retain everyone's di\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
485. a j\_\_k of all trades      *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
486. advertising sl\_\_\_n      *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
487. la\_\_\_h a spaceship into orbit      *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 479. occupy, 480. courage, 481. develop, 482. dissent, 483. bride, 484. dignity, 485. jack, 486. slogan, 487. launch



488. adm\_\_\_\_\_er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
489. logistics re\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
490. pa\_\_\_\_\_e knife *n.* a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art
491. medical ca\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small, enclosed container often used for holding medicines or supplements or for transporting payloads in spacecraft; a small, elongated structure within the body, such as a joint or a gland
492. 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
493. thousands of in\_\_\_\_\_nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
494. pu\_\_\_\_e sweet potatoes *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
495. hide his pr\_\_\_\_e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
496. sub\_\_\_\_\_ve literature *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 488. administer, 489. regiment, 490. palette, 491. capsule, 492. identity, 493. innocent, 494. purple, 495. pride, 496. subversive

497. co\_\_\_\_\_s sin                    *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
498. g\_\_b an opportunity            *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
499. i\_\_n for young people           *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
500. sym\_\_\_\_\_ic toward poor people    *adj.* feeling, showing, or expressing kindness or compassion to somebody who is hurt, sad, or in a problematic situation
501. 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
502. for tr\_\_\_\_\_l reasons           *adj.* of little value or importance
503. en\_\_\_\_\_ly satisfied with the meal    *adv.* completely
504. cor\_\_\_\_\_le judges            *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
505. in an ugly m\_\_d                    *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
506. h\_\_k to the wind in the trees       *v.* to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something

ANSWERS: 497. confess, 498. grab, 499. icon, 500. sympathetic, 501. tradition, 502. trivial, 503. entirely, 504. corruptible, 505. mood, 506. hark

507. g\_\_e absently out a window      *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
508. make a da\_\_\_g face      *adj.* brave and taking risks
509. fe\_\_\_\_\_st perspective      *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
510. la\_\_\_h a big attack      *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
511. co\_\_\_\_\_nt the issue      *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
512. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
513. barren of cr\_\_\_\_\_ve spirit      *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
514. in a co\_\_\_\_\_ed relationship      *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 507. gaze, 508. daring, 509. feminist, 510. launch, 511. confront, 512. opportune, 513. creative, 514. committed

515. bo\_\_d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
516. a j\_\_n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
517. br\_\_\_\_\_nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
518. fa\_\_y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
519. the c\_\_w of a fishing boat *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
520. an el\_\_\_\_\_te hat *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
521. em\_\_\_\_\_en the opposition *v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
522. camping ou\_\_\_\_t *n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.
523. co\_\_\_\_\_ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
524. series of exp\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
525. a warm no\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

ANSWERS: 515. bound, 516. jean, 517. brilliant, 518. fancy, 519. crew, 520. elaborate, 521. embolden, 522. outfit, 523. conceive, 524. experiment, 525. nostalgia

526. 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
527. the s\_\_m on the shoulder  
*n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
528. as\_\_\_\_ut in training  
*n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
529. co\_\_\_\_in his freedom  
*v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
530. in\_\_\_\_st secrets  
*adj.* situated or occurring at the deepest or most central part or point; relating to one's deepest or most private thoughts, feelings, or experiences
531. criminal ju\_\_\_\_e  
*n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
532. env\_\_\_\_nt affairs  
*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
533. ta\_\_\_\_y affair  
*adj.* cheap, gaudy, or tacky in appearance; characterized by a lack of style or quality; showy but tasteless or vulgar
534. absurd mas\_\_\_\_de  
*n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show

ANSWERS: 526. movement, 527. seam, 528. astronaut, 529. constrain, 530. innermost, 531. justice, 532. environment, 533. tawdry, 534. masquerade

535. magic w\_\_d *n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
536. sound bo\_\_\_\_s *adj.* slang for completely crazy or insane
537. po\_\_\_r's studio *n.* a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind
538. 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
539. ob\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
540. participate in co\_\_\_\_y *n.* a type of performance art in which participants dress up in costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a book, movie, video game, or other media
541. el\_\_e together *v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends
542. de\_\_\_t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
543. in my ca\_\_\_d opinion *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
544. el\_\_e responsibility for the failure *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

ANSWERS: 535. wand, 536. bonkers, 537. potter, 538. immerse, 539. obvious, 540. cosplay, 541. elope, 542. depict, 543. candid, 544. elude

545. bri\_\_\_\_\_ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
546. as\_\_\_e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
547. pr\_\_\_r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
548. rigid dis\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
549. wid\_\_\_\_\_ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
550. show up in a mas\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show
551. feed a tr\_\_\_l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
552. adopt an attitude of de\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
553. follow vo\_\_\_e trends *n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture

ANSWERS: 545. brilliantly, 546. aspire, 547. prefer, 548. discipline, 549. widespread, 550. masquerade, 551. troll, 552. defiance, 553. vogue

554. so_____al norms	<i>adj.</i> relating to society or social relationships
555. re____r the contract void	<i>v.</i> to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
556. el__t death	<i>v.</i> to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
557. fa_____y novel	<i>n.</i> a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
558. in-_____en stages	<i>adj.</i> occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time
559. ma_____e stars	<i>adj.</i> enormous amount; very heavy and solid
560. smokeless gu_____er	<i>n.</i> a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
561. cognitive com_____ty	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
562. feel a slight ch__l	<i>n.</i> a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
563. su_____ro comics	<i>n.</i> a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
564. exp_____nt design	<i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
565. our school un_____m	<i>adj.</i> always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

ANSWERS: 554. societal, 555. render, 556. elect, 557. fantasy, 558. in-between, 559. massive, 560. gunpowder, 561. complexity, 562. chill, 563. superhero, 564. experiment, 565. uniform



566. copyright tr\_\_l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
567. st\_\_\_e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
568. oc\_\_\_y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
569. g\_\_e steadily at his face *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
570. easily ima\_\_\_\_\_le *adj.* capable of being imagined
571. co\_\_\_\_\_s truth *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
572. pre-Christian an\_\_\_\_\_t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
573. armored wa\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
574. ma\_\_h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
575. a do\_\_\_\_\_ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

ANSWERS: 566. troll, 567. strike, 568. occupy, 569. gaze, 570. imaginable, 571. confess, 572. ancient, 573. warrior, 574. march, 575. domestic

576. in\_\_\_\_te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
577. receive an une\_\_\_\_al answer *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
578. a sharp ge\_\_p *n.* a person's clothing, appearance, or style
579. co\_\_\_\_ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
580. important dis\_\_\_\_on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
581. a line-in j\_\_k *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
582. 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
583. wo\_\_\_\_op attendee *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
584. tr\_\_\_\_on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
585. ch\_\_\_\_on duties *n.* a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior

ANSWERS: 576. infinite, 577. unequivocal, 578. getup, 579. construct, 580. distinction, 581. jack, 582. gender, 583. workshop, 584. trillion, 585. chaperon

586. di\_\_\_\_s a matter with a laugh

*v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

587. ba\_\_\_\_t lessons

*n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing

588. ga\_\_\_\_t industry

*n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt

ANSWERS: 586. dismiss, 587. ballet, 588. garment

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She enjoyed floating in the ocean's \_\_\_\_\_ zone where the waves met the shoreline  
*adj.* occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ to his crime and turned himself into the police.  
*v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
3. Greed and \_\_\_\_\_ composed his personality.  
*n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
4. The young couple decided to \_\_\_\_\_ instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.  
*v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends
5. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she \_\_\_\_\_ her anger well.  
*v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
6. He found \_\_\_\_\_ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.  
*n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
7. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for the mother to protect her child from harm.  
*adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

ANSWERS: 1. in-between, 2. confessed, 3. ambition, 4. elope, 5. concealed, 6. comfort, 7. instinctive

8. The company's new products \_\_\_\_\_ the values of innovation and sustainability.  
*v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
9. Higher \_\_\_\_\_ requires additional equipment and energy.  
*n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
10. He and I often had \_\_\_\_\_ not only in personality but also in ideology.  
*n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
11. I love adding \_\_\_\_\_ to my salads for that extra creaminess.  
*n.* a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole
12. The dragon is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ of bravery.  
*n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
13. She wore her best dress for the special \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
14. Bellbottoms were in \_\_\_\_\_ during the 1970s but are not as popular today.  
*n.* the popular or fashionable trend or style of a particular time, especially in clothing, music, or general culture
15. The artist selected colors from her \_\_\_\_\_ to paint a beautiful landscape.  
*n.* a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art

ANSWERS: 8. embody, 9. purity, 10. conflicts, 11. avocado, 12. symbol, 13. occasion, 14. vogue, 15. palette

16. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using \_\_\_\_\_ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
17. The military has \_\_\_\_\_ an abuse of human rights.
- v.* to do something illegal or wrong
18. 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
19. The oil price continued their downward \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
20. The grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ a warm sweater for her grandchild.
- v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ film provided a brief but much-needed break from reality.
- adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment
22. The pirates searched for buried \_\_\_\_\_ in the dunes.
- n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
23. The artist used a star \_\_\_\_\_ to make a unique art piece.
- n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

ANSWERS: 16. alternative, 17. committed, 18. rev, 19. trend, 20. knit, 21. escapist, 22. treasure, 23. cutout

24. Children \_\_\_\_\_ language at a fantastic rate.

- v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

25. The comedian's \_\_\_\_\_ on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

- n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

26. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of \_\_\_\_\_ and fairness.

- n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

27. After the accident, three governmental bodies \_\_\_\_\_ the company.

- v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

28. He narrated the \_\_\_\_\_ story of his adventure.

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

29. This approach employs both \_\_\_\_\_ and macro analysis methods.

- n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth

30. My father likes to \_\_\_\_\_ the lawn early on Saturday mornings.

- v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

31. One light year is nearly 6 \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

- n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

ANSWERS: 24. acquire, 25. satire, 26. justice, 27. administer, 28. extraordinary, 29. micro, 30. mow, 31. trillion

32. The club \_\_\_\_\_ does not have absolute power.  
*n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
33. She looked stunning in her long, flowing \_\_\_\_\_ at the formal event.  
*n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women
34. She hung the wet \_\_\_\_\_ on the clothesline to dry.  
*n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
35. Health and \_\_\_\_\_ are, above all, gold.  
*n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
36. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.  
*v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
37. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.  
*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
38. Human behavior has \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.  
*adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
39. 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
40. It takes a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ to stand up for what you believe is right.  
*n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 32. president, 33. gown, 34. garment, 35. strength, 36. dodge, 37. distract, 38. fundamental, 39. explore, 40. courage



41. He proposed an \_\_\_\_\_ program of public works.

*adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

42. The designer offers \_\_\_\_\_ couture dresses for a one-of-a-kind look.

*adj.* designed and made specifically to fit an individual's measurements and requirements

43. The \_\_\_\_\_ march was a peaceful protest demanding voting rights for women.

*n.* the right to vote in political elections; the exercise of voting rights or the process of obtaining them

44. The committee has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the president from the post.

*v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

45. Our brand's campaign uses a unique \_\_\_\_\_ to track engagement and reach.

*n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

46. Every five years, the provincial governors are \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

47. The daredevil attempted a dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

*n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

ANSWERS: 41. elaborate, 42. made-to-measure, 43. suffrage, 44. dismiss, 45. hashtag, 46. elected, 47. stunt

48. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
49. The failure destroyed his trust and personal \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
50. The artist held a \_\_\_\_\_ to teach students how to paint with watercolors.
- n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
51. The \_\_\_\_\_ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
- n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
52. She's always been interested in fashion and dreams of becoming a famous \_\_\_\_\_ designer.
- n.* fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person
53. Solar gravity creates \_\_\_\_\_ pressures and temperatures.
- adj.* very great in amount or degree
54. His \_\_\_\_\_ made him stand out from the rest of the crowd.
- n.* the quality of being unconventional, peculiar, or odd in behavior, appearance, or ideas; (of a celestial body) the state of having an unusual or peculiar shape or orbit
55. She wore a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ for the play.
- n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

ANSWERS: 48. dystopias, 49. dignity, 50. workshop, 51. possibility, 52. couture, 53. extreme, 54. eccentricity, 55. costume

56. The company spent months researching and testing different brand \_\_\_\_\_ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
- n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
57. The problem seemed \_\_\_\_\_ initially, but it became a significant issue.
- adj.* of little value or importance
58. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
59. He \_\_\_\_\_ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
60. We elected him to \_\_\_\_\_ us at the international conference.
- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
61. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
62. The hiker put his map and compass in the \_\_\_\_\_ pocket for easy access.
- n.* a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority
63. The \_\_\_\_\_ community is a supportive and welcoming group of people.
- n.* a type of performance art in which participants dress up in costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a book, movie, video game, or other media

ANSWERS: 56. slogans, 57. trivial, 58. relations, 59. celebrated, 60. represent, 61. disrupt, 62. vest, 63. cosplay

64. The school dance required each group of students to have a \_\_\_\_\_ to supervise.
- n.* a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior
65. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
66. The young \_\_\_\_\_ looked stunning in her wedding gown.
- n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
67. The building makes a remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ impact.
- adj.* relating to seeing or sight
68. The trade \_\_\_\_\_ remained adamant about its demands.
- n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
69. I'm prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ challenges throughout this adventure.
- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
70. Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 64. chaperon, 65. empowered, 66. bride, 67. visual, 68. union, 69. encounter, 70. grab

71. He displayed the \_\_\_\_\_ symptoms of depression.

*adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

72. He used a \_\_\_\_\_ to lift the car to change the tire.

*n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

73. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

74. The history books are full of tales of legendary \_\_\_\_\_ who went on epic adventures.

*n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims

75. The jury must \_\_\_\_\_ a decision on this complex case.

*v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

76. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my coworkers to finish the project on time.

*v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target

77. The workers showed \_\_\_\_\_ in their strike for better working conditions.

*n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

78. He was banned from the online forum for being a \_\_\_\_\_ and causing trouble.

*n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

ANSWERS: 71. classic, 72. jack, 73. critics, 74. crusaders, 75. render, 76. harr, 77. solidarity, 78. troll

79. The political situation \_\_\_\_\_ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.  
*v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
80. There are various hypotheses concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.  
*n.* the first existence or beginning of something
81. His arguments are based on \_\_\_\_\_ evidence.  
*adj.* very thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used
82. The sudden departure of the team leader disrupted the project's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
83. The protesters held a \_\_\_\_\_ with their political message.  
*n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
84. She was mesmerized by the \_\_\_\_\_ colors.  
*n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
85. Schools should \_\_\_\_\_ children's mutual interest spirit.  
*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
86. The \_\_\_\_\_ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.  
*adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

ANSWERS: 79. constrained, 80. origin, 81. flimsy, 82. continuity, 83. placard, 84. rainbow's, 85. nurture, 86. brave

87. She had a master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
88. \_\_\_\_\_ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
89. She had to be \_\_\_\_\_ due to her injuries.
- v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
90. Her \_\_\_\_\_ are consistently rational and sensible.
- n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
91. She \_\_\_\_\_ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.
- v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
92. Unfortunately, the book's \_\_\_\_\_ was too small to make notes.
- n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
93. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
94. Rice and beans are a \_\_\_\_\_ food in many cultures.
- adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
95. The painting's \_\_\_\_\_ beauty made it difficult to look away.
- adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

ANSWERS: 87. psychology, 88. Democracy, 89. hospitalized, 90. judgments, 91. rubbed, 92. margin, 93. spirit, 94. staple, 95. arresting

96. 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
97. She wore her favorite pair of \_\_\_\_\_ to the party.  
*n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
98. I made a \_\_\_\_\_ box to store my winter clothes in.  
*n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials
99. His professional experience includes all \_\_\_\_\_ of media production.  
*n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
100. The ancient Egyptians were skilled \_\_\_\_\_ and left behind many beautiful artifacts.  
*n.* a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind
101. My husband was found \_\_\_\_\_ of any crime.  
*adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
102. The \_\_\_\_\_ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.  
*n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
103. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.  
*adj.* without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 96. novel, 97. jeans, 98. cardboard, 99. aspects, 100. potters, 101. innocent, 102. firefighter, 103. silent



104. She was \_\_\_\_\_ unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.  
*adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
105. Later it turned out that the politician \_\_\_\_\_ the fact from the public.  
*v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
106. His \_\_\_\_\_ of literary works are often unique.  
*n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
107. Our company is strongly \_\_\_\_\_ to meeting customers' needs.  
*adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
108. The ice cream truck's sound brought back \_\_\_\_\_ for my childhood.  
*n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
109. Education is \_\_\_\_\_ for every child in most countries.  
*adj.* required or mandatory, often due to legal or institutional regulations or expectations; obligatory
110. It would be \_\_\_\_\_ to dress nicely for the wedding.  
*adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
111. The traffic during rush hour can make even the calmest person go \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* slang for completely crazy or insane
112. She \_\_\_\_\_ to become a successful businesswoman.  
*v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

ANSWERS: 104. decidedly, 105. disguised, 106. interpretations, 107. committed, 108. nostalgia, 109. compulsory, 110. appropriate, 111. bonkers, 112. aspired

113. It took years of therapy before the patient could reveal their \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts and feelings.

*adj.* situated or occurring at the deepest or most central part or point; relating to one's deepest or most private thoughts, feelings, or experiences

114. Efficiency isn't an essential \_\_\_\_\_ here; fairness is.

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

115. 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

116. She is a hard worker but not very \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

117. The police are searching for the \_\_\_\_\_ who stole the jewels.

*n.* a person who has committed a crime

118. They have been living near water since \_\_\_\_\_ times.

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

119. There is a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ in the colors of flowers in the garden.

*n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

120. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.

*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 113. innermost, 114. principle, 115. refer, 116. imaginative, 117. criminal, 118. ancient, 119. variation, 120. predict

121. The issue of the death penalty is highly \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

122. 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

123. The ship's \_\_\_\_\_ worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

*n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

124. I need to buy a new \_\_\_\_\_ for the wedding I'm attending next weekend.

*n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.

125. 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

126. The former emperor had a particular \_\_\_\_\_ even after he abdicated.

*n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

127. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.

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

128. His hometown was where he first acquired the \_\_\_\_\_ of wood carving.

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

ANSWERS: 121. controversial, 122. gender, 123. crew, 124. outfit, 125. pursue, 126. influence, 127. atmosphere, 128. craft

129. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ acting in such an important role.

- v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

130. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

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

131. The more \_\_\_\_\_ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

- adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

132. Mastering \_\_\_\_\_ takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

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

133. She took great \_\_\_\_\_ in her work, always striving for perfection.

- n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

134. The \_\_\_\_\_ session of the Diet opened.

- adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

135. He was a member of \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

136. I choose a \_\_\_\_\_ death rather than a shameful life.

- adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

ANSWERS: 129. fancy, 130. incident, 131. brilliant, 132. grammar, 133. pride, 134. ordinary, 135. parliament, 136. glorious

137. The clockwork mechanism of the antique watch showed incredible \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved; the existence of many interrelated parts or elements
138. The woods \_\_\_\_\_ the house.
- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
139. The traveling \_\_\_\_\_ is coming to our town next week.
- n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment
140. The consumer-electronics \_\_\_\_\_ offered a discount for customers who paid in cash.
- n.* a person or business that sells goods to the public, typically in small quantities
141. The \_\_\_\_\_ sculpture made me feel uneasy.
- adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
142. The juice has a \_\_\_\_\_ taste.
- adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
143. The bride was stunning in her elegant wedding \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a person's clothing, appearance, or style
144. He was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and fear for the threat of war.
- n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
145. He finally decided to \_\_\_\_\_ problems directly.
- v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

ANSWERS: 137. intricacy, 138. embrace, 139. carnival, 140. retailer, 141. grotesque, 142. peculiar, 143. getup, 144. disgust, 145. confront

146. 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

147. Our world is in the third \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

148. GDP stands for gross \_\_\_\_\_ product.

- adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

149. 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

150. The concept of \_\_\_\_\_ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

- n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

151. The birds \_\_\_\_\_ open water areas with reeds around them.

- v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

152. All the books in this section \_\_\_\_\_ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

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

153. Her choices become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ and creative.

- adj.* brave and taking risks

ANSWERS: 146. identity, 147. millennium, 148. domestic, 149. plot, 150. utopia, 151. prefer, 152. belong, 153. daring

154. The new software will \_\_\_\_\_ all the functions of the old one, making it unnecessary.

*v.* to include or encompass within a larger category or concept

155. The \_\_\_\_\_ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

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

156. 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

157. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.

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

158. The troops \_\_\_\_\_ shoulder-to-shoulder.

*v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

159. A famous artist painted the room in a \_\_\_\_\_ pink hue.

*adj.* not readily apparent or visible

160. The young prince will soon \_\_\_\_\_ the throne.

*v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

161. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the war left many children orphaned.

*n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

162. The shuttle \_\_\_\_\_ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

*n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

ANSWERS: 154. subsume, 155. debate, 156. magical, 157. modern, 158. marched, 159. subtle, 160. occupy, 161. atrocity, 162. astronaut

163. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

*n.* a written legal order or command

164. The \_\_\_\_\_ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

*n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

165. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ issues in claiming a patent.

*adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

166. Please write to \_\_\_\_\_ your reservation.

*v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

167. The carpenter applied \_\_\_\_\_ to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.

*n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

168. My team measures the effectiveness of advertising with social media \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person or thing that affects or changes someone's or something's behavior, especially a person with the ability to affect potential buyers of a product or service through recommendations on social media

169. Ghosts in folk \_\_\_\_\_ are almost always malicious.

*n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

170. He earned a \_\_\_\_\_ salary at his job.

*adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

ANSWERS: 163. writ, 164. opposition, 165. contentious, 166. confirm, 167. glue, 168. influencers, 169. tales, 170. decent



171. The secretary's \_\_\_\_\_ was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

*n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

172. The princess wore a \_\_\_\_\_ adorned with precious jewels to the ball.

*n.* a jeweled ornamental crown typically worn by women on formal occasions

173. This is the only \_\_\_\_\_ strategy.

*adj.* capable of being imagined

174. She's a \_\_\_\_\_ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

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

175. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

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

176. Corruption is an \_\_\_\_\_ act for any reason.

*adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

177. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

178. The \_\_\_\_\_ photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

*adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

ANSWERS: 171. shorthand, 172. tiara, 173. imaginable, 174. responsible, 175. opportune, 176. evil, 177. obvious, 178. candid

179. She is very \_\_\_\_\_ to our project.

*adj.* feeling, showing, or expressing kindness or compassion to somebody who is hurt, sad, or in a problematic situation

180. I will introduce you to how to \_\_\_\_\_ the leading causes of the malfunction.

*v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

181. He was accused of being \_\_\_\_\_ and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

*adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

182. Stop being \_\_\_\_\_ and always speak the truth.

*adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

183. She received several \_\_\_\_\_ calls.

*adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source

184. The food chain causes a material \_\_\_\_\_.

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

185. The \_\_\_\_\_ ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

*adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

186. The youngster was \_\_\_\_\_ at by the beast.

*v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

ANSWERS: 179. sympathetic, 180. identify, 181. frivolous, 182. sentimental, 183. anonymous, 184. cycle, 185. feminist, 186. gazed

187. The kindness of strangers is \_\_\_\_\_ rewarding, even when no reward is expected.

*adv.* from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within

188. She is a leading female classical \_\_\_\_\_ dancer

*n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing

189. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the corruption.

*v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

190. In medieval times, death punishment was \_\_\_\_\_ and socially accepted.

*adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people

191. Her \_\_\_\_\_ personality brightened up the room.

*adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism

192. The novel is \_\_\_\_\_ and tragic.

*adj.* funny and making you laugh

193. He played the piano \_\_\_\_\_ at the concert.

*adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

194. The eyewitness took the stand in the \_\_\_\_\_ and gave testimony crucial to the case.

*n.* a room in which a court of law is held

195. The project's success was \_\_\_\_\_ to the team's hard work.

*v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source

ANSWERS: 187. intrinsically, 188. ballet, 189. mask, 190. widespread, 191. cheerful, 192. comic, 193. brilliantly, 194. courtroom, 195. ascribed

196. He quickly learned the military \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

197. He \_\_\_\_\_ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

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

198. He was given \_\_\_\_\_ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

- n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

199. This country has a nationally \_\_\_\_\_ culture.

- adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

200. He used his charm and charisma to \_\_\_\_\_ support for his campaign.

- v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

201. A business plan is a \_\_\_\_\_ for your success.

- n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

202. The suspect \_\_\_\_\_ capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

- v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

203. The army \_\_\_\_\_ marched in perfect unison during the parade.

- n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

ANSWERS: 196. discipline, 197. constructs, 198. recognition, 199. uniform, 200. garner, 201. blueprint, 202. eluded, 203. regiment

204. The plant has a stunning \_\_\_\_\_ blossom.

*adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue

205. The \_\_\_\_\_ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

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

206. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more \_\_\_\_\_.

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

207. He acted in \_\_\_\_\_ of our decision.

*n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

208. He made a desperate effort to \_\_\_\_\_ an airliner.

*v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

209. I regretted making an \_\_\_\_\_ mistake in my final exam.

*adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

210. The invention of \_\_\_\_\_ revolutionized warfare.

*n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive

211. The concept of \_\_\_\_\_ has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.

*n.* a state of society without government or law

ANSWERS: 204. purple, 205. ridicule, 206. creative, 207. defiance, 208. hijack, 209. awful, 210. gunpowder, 211. anarchy

212. The \_\_\_\_\_ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.
- n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
213. Our \_\_\_\_\_ was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.
- n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
214. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.
- v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
215. Dolphins use sound to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
216. 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
217. She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
218. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
219. His father's death changed his whole \_\_\_\_\_ on life.
- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 212. capitol, 213. podcast, 214. depicted, 215. communicate, 216. attract, 217. seam, 218. complexity, 219. perspective

220. Little children tend to have \_\_\_\_\_ friends.

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

221. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly \_\_\_\_\_ and at peace.

*adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

222. The \_\_\_\_\_ pressure to conform is strong in this community.

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

223. The truth was more \_\_\_\_\_ than expected.

*adj.* very strange or unusual

224. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

225. My mother taught me how to \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

226. The \_\_\_\_\_ party was lavish, with guests in elaborate costumes and masks.

*n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show

227. The recent economic downturn has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ layoffs.

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 220. imaginary, 221. calm, 222. societal, 223. bizarre, 224. affair, 225. sew, 226. masquerade, 227. massive

228. 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
229. 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
230. My home is easily \_\_\_\_\_ from the shore.
- adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
231. Thousands of people attended the protest \_\_\_\_\_ against the proposed policy.
- n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
232. The \_\_\_\_\_ leaders gathered for a summit to discuss important issues.
- adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
233. His swear words cast a \_\_\_\_\_ on the party.
- n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
234. The proposed policy has been met with \_\_\_\_\_ reactions from the public.
- adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
235. The magician waved his \_\_\_\_\_ and a rabbit appeared from the hat.
- n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

ANSWERS: 228. tradition, 229. movement, 230. visible, 231. demonstration, 232. tribal, 233. chill, 234. divisive, 235. wand,



236. They awaited news of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the election.

*n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

237. Only a small number of \_\_\_\_\_ utilities offer sanitation services.

*adj.* relating to or located in a town or city

238. The \_\_\_\_\_ thunders echoed across the plain.

*adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening

239. As an \_\_\_\_\_ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

240. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

*adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest

241. The politician's speech was seen as a \_\_\_\_\_ to the opposition party.

*n.* action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired

242. The artwork was criticized for its \_\_\_\_\_ theme that undermined religious beliefs.

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

243. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

ANSWERS: 236. outcome, 237. urban, 238. fierce, 239. individual, 240. counterintuitive, 241. provocation, 242. subversive, 243. decide

244. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

*v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

245. His \_\_\_\_\_ showed highly positive results.

*n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

246. The kids had fun making \_\_\_\_\_ masks for their school play.

*n.* a craft or artistic technique involving the use of paper strips or pulp, typically mixed with glue or paste, to create sculptures, masks, and other objects

247. To assure \_\_\_\_\_ I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.

*n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

248. The wheelchair user needed a \_\_\_\_\_ to access the building's entrance.

*n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods

249. She \_\_\_\_\_ that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

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

250. It takes much \_\_\_\_\_ to start your own business from scratch.

*n.* shrewdness and resourcefulness in solving problems or achieving goals; initiative, drive, and determination to succeed in the face of obstacles or challenges

251. His gaffe spoiled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dinner party.

*n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

ANSWERS: 244. clutched, 245. experiments, 246. papier-mache, 247. accuracy, 248. ramp, 249. asserted, 250. gumption, 251. mood

252. That incident \_\_\_\_\_ a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.
- v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
253. The politician \_\_\_\_\_ the name of the founding fathers in his speech.
- v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
254. The company is set to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product line next month.
- v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
255. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that human activities are the cause of global warming.
- adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
256. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
257. That style is no longer in \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
258. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.
- v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 252. prompted, 253. invoked, 254. launch, 255. unequivocal, 256. strike, 257. fashion, 258. electrify

259. I claim on my \_\_\_\_\_ that it is true.

*n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

260. The politician was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ appearance and charm.

*adj.* physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous

261. He left the party in \_\_\_\_\_ at its radical political stance.

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

262. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the book helped me understand the concept better.

*n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

263. The \_\_\_\_\_ hotel room may be small but it has all the necessary amenities.

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

264. I can't see any \_\_\_\_\_ between these two concepts.

*n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people

265. The house had been turned \_\_\_\_\_ during the party, with furniture and decorations everywhere.

*adj.* in a state of confusion, disorder, or chaos; upside down or in a disorderly fashion

266. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.

*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 259. honor, 260. handsome, 261. protest, 262. illustration, 263. capsule, 264. distinction, 265. topsy-turvy, 266. Communal

267. The \_\_\_\_\_ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
268. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ he'd want to harm us.
- v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
269. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
270. Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size \_\_\_\_\_.
- adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
271. Trends in the fashion industry are so \_\_\_\_\_ that it is challenging to keep up with them.
- adj.* constantly changing or moving
272. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by her success and decided to take on a more significant challenge.
- v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
273. Bureaucracies are more \_\_\_\_\_ than other systems or organizations.
- adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
274. Some comic book characters are considered gay \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

ANSWERS: 267. trump, 268. conceive, 269. fantasy, 270. temporarily, 271. shifting, 272. emboldened, 273. corruptible, 274. icons

275. The government imposed economic \_\_\_\_\_ on the country.

- n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

276. The comedian's stand-up routine was \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* extremely funny

277. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

278. Truth is stranger than \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

279. Canada \_\_\_\_\_ on the United States.

- v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

280. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

281. The actress refused to wear the \_\_\_\_\_ costume, insisting on something more elegant.

- adj.* cheap, gaudy, or tacky in appearance; characterized by a lack of style or quality; showy but tasteless or vulgar

ANSWERS: 275. sanctions, 276. hilarious, 277. develop, 278. fiction, 279. bounds, 280. industrious, 281. tawdry

282. The dictatorship crushes all \_\_\_\_\_ severely.

*n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

283. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and \_\_\_\_\_ it

*adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

284. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.

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

285. The clothing brand decided to \_\_\_\_\_ its image to attract a younger audience.

*v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability

286. The battle had an \_\_\_\_\_ impact on the nation.

*adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

287. Superman is a classic \_\_\_\_\_ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

*n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

288. Later, his claim was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ false.

*adv.* completely

289. Marketing strategies are growing more \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

ANSWERS: 282. dissent, 283. faked, 284. environment, 285. rebrand, 286. infinite, 287. superhero, 288. entirely, 289. sophisticated

290. The Chinese people have accomplished several \_\_\_\_\_ feats.

*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

291. The \_\_\_\_\_ sermon was inspiring and comforting to the attendees.

*n.* a member of the clergy in certain Christian churches, typically Anglican, who is responsible for the religious needs of parishioners in a particular district

292. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary \_\_\_\_\_.

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

293. 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

294. The new smartphone's design \_\_\_\_\_ back to the original model, which was much simpler and compact.

*v.* to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something

ANSWERS: 290. historic, 291. vicar's, 292. warrior, 293. immersed, 294. harks