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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### whisper

*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

*synonym*: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves  
He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

### 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.

### conspiracy

*n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

*synonym*: plot, collaboration, scheme

(1) political **conspiracy**, (2) **conspiracy** theory  
There was a **conspiracy** of silence about illegal police interrogation.

### deception

*n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

*synonym* : fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising

The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

## moral

*adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

*synonym* : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

## ambiguity

*n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

*synonym* : uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

## hamlet

*n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church

*synonym* : village, settlement, community

(1) **hamlet** village, (2) historic **hamlet**

The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small **hamlet**.

## 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.

## titular

*adj.* holding or bearing a particular title or designation, often without having the full authority or functional responsibilities that normally accompany the position; pertaining to or existing in name only

*synonym* : named, nominal, formal

(1) **titular** character, (2) **titular** ruler

Despite being the company's **titular** leader, she had little authority in decision-making.

## haunted

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

*synonym* : spooky, eerie, ghostly

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

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

## immobilize

*v.* to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop

*synonym* : incapacitate, paralyze, disable

(1) **immobilize** the city, (2) **immobilize** our opponent

The paramedics had to **immobilize** the accident victim to prevent further injury during transport to the hospital.

## mere

*adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

*synonym* : bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

## lurk

*v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

*synonym* : hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

## shadow

*n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

*synonym* : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

## brood

- v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth

*synonym* : offspring, hatch, family

(1) **brood** about the defeat, (2) a **brood** of chickens

The terrible result **brooded** over her all day long.

## phantom

- n.* a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception

*synonym* : ghost, spirit, apparition

(1) a **phantom** company, (2) **phantom** limb pain

The police frantically searched for clues to the **phantom** killer.

## claim

- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

*synonym* : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

## victim

- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

*synonym* : prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

## murder

- n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

*synonym* : slaying, killing

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

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

- foul** *adj.* extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad  
*synonym* : nasty, loathsome, illegal  
(1) **foul** day, (2) **foul** language  
It was **foul** of him to betray his friend.
- convince** *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true  
*synonym* : persuade, win over, convert  
(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent  
I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.
- usurp** *v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force  
*synonym* : seize, preempt, annex  
(1) **usurp** power, (2) attempt to **usurp** the throne  
The competitor tried to **usurp** the reigning champion's title.
- throne** *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen  
*synonym* : seat, throne, chair  
(1) abdicate the **throne**, (2) imperial **throne**  
The king sat on his **throne**, surveying his kingdom.
- mourning** *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving  
*synonym* : grieving, sorrow, lamentation  
(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual  
She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.
- rage** *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence  
*synonym* : fury, anger, outrage  
(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**  
She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had

witnessed.

- 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.
- revenge** *n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution  
*synonym*: retaliation, retribution, vengeance  
(1) plot **revenge**, (2) **revenge** killing  
He seeks **revenge** against the person who wronged him.
- conspirator** *n.* a person who is involved in a conspiracy (= a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something), especially to commit a crime or an illegal act  
*synonym*: accomplice, confederate, partner in crime  
(1) unmask a **conspirator**, (2) co- **conspirator**  
The police arrested several **conspirators** involved in the plot to overthrow the government.
- odd** *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two  
*synonym*: strange, bizarre, abnormal  
(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior  
His grandfather was an **odd** man.
- tragedy** *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character  
*synonym*: disaster, adversity, calamity  
(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**  
Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

## abrupt

*adj.* sudden and unexpected

*synonym* : sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner

The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

## brutality

*n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage

*synonym* : cruelty, ferocity, savagery

(1) military **brutality**, (2) **brutality** against civilians

The protesters were outraged by the police **brutality** they witnessed at the demonstration.

## all-consuming

*adj.* taking up all of a person's attention, energy, or resources; having a powerful or overwhelming impact or influence

*synonym* : engrossing, immersive

(1) **all-consuming** flame, (2) **all-consuming** passion

His **all-consuming** love for her made him forget about everything else in his life.

## romantic

*adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

*synonym* : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

## genre

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

*synonym* : type, category, style

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

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

## plumb

*v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully

*synonym* : fathom, dip, sound

(1) **plumb** the depths, (2) **plumb** a pipe

The contractor had to **plumb** the new building before erecting the walls.

## depth

*n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

*synonym*: deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

## protagonist

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

*synonym*: hero, central figure, leading character

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

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

## decisive

*adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue

*synonym*: final, conclusive, unambiguous

(1) a **decisive** ballot, (2) **decisive** action

The **decisive** victory in the war ended years of conflict.

## tragic

*adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

*synonym*: calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

## consequence

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

*synonym*: result, impact, outcome

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

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



## thereof

*adv.* of or about the thing mentioned

*synonym* : of that, from that, regarding that

(1) ability or absence **thereof**, (2) in the settlement **thereof**  
Sufficient unto the day is the evil **thereof**.

## revelation

*n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

*synonym* : disclosure, telling, annunciation

(1) a divine **revelation**, (2) the **revelation** of a secret  
The shocking **revelation** embarrassed the administration.

## complicated

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

*synonym* : complex, convoluted, intricate

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

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

## tangle

*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

*synonym* : knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

## negotiate

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

*synonym* : discuss, mediate, bargain

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

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

## counselor

*n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems

*synonym* : advisor, consultant, therapist

(1) **counselor** office, (2) admissions **counselor**

She is a school **counselor** dedicated to helping students navigate academic and personal challenges.

## possess

*v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

*synonym*: keep, maintain, own

(1) **possess** a basic knowledge, (2) **possess** divine powers  
He **possesses** a good sense of humor.

## ulterior

*adj.* existing beyond what is obvious or apparent; intentionally concealed or kept hidden; lying beneath the surface

*synonym*: hidden, undisclosed, secret

(1) **ulterior** meaning, (2) **ulterior** plan

The politician had **ulterior** motives for supporting the bill, which was later uncovered by the media.

## motif

*n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

*synonym*: theme, pattern, design

(1) animal **motif**, (2) the **motif** of a music piece

The repeating floral **motif** in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.

## constantly

*adv.* all the time

*synonym*: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

## delay

*v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

*synonym*: block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project

We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

## dither

v. to be indecisive or unsure about something; to tremble or shake with nervousness or excitement

*synonym*: hesitate, waver, vacillate

(1) **dither** over a decision, (2) **dither** in negotiations

I couldn't decide what to wear to the party, so I **dithered** over my outfit for hours.

## relate

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

*synonym*: connect, link, associate

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

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

## exasperate

v. to irritate or annoy someone intensely; to provoke or aggravate someone to the point of exasperation, frustration, or fury

*synonym*: irritate, annoy, provoke

(1) **exasperate** him to anger, (2) **exasperate** a situation

Her constant complaining about the weather started to **exasperate** everyone around her.

## consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

*synonym*: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

## 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.

## machination

*n.* a crafty or cunning scheme or plot, often designed to cause harm or mischief

*synonym*: plotting, scheming, conniving

(1) political **machination**, (2) intricate **machination**

An investigative journalist exposed the **machinations** of the corrupt politician.

## endless

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

*synonym*: infinite, ceaseless, boundless

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

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

## echo

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

*synonym*: reverberate, repeat, reflection

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

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

## accomplish

*v.* to finish or achieve something successfully

*synonym*: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

## employ

*v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

*synonym*: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

## introspective

*adj.* characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection

*synonym*: thoughtful, reflective, contemplative

(1) **introspective** thoughts, (2) **introspective** personality

His poetry was deeply **introspective**, exploring themes of identity, loss, and the human condition.

## blazing

*adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

*synonym* : burning, fiery, scorching

(1) **blazing** fury, (2) **blazing** fire

The **blazing** sun beat down on the desert.

## contemplate

*v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

*synonym* : think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

## heaven

*n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

*synonym* : paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

## hell

*n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

*synonym* : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

## cackle

*v.* to laugh in a harsh, loud, and often unpleasant way, especially as a sign of amusement or derision; (noun) a loud, shrill, and often unpleasant laughter that is usually associated with witches, hyenas, or other such stereotypical characters

*synonym* : chuckle, giggle, snicker

(1) **cackle** loudly, (2) witch **cackle**

The older woman **cackled** with delight as she told us her stories of days gone by.

## meditation

*n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

*synonym*: contemplation, reflection, introspection

(1) **meditation** training, (2) religious **meditation**

The **meditation** instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

## mortality

*n.* the quality or state of being subject to death

*synonym*: fatality

(1) **mortality** due to cancer, (2) lower infant **mortality**

This disease has a high **mortality**.

## melancholy

*n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation

*synonym*: sadness, sorrow, gloom

(1) feel **melancholy**, (2) nostalgic **melancholy**

His **melancholy** mood was apparent to everyone who knew him.

## monologue

*n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

*synonym*: soliloquy, speech, address

(1) inner **monologue**, (2) deliver a **monologue**

The actor's **monologue** was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

## brehtaking

*adj.* extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming

*synonym*: stunning, awe-inspiring, magnificent

(1) **brehtaking** view, (2) **brehtaking** performance

The sunset over the ocean was truly **brehtaking**.

## exemplify

*v.* to serve as a typical example of something

*synonym*: illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution

The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

## declaration

*n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement

*synonym*: statement, announcement, proclamation

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

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

## angst

*n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

*synonym*: anxiety, worry, stress

(1) an endless stream of **angst**, (2) with no **angst**

He felt a sense of **angst** about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.

## noble

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

*synonym*: dignified, aristocratic, benevolent

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

He is a **noble-minded** man

## suffer

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

*synonym*: endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

## sling

*v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

*synonym*: throw, hang, (noun) harness

(1) **sling** an arrow, (2) **sling** shot

The children were playing by **slinging** stones at the monument.

## arrow

*n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

*synonym*: shaft, dart, projectile

(1) **arrow** pointing, (2) **arrow** diagram

The archer aimed his **arrow** carefully at the target.

## fortune

*n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

*synonym*: wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

## opposing

*adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other

*synonym*: disagreeing, dissenting, conflicting

(1) **opposing** counsel, (2) in an **opposing** direction

We have no intention of **opposing** his idea.

## dilemma

*n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

*synonym*: difficulty, plight, predicament

(1) chicken-and-egg **dilemma**, (2) be in a **dilemma**

The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common **dilemma**.

## anxiety

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

*synonym*: concern, dread, agita

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



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

## mad

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

*synonym* : crazy, insane, furious

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

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

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym* : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## brink

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

*synonym* : edge, verge, threshold

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

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

## insanity

*n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness

*synonym* : madness, psychosis, lunacy

(1) sheer **insanity**, (2) alcoholic **insanity**

His behavior became increasingly erratic, leading many to believe he was experiencing a bout of **insanity**.

## weigh

*v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

*synonym* : consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

## interaction

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

*synonym* : dealings, exchange, relations

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

(2) **interaction** among human beings

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

## inward

*adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

*synonym* : internal, introspective, interior

(1) **inward** peace, (2) **inward** cargo

The **inward** motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

## destruction

*n.* the act of causing so much damage to something

*synonym* : devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

## cruel

*adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

*synonym* : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

## doom

*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

*synonym* : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

## erratic

*adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

*synonym* : unpredictable, irregular, unstable

(1) **erratic** behavior, (2) **erratic** movements

The stock market has been behaving in an **erratic** manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.

## ripple

*n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

*synonym* : wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

## **toxic**

*adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

*synonym* : poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

## **warn**

*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

*synonym* : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

## **overlook**

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym* : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## **oversight**

*n.* the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something

*synonym* : supervision, monitoring, failure

(1) environmental **oversight**, (2) **oversight** committee

Due to careless **oversight**, the product was not inspected before it was shipped to the customers.

## **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.

## alarming

*adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

*synonym*: forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

## lovesick

*adj.* feeling sad, lonely, or depressed because one is not in a romantic relationship or because one's significant other is not with them

*synonym*: heartbroken, infatuated

(1) **lovesick** poet, (2) a **lovesick** maiden

She was **lovesick** and couldn't stop thinking about him.

## stem

*n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

*synonym*: branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

## deliberate

*adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

*synonym*: intentional, planned, careful

(1) the **deliberate** act of provocation, (2) **deliberate** attempt

Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was **deliberate** about invasion.

## 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.

## bloodshed

*n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

*synonym*: carnage, violence, killing

(1) bloody **bloodshed**, (2) massive **bloodshed**

The negotiations failed, leading to threats of **bloodshed** between the two countries.

## uncomfortable

*adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

*synonym*: comfortless, discomforting, painful

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

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

## evolve

*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

*synonym*: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

## 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.

## doubt

*n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

*synonym*: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

**Doubt** is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

## grapple

*v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

*synonym* : brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

## avenge

*v.* to get revenge or seek retribution for a perceived wrong or injury, often in the form of punishment, retaliation, or vindication

*synonym* : retaliate, revenge, requite

(1) **avenge** a friend, (2) **avenge** an injustice

He sought to **avenge** his brother's death by seeking justice through the legal system.

## chaos

*n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

*synonym* : disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

## observe

*v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

*synonym* : watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a tr\_\_\_\_y during work  
*n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
2. su\_\_\_\_r bad grades  
*v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
3. attempt to us\_\_p the throne  
*v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force
4. do aw\_\_l damage  
*adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
5. religious med\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
6. mo\_\_\_\_ng ritual  
*n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
7. w\_\_n a reckless driver  
*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
8. abdicate the th\_\_\_\_e  
*n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen

ANSWERS: 1. tragedy, 2. suffer, 3. usurp, 4. awful, 5. meditation, 6. mourning, 7. warn, 8. throne

9. the con\_\_\_\_\_ce of an argument      *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
10. exa\_\_\_\_\_te him to anger      *v.* to irritate or annoy someone intensely; to provoke or aggravate someone to the point of exasperation, frustration, or fury
11. en\_\_\_\_\_s possibilities      *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
12. we\_\_h a cargo      *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
13. path of des\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
14. political mac\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a crafty or cunning scheme or plot, often designed to cause harm or mischief
15. in a ta\_\_\_e      *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
16. be in a di\_\_\_\_\_a      *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
17. on the br\_\_k      *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
18. ri\_\_\_e in the water      *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
19. pl\_\_b a pipe      *v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully

ANSWERS: 9. consequence, 10. exasperate, 11. endless, 12. weigh, 13. destruction, 14. machination, 15. tangle, 16. dilemma, 17. brink, 18. ripple, 19. plumb





29. an unc\_\_\_\_\_ble silence      *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
30. nostalgic mel\_\_\_\_\_ly      *n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation
31. ob\_\_\_\_\_e a tradition      *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
32. lo\_\_\_\_\_ck poet      *adj.* feeling sad, lonely, or depressed because one is not in a romantic relationship or because one's significant other is not with them
33. br\_\_\_\_\_ty against civilians      *n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage
34. with an unc\_\_\_\_\_ble face      *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
35. military br\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage
36. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with problem      *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
37. l\_\_k in the darkness      *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
38. mo\_\_l hazard      *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
39. chicken-and-egg di\_\_\_\_\_a      *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

ANSWERS: 29. uncomfortable, 30. melancholy, 31. observe, 32. lovesick, 33. brutality, 34. uncomfortable, 35. brutality, 36. grapple, 37. lurk, 38. moral, 39. dilemma

40. uncontrollable r\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
41. ro\_\_\_\_ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
42. er\_\_\_\_c movements *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
43. f\_\_l day *adj.* extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
44. co\_\_\_\_e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
45. ti\_\_\_\_r character *adj.* holding or bearing a particular title or designation, often without having the full authority or functional responsibilities that normally accompany the position; pertaining to or existing in name only
46. the mo\_\_f of a music piece *n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
47. co\_\_\_\_e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
48. ov\_\_\_\_ht committee *n.* the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something
49. re\_\_\_\_e killing *n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
50. in\_\_\_\_d cargo *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

ANSWERS: 40. rage, 41. romantic, 42. erratic, 43. foul, 44. consume, 45. titular, 46. motif, 47. consume, 48. oversight, 49. revenge, 50. inward

51. a m\_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
52. ta\_\_\_e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
53. political con\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
54. a br\_\_d of chickens *v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
55. the del\_\_\_\_\_te act of provocation *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
56. con\_\_\_\_\_te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
57. mo\_\_\_\_\_ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
58. midst of ch\_\_s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
59. plot re\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
60. the e\_\_o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
61. a con\_\_\_\_\_ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time

ANSWERS: 51. mad, 52. tangle, 53. conspiracy, 54. brood, 55. deliberate, 56. contemplate, 57. mourning, 58. chaos, 59. revenge, 60. echo, 61. constantly

62. a divine rev\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
63. re\_\_\_e a story      *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
64. with no an\_\_t      *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
65. admissions co\_\_\_\_\_or      *n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
66. ro\_\_\_\_\_ic breakup      *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
67. imperial th\_\_\_e      *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
68. prophet of d\_\_m      *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
69. we\_\_h heavily on stock prices      *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
70. a lo\_\_\_\_\_ck maiden      *adj.* feeling sad, lonely, or depressed because one is not in a romantic relationship or because one's significant other is not with them

ANSWERS: 62. revelation, 63. relate, 64. angst, 65. counselor, 66. romantic, 67. throne, 68. doom, 69. weigh, 70. lovesick

71. a com\_\_\_\_\_ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
72. cr\_\_l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
73. cyclonic des\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
74. feel mel\_\_\_\_\_ly *n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation
75. co-con\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who is involved in a conspiracy (= a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something), especially to commit a crime or an illegal act
76. lower infant mo\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
77. di\_\_\_r over a decision *v.* to be indecisive or unsure about something; to tremble or shake with nervousness or excitement
78. ch\_\_s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
79. o\_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
80. su\_\_\_r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
81. av\_\_\_e an injustice *v.* to get revenge or seek retribution for a perceived wrong or injury, often in the form of punishment, retaliation, or vindication

ANSWERS: 71. complicated, 72. cruel, 73. destruction, 74. melancholy, 75. conspirator, 76. mortality, 77. dither, 78. chaos, 79. odd, 80. suffer, 81. avenge

82. int\_\_\_\_\_ive thoughts *adj.* characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection
83. de\_\_y the new project *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
84. tr\_\_\_c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
85. ha\_\_\_\_d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
86. int\_\_\_\_\_ive personality *adj.* characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection
87. con\_\_\_\_\_cy theory *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
88. in an op\_\_\_\_\_ng direction *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
89. a con\_\_\_\_\_ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
90. ph\_\_\_\_\_m limb pain *n.* a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception
91. unilateral dec\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement
92. bl\_\_\_\_\_g fury *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

ANSWERS: 82. introspective, 83. delay, 84. tragic, 85. haunted, 86. introspective, 87. conspiracy, 88. opposing, 89. constantly, 90. phantom, 91. declaration, 92. blazing

93. ar\_\_w diagram *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
94. mu\_\_\_r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
95. er\_\_\_\_\_c behavior *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
96. ti\_\_\_\_\_r ruler *adj.* holding or bearing a particular title or designation, often without having the full authority or functional responsibilities that normally accompany the position; pertaining to or existing in name only
97. br\_\_d about the defeat *v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
98. no\_\_e gas *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
99. ul\_\_\_\_\_or meaning *adj.* existing beyond what is obvious or apparent; intentionally concealed or kept hidden; lying beneath the surface
100. t\_\_e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
101. a cr\_\_l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

ANSWERS: 93. arrow, 94. murder, 95. erratic, 96. titular, 97. brood, 98. noble, 99. ulterior, 100. tale, 101. cruel



102. a fairy t\_\_e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
103. tr\_\_\_c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
104. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
105. del\_\_\_\_\_te attempt *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
106. ha\_\_\_\_\_d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
107. become increasingly com\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
108. ex\_\_\_\_\_fy the solution *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
109. ill fo\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
110. po\_\_\_\_\_s a basic knowledge *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
111. acc\_\_\_\_\_sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
112. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
113. di\_\_\_\_r in negotiations *v.* to be indecisive or unsure about something; to tremble or shake with nervousness or excitement

ANSWERS: 102. tale, 103. tragic, 104. overlook, 105. deliberate, 106. haunted, 107. complicated, 108. exemplify, 109. fortune, 110. possess, 111. accomplish, 112. confuse, 113. dither

114. intricate mac\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a crafty or cunning scheme or plot, often designed to cause harm or mischief
115. br\_\_k of war *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
116. bre\_\_\_\_\_ing performance *adj.* extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming
117. gets m\_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
118. ob\_\_\_\_\_e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
119. in an o\_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
120. free from am\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
121. diagnosis of an\_\_\_\_\_y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
122. 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
123. 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

ANSWERS: 114. machination, 115. brink, 116. breathtaking, 117. mad, 118. observe, 119. odd, 120. ambiguity, 121. anxiety, 122. plot, 123. identity

124. ca\_\_\_e loudly      *v.* to laugh in a harsh, loud, and often unpleasant way, especially as a sign of amusement or derision; (noun) a loud, shrill, and often unpleasant laughter that is usually associated with witches, hyenas, or other such stereotypical characters
125. bl\_\_\_\_g fire      *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
126. no do\_\_t about the news      *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
127. animal mo\_\_f      *n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
128. ne\_\_\_\_te the price of the house      *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
129. sl\_\_g an arrow      *v.* to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely; (noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something
130. s\_\_m from a belief      *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
131. m\_\_e incident      *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
132. massive bl\_\_\_\_ed      *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

ANSWERS: 124. cackle, 125. blazing, 126. doubt, 127. motif, 128. negotiate, 129. sling, 130. stem, 131. mere, 132. bloodshed

133. a ri\_\_\_e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
134. 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
135. al\_\_\_\_\_ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
136. 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
137. unmask a con\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who is involved in a conspiracy (= a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something), especially to commit a crime or an illegal act
138. unintended con\_\_\_\_\_ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
139. all\_\_\_\_\_ing flame *adj.* taking up all of a person's attention, energy, or resources; having a powerful or overwhelming impact or influence
140. pl\_\_b the depths *v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully

ANSWERS: 133. ripple, 134. identity, 135. alarming, 136. dismiss, 137. conspirator, 138. consequence, 139. all-consuming, 140. plumb

141. em\_\_\_y a new method      *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
142. the rev\_\_\_\_\_on of a secret      *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
143. exa\_\_\_\_\_te a situation      *v.* to irritate or annoy someone intensely; to provoke or aggravate someone to the point of exasperation, frustration, or fury
144. de\_\_\_\_\_ve action      *adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
145. exposure to to\_\_c chemicals      *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
146. pro\_\_\_\_\_st of drama      *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
147. ge\_\_e of music      *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
148. ev\_\_\_e over the past decade      *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
149. run like h\_\_l      *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
150. avoid am\_\_\_\_\_ty in writing      *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

ANSWERS: 141. employ, 142. revelation, 143. exasperate, 144. decisive, 145. toxic, 146. protagonist, 147. genre, 148. evolve, 149. hell, 150. ambiguity

151. po\_\_\_\_s divine powers      *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
152. m\_\_e acquaintance      *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
153. op\_\_\_\_ng counsel      *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
154. inner mo\_\_\_\_\_ue      *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
155. ha\_\_\_\_t village      *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
156. ar\_\_w pointing      *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
157. sound e\_\_o      *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
158. em\_\_\_\_y job seekers      *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
159. de\_\_\_\_t a scene      *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
160. l\_\_ked behind the words      *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
161. an\_\_\_\_y for knowledge      *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
162. ov\_\_\_\_ok that fact      *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 151. possess, 152. mere, 153. opposing, 154. monologue, 155. hamlet, 156. arrow, 157. echo, 158. employ, 159. depict, 160. lurk, 161. anxiety, 162. overlook

163. sheer in\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness
164. av\_\_\_e a friend *v.* to get revenge or seek retribution for a perceived wrong or injury, often in the form of punishment, retaliation, or vindication
165. attempted mu\_\_\_r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
166. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
167. vi\_\_\_m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
168. co\_\_\_\_\_ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
169. 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
170. ability or absence th\_\_\_\_\_f *adv.* of or about the thing mentioned
171. de\_\_\_\_\_on tactics *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
172. vi\_\_\_m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 163. insanity, 164. avenge, 165. murder, 166. confuse, 167. victim, 168. convince, 169. plot, 170. thereof, 171. deception, 172. victim

173. de\_\_y a flight three hours      *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
174. witch ca\_\_\_e      *v.* to laugh in a harsh, loud, and often unpleasant way, especially as a sign of amusement or derision; (noun) a loud, shrill, and often unpleasant laughter that is usually associated with witches, hyenas, or other such stereotypical characters
175. all\_\_\_\_\_ing passion      *adj.* taking up all of a person's attention, energy, or resources; having a powerful or overwhelming impact or influence
176. sh\_\_\_w puppetry      *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
177. mo\_\_l burden      *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
178. historic ha\_\_\_t      *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
179. 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
180. a literary ge\_\_e      *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

ANSWERS: 173. delay, 174. cackle, 175. all-consuming, 176. shadow, 177. moral, 178. hamlet, 179. dismiss, 180. genre



181. co\_\_\_\_\_ce her to go with us      *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
182. gr\_\_\_\_\_e with each other      *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
183. a no\_\_e family      *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
184. ne\_\_\_\_\_te a settlement      *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
185. ev\_\_\_e      *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
186. a de\_\_\_\_\_ve ballot      *adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
187. ul\_\_\_\_\_or plan      *adj.* existing beyond what is obvious or apparent; intentionally concealed or kept hidden; lying beneath the surface
188. de\_\_\_\_\_on in advertising      *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
189. bit of good fo\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
190. bre\_\_\_\_\_ing view      *adj.* extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming
191. 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

ANSWERS: 181. convince, 182. grapple, 183. noble, 184. negotiate, 185. evolve, 186. decisive, 187. ulterior, 188. deception, 189. fortune, 190. breathtaking, 191. decide

192. the wh\_\_\_\_\_r of the leaves      *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
193. play a pro\_\_\_\_\_st      *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
194. imm\_\_\_\_\_ze our opponent      *v.* to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop
195. dec\_\_\_\_\_on of independence      *n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement
196. an aw\_\_l error      *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
197. ascend to he\_\_\_\_n      *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
198. ex\_\_\_\_\_fy the importance      *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
199. in the settlement th\_\_\_\_\_f      *adv.* of or about the thing mentioned
200. economic d\_\_m      *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
201. re\_\_\_\_e a message      *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
202. a ph\_\_\_\_\_m company      *n.* a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception

ANSWERS: 192. whisper, 193. protagonist, 194. immobilize, 195. declaration, 196. awful, 197. heaven, 198. exemplify, 199. thereof, 200. doom, 201. relate, 202. phantom

203. an endless stream of an\_\_t      *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
204. answer in a wh\_\_\_\_r      *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
205. the s\_\_m of a matchstick      *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
206. deliver a mo\_\_\_\_ue      *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
207. alcoholic in\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness
208. acc\_\_\_\_sh a goal      *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
209. w\_\_ned me of the plan      *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
210. mo\_\_\_\_ty due to cancer      *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
211. en\_\_\_\_s hours      *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
212. h\_\_l broke loose      *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 203. angst, 204. whisper, 205. stem, 206. monologue, 207. insanity, 208. accomplish, 209. warn, 210. mortality, 211. endless, 212. hell

213. the aftermath of this tr\_\_\_\_y      *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
214. in\_\_\_\_d peace      *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
215. de\_\_\_\_e a question      *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
216. environmental ov\_\_\_\_ht      *n.* the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something
217. fall into a r\_\_e      *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
218. false cl\_\_m      *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
219. he\_\_\_\_n on earth      *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
220. speak in an ab\_\_\_\_t manner      *adj.* sudden and unexpected
221. dispel do\_\_ts      *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

ANSWERS: 213. tragedy, 214. inward, 215. decide, 216. oversight, 217. rage, 218. claim, 219. heaven, 220. abrupt, 221. doubt

222. the int\_\_\_\_\_on between man and his environment      *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
223. de\_\_h camera      *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
224. the de\_\_h of the water      *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
225. con\_\_\_\_\_ted leaving school      *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
226. de\_\_\_t a feeling of isolation      *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
227. med\_\_\_\_\_on training      *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
228. co\_\_\_\_\_or office      *n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
229. al\_\_\_\_\_ng news      *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
230. bloody bl\_\_\_\_\_ed      *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

ANSWERS: 222. interaction, 223. depth, 224. depth, 225. contemplate, 226. depict, 227. meditation, 228. counselor, 229. alarming, 230. bloodshed

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The politician had \_\_\_\_\_ motives for supporting the bill, which was later uncovered by the media.  
*adj.* existing beyond what is obvious or apparent; intentionally concealed or kept hidden; lying beneath the surface
2. He needed to \_\_\_\_\_ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.  
*v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
3. He seeks \_\_\_\_\_ against the person who wronged him.  
*n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
4. It was \_\_\_\_\_ of him to betray his friend.  
*adj.* extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
5. He looked out the window at the \_\_\_\_\_ stream of people.  
*adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
6. I couldn't decide what to wear to the party, so I \_\_\_\_\_ over my outfit for hours.  
*v.* to be indecisive or unsure about something; to tremble or shake with nervousness or excitement
7. I attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ him, but he ignored me.  
*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 1. ulterior, 2. grapple, 3. revenge, 4. foul, 5. endless, 6. dithered, 7. warn

8. Despite being the company's \_\_\_\_\_ leader, she had little authority in decision-making.  
*adj.* holding or bearing a particular title or designation, often without having the full authority or functional responsibilities that normally accompany the position; pertaining to or existing in name only
9. Her constant complaining about the weather started to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone around her.  
*v.* to irritate or annoy someone intensely; to provoke or aggravate someone to the point of exasperation, frustration, or fury
10. Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was \_\_\_\_\_ about invasion.  
*adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
11. These economic activities had disastrous environmental \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
12. The stock market has been behaving in an \_\_\_\_\_ manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.  
*adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
13. She wore black clothing as a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ for her grandmother.  
*n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
14. The pond's \_\_\_\_\_ was around five feet.  
*n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

ANSWERS: 8. titular, 9. exasperate, 10. deliberate, 11. consequences, 12. erratic, 13. mourning, 14. depth

15. 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
16. The old mansion was known to be \_\_\_\_\_ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
- adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
17. A smaller car will \_\_\_\_\_ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
18. He did \_\_\_\_\_ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
- adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
19. His \_\_\_\_\_ love for her made him forget about everything else in his life.
- adj.* taking up all of a person's attention, energy, or resources; having a powerful or overwhelming impact or influence
20. The politician was accused of \_\_\_\_\_ for making false promises during his campaign.
- n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
21. A thunderous boom \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the valley.
- n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

ANSWERS: 15. plot, 16. haunted, 17. consume, 18. complicated, 19. all-consuming, 20. deception, 21. echoed



22. The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
23. I regretted making an \_\_\_\_\_ mistake in my final exam.
- adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
24. She was \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't stop thinking about him.
- adj.* feeling sad, lonely, or depressed because one is not in a romantic relationship or because one's significant other is not with them
25. She is a school \_\_\_\_\_ dedicated to helping students navigate academic and personal challenges.
- n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
26. The example of a successful startup serves to \_\_\_\_\_ the potential of the industry.
- v.* to serve as a typical example of something
27. Humankind took centuries to \_\_\_\_\_ true democracy.
- v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
28. The shocking \_\_\_\_\_ embarrassed the administration.
- n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
29. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ of silence about illegal police interrogation.
- n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

ANSWERS: 22. alarming, 23. awful, 24. lovesick, 25. counselor, 26. exemplify, 27. accomplish, 28. revelation, 29. conspiracy

30. The children were playing by \_\_\_\_\_ stones at the monument.

- v. to throw or drop something somewhere carelessly; to hang loosely or freely;  
(noun) a length of rope, fabric, or chain used to support or lift something

31. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of the abandoned property.

- v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own;  
to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right  
or something that one believes to be true

32. It was his first \_\_\_\_\_ love.

- adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

33. The older woman \_\_\_\_\_ with delight as she told us her stories of days gone by.

- v. to laugh in a harsh, loud, and often unpleasant way, especially as a sign of  
amusement or derision; (noun) a loud, shrill, and often unpleasant laughter that  
is usually associated with witches, hyenas, or other such stereotypical  
characters

34. The police frantically searched for clues to the \_\_\_\_\_ killer.

- n. a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination  
or perception

35. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.

- v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

36. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ 1 pound 3 oz.

- v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a  
conclusion

ANSWERS: 30. slinging, 31. claim, 32. romantic, 33. cackled, 34. phantom, 35.  
confused, 36. weighs

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ victory in the war ended years of conflict.

*adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue

38. The conference room was in \_\_\_\_\_ as everyone tried to speak at once.

*n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

39. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

*n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

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

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

*n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

42. He was \_\_\_ with joy to see the results.

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

43. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

44. The dictator was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ and oppressive regime.

*adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

ANSWERS: 37. decisive, 38. chaos, 39. victim, 40. interaction, 41. meditation, 42. mad, 43. overlook, 44. cruel

45. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

46. I am considering what I should do to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

*v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

47. His behavior became increasingly erratic, leading many to believe he was experiencing a bout of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness

48. The sudden, \_\_\_\_\_ change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

*adj.* sudden and unexpected

49. Ghosts in folk \_\_\_\_\_ are almost always malicious.

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

50. I recently \_\_\_\_\_ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

*v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

51. The protesters were outraged by the police \_\_\_\_\_ they witnessed at the demonstration.

*n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage

52. A rose has thorns on its \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

ANSWERS: 45. toxic, 46. convince, 47. insanity, 48. abrupt, 49. tales, 50. contemplated, 51. brutality, 52. stem

53. He felt like \_\_\_\_\_ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

54. His grandfather was an \_\_\_\_ man.

- adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

55. The archer aimed his \_\_\_\_\_ carefully at the target.

- n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

56. He is a \_\_\_\_\_ man

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

57. The contractor had to \_\_\_\_\_ the new building before erecting the walls.

- v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully

58. 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

59. Eyeless fish \_\_\_\_\_ in dark caves.

- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

60. The tree cast a \_\_\_\_\_ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

- n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 53. heaven, 54. odd, 55. arrow, 56. noble-minded, 57. plumb, 58. decide,

59. evolved, 60. shadow

61. The sunset over the ocean was truly \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming

62. 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

63. The \_\_\_\_\_ events of the war left many families torn apart.

*adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

64. He felt a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.

*n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

65. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.

*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

66. The \_\_\_\_\_ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

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

67. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

*v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

68. The \_\_\_\_\_ sun beat down on the desert.

*adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

ANSWERS: 61. breathtaking, 62. dismiss, 63. tragic, 64. angst, 65. depicted, 66. protagonist's, 67. observe, 68. blazing

69. The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
70. We have no intention of \_\_\_\_\_ his idea.
- adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
71. This intriguing \_\_\_\_\_ mystery remains unsolved.
- n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
72. The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.
- n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
73. The mobile application industry is \_\_\_\_\_ changing.
- adv.* all the time
74. She waited for her daughter with \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
75. The king sat on his \_\_\_\_\_ surveying his kingdom.
- n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
76. \_\_\_\_\_ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

ANSWERS: 69. hamlet, 70. opposing, 71. murder, 72. monologue, 73. constantly, 74. anxiety, 75. throne, 76. Doubt



77. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents \_\_\_\_\_ at every corner.

- v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

78. His abusive words made me \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

79. Due to careless \_\_\_\_\_ the product was not inspected before it was shipped to the customers.

- n.* the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something

80. We \_\_\_\_\_ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

- v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

81. He \_\_\_\_\_ a good sense of humor.

- v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

82. The cords behind my computer were a \_\_\_\_\_ mess.

- n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

83. He sought to \_\_\_\_\_ his brother's death by seeking justice through the legal system.

- v.* to get revenge or seek retribution for a perceived wrong or injury, often in the form of punishment, retaliation, or vindication

84. We were on the \_\_\_\_\_ of a financial crisis.

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

ANSWERS: 77. lurks, 78. uncomfortable, 79. oversight, 80. delayed, 81. possesses, 82. tangled, 83. avenge, 84. brink

85. The repeating floral \_\_\_\_\_ in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.
- n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
86. He is known for creating \_\_\_\_\_ paintings.
- n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
87. She was filled with a burning \_\_\_\_\_ at the injustice she had witnessed.
- n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
88. The battlefield became \_\_\_\_\_ on earth.
- n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
89. The President made the \_\_\_\_\_ of war.
- n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement
90. His poetry was deeply \_\_\_\_\_ exploring themes of identity, loss, and the human condition.
- adj.* characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection
91. The negotiations failed, leading to threats of \_\_\_\_\_ between the two countries.
- n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

ANSWERS: 85. motif, 86. genre-busting, 87. rage, 88. hell, 89. declaration, 90. introspective, 91. bloodshed

92. Ethics deals with \_\_\_\_\_ conduct.

*adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

93. 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

94. We are always happy to \_\_\_\_\_ a discount.

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

95. He took me aside and \_\_\_\_\_ in my ear.

*v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

96. The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

97. An investigative journalist exposed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the corrupt politician.

*n.* a crafty or cunning scheme or plot, often designed to cause harm or mischief

98. His \_\_\_\_\_ mood was apparent to everyone who knew him.

*n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation

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

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

ANSWERS: 92. moral, 93. identity, 94. negotiate, 95. whispered, 96. dilemma, 97. machinations, 98. melancholy, 99. conspirators

100. Many businesses felt the \_\_\_\_\_ effect of the economy's decline.  
*n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
101. The \_\_\_\_\_ motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.  
*adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
102. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
103. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.  
*n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
104. The older man \_\_\_\_\_ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.  
*v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
105. The paramedics had to \_\_\_\_\_ the accident victim to prevent further injury during transport to the hospital.  
*v.* to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop
106. Sufficient unto the day is the evil \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* of or about the thing mentioned
107. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.  
*v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 100. ripple, 101. inward, 102. destruction, 103. ambiguity, 104. suffers, 105. immobilize, 106. thereof, 107. relate

108. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
109. Everyone was aware of the impending \_\_\_\_\_ but was unable to prevent it.
- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
110. The terrible result \_\_\_\_\_ over her all day long.
- v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
111. This disease has a high \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
112. When making arrests, police officers frequently \_\_\_\_\_ excessive force.
- v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
113. Macbeth is a famous \_\_\_\_\_ by Shakespeare.
- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
114. The competitor tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the reigning champion's title.
- v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force
115. He lost the election by \_\_\_\_\_ votes.
- adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

ANSWERS: 108. fortune, 109. doom, 110. brooded, 111. mortality, 112. employ, 113. tragedy, 114. usurp, 115. mere

ANSWERS: