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Session 1: Word List

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

innkeeper

n. a person who runs or owns an inn, a place for travelers to stay overnight

synonym: host, landlord, proprietor

(1) a woman **innkeeper**, (2) his role as **innkeeper**

The kind **innkeeper** greeted the travelers warmly and showed them to their rooms.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

witchcraft

n. the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to

describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices

synonym : sorcery, magic, wizardry

(1) **witchcraft** belief, (2) the power of **witchcraft**

Many people were accused of **witchcraft** during the Salem Witch Trials in the late 1600s.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym : capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym : refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

witch

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

synonym : sorceress, enchantress, healer

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

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

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym : torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

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.

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.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

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.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

colony

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

synonym : settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

sporadically

adv. in an irregular manner; occasionally; now and then

synonym : irregularly, occasionally, intermittently

(1) occur **sporadically**, (2) take medication **sporadically**

The rain fell **sporadically** throughout the day.

allegedly

adv. according to what has been stated or reported;
supposedly

synonym : supposedly, reputedly

(1) **allegedly** guilty, (2) **allegedly** behind the plot

He **allegedly** stole money from the company.

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.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym : description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

church

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

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

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

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

traction

n. the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding

synonym : pulling, friction, suction

(1) increase **traction** on ice, (2) electronic **traction**

His leg was in **traction** for weeks after the accident.

friar

n. a member of a religious community who lives a contemplative or ascetic lifestyle, often associated with the Roman Catholic or Anglican Church; a medieval European monk who traveled and preached in rural

areas

synonym : monk, brother, religious

(1) **friar's** balsam, (2) Dominican **friar**

The **friar's** duties extended beyond the church and into the local community.

theology

n. the study of the nature of God and religious belief

synonym : divinity, religion, faith

(1) **theology** student, (2) a college of **theology**

The professor specialized in the **theology** of the early church.

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym : allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym : behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

inquisition

n. a judicial or official inquiry, especially one aimed at suppressing dissent or heresy

synonym : investigation, examination, probe

(1) propose an **inquisition**, (2) submit him to an **inquisition**

The **inquisition** was a period of religious persecution in Europe.

disapprove

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

synonym : object, reject, condemn

(1) **disapprove** of the government, (2) publicly **disapprove**

I **disapprove** of my friend's decision to drop out of school and

pursue a career in music instead.

harsh

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

synonym : brutal, severe, backbreaking

(1) **harsh** climate, (2) use of **harsh** chemicals

The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

deter

v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something

synonym : prevent, discourage, forestall

(1) **deter** aggression, (2) **deter** crime

The high fence was meant to **deter** intruders from entering the property.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

ruthless

adj. lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

synonym : heartless, pitiless, merciless

(1) show **ruthless** behavior, (2) **ruthless** brutality

The dictator was known for his **ruthless** tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

tactics

n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

synonym : strategy, maneuvers, plan

(1) blitz **tactics**, (2) political **tactics**

The marketing team developed new **tactics** to boost sales.

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym : charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

devil

n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

synonym : demon, fiend, satan

(1) **devil's** advocate, (2) **devil** horns

There are various ways to ward off the **devil**, including prayer and holy water.

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.

spur

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

synonym : encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

sermon

n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

synonym : homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

poison

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

synonym: toxin, venom, pollutant

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

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

bewitch

v. to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way

synonym: charm, enchant, fascinate

(1) hold the charm to **bewitch**, (2) **bewitch** him into a frog

Her beauty **bewitched** him.

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.

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.

misfortune

n. an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble

synonym : adversity, calamity, tragedy

(1) economic **misfortune**, (2) a string of **misfortunes**

The flood was a great **misfortune** to the small town causing extensive damage.

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym : crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

cow

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

synonym : bovine, cattle, kine

(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**

The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.

stillborn

adj. not having produced any significant or useful results; born dead or showing no signs of life at birth

synonym : lifeless, dead, abortive

(1) **stillborn** plan, (2) **stillborn** calf

The couple was devastated when they learned their baby was **stillborn**.

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.

blame

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

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

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

fringe

n. a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group

synonym: border, edging, trim

(1) **fringe** benefit, (2) on the **fringe** of the city

The dress had a **fringe** of beads along the hem.

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym: aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

outcast

adj. excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

synonym: fugitive, friendless, vagabond

(1) discrimination against **outcast** people, (2) social **outcast**

He was an **outcast** from the neighboring village.

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym : periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

religion

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

synonym : faith, creed, belief

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

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

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

secular

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

synonym : nonreligious, materialistic, temporal

(1) **secular** trends, (2) normal **secular** life

The school was founded as a **secular** institution with no religious affiliations.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym: hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym: penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

imply

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

synonym: hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

specify

v. to explain or state something clearly and exactly

synonym: establish, pinpoint, identify

(1) **specify** a cause, (2) **specify** an option

You can **specify** the font color by clicking the Color tab.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym : alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price
Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym : condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail
He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym : haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down
He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym : inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change
A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym : intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**
He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

scapegoat

v. to unfairly blame or punish someone for the misdeeds or mistakes of others, often to deflect attention or avoid accountability; (noun) a person or group that is unfairly blamed for the problems or misfortunes of others, typically to divert attention or responsibility from the actual cause

synonym : blame, accuse, fault

(1) **scapegoat** the new employee, (2) political **scapegoat**
Some politicians try to **scapegoat** specific groups of people to distract from their shortcomings.

sincere

adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

synonym : earnest, fervent, candid

(1) a **sincere** man, (2) express **sincere** regret
Please accept my **sincere** condolences on your friend's death.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym : foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation
This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

dissenter

n. someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint

synonym : protester, nonconformist, heretic

(1) political **dissenter**, (2) radical **dissenter**
The university welcomed and encouraged **dissenters** to challenge traditional ways of thinking.

jurisprudence

n. the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems

synonym : legal theory, laws, legal system

(1) **jurisprudence** system, (2) modern **jurisprudence**
The lawyer's understanding of **jurisprudence** helped her win the case.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym : professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**
You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

physician

n. a medical doctor who practices medicine

synonym : doctor, practitioner, medic

(1) the advice of the **physician**, (2) consult with a **physician**
She visited the local **physician** to seek treatment for her persistent headache.

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.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

norm

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

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

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

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

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

onset

n. the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack

synonym: beginning, attack, commencement

(1) at the first **onset**, (2) the **onset** of spring

This medicine works best when taken at the **onset** of a cold.

demise

n. death or the end of something

synonym: death, passing, end

(1) **demise** of bureaucracy, (2) meet their **demise**

The sudden **demise** of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.

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.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change
The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

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.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
synonym : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury
She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
synonym : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint
The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**
The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 11. co____t him of manslaughter | <i>v.</i> to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison |
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ANSWERS: 8. theology, 9. cow, 10. basis, 11. convict, 12. occasionally, 13. release, 14. argue, 15. argue, 16. misfortune, 17. scapegoat

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| 18. a scanty ha_____t | <i>n.</i> yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm |
| 19. at the first on__t | <i>n.</i> the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack |
| 20. noted sc_____r | <i>n.</i> professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university |
| 21. a si_____e man | <i>adj.</i> (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful |
| 22. h__t after knowledge | <i>v.</i> to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit |
| 23. de___n a terrorist | <i>v.</i> to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving |
| 24. in_____ce a child's future | <i>n.</i> the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself |
| 25. h__t a job | <i>v.</i> to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit |
| 26. false cl__m | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 27. gov_____nt funding | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 28. de___e of bureaucracy | <i>n.</i> death or the end of something |

ANSWERS: 18. harvest, 19. onset, 20. scholar, 21. sincere, 22. hunt, 23. detain, 24. influence, 25. hunt, 26. claim, 27. government, 28. demise

29. occ_____lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
30. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
31. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
32. th_____gy student *n.* the study of the nature of God and religious belief
33. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
34. county j___l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
35. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
36. st_____rn plan *adj.* not having produced any significant or useful results; born dead or showing no signs of life at birth
37. submit him to an inq_____on *n.* a judicial or official inquiry, especially one aimed at suppressing dissent or heresy
38. al_____ly guilty *adv.* according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly
39. take medication spo_____lly *adv.* in an irregular manner; occasionally; now and then
40. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 29. occasionally, 30. suspect, 31. gradual, 32. theology, 33. torture, 34. jail, 35. vary, 36. stillborn, 37. inquisition, 38. allegedly, 39. sporadically, 40. church

41. fr__r's balsam *n.* a member of a religious community who lives a contemplative or ascetic lifestyle, often associated with the Roman Catholic or Anglican Church; a medieval European monk who traveled and preached in rural areas
42. wi__h hunt *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
43. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
44. publicly dis_____ve *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
45. plant a co___y *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
46. st_____rn calf *adj.* not having produced any significant or useful results; born dead or showing no signs of life at birth
47. Dominican fr__r *n.* a member of a religious community who lives a contemplative or ascetic lifestyle, often associated with the Roman Catholic or Anglican Church; a medieval European monk who traveled and preached in rural areas
48. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

ANSWERS: 41. friar, 42. witch, 43. continent, 44. disapprove, 45. colony, 46. stillborn, 47. friar, 48. basis

49. the power of wit_____ft *n.* the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices
50. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
51. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
52. normal se_____r life *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
53. social ou_____t *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
54. discrimination against ou_____t people *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
55. propose an inq_____on *n.* a judicial or official inquiry, especially one aimed at suppressing dissent or heresy
56. execution by burning at a st___e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
57. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

ANSWERS: 49. witchcraft, 50. accuse, 51. conduct, 52. secular, 53. outcast, 54. outcast, 55. inquisition, 56. stake, 57. ritual

58. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
59. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
60. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
61. political di_____er *n.* someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint
62. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
63. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
64. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
65. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
66. de__r aggression *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
67. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
68. humiliating pun_____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 58. motivation, 59. norm, 60. religion, 61. dissenter, 62. confession, 63. jail, 64. conduct, 65. accord, 66. deter, 67. drag, 68. punishment

69. economic th__t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
70. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
71. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
72. cl__m responsibility *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
73. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
74. wi__h trial *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
75. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 69. threat, 70. prosecute, 71. church, 72. claim, 73. continent, 74. witch, 75. mobilize

76. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
77. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
78. dis_____ve of the government *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
79. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
80. with no di_____t *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
81. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
82. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
83. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
84. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
85. pr_____te criminal *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

ANSWERS: 76. motivation, 77. disappear, 78. disapprove, 79. phenomenon, 80. dissent, 81. encourage, 82. victim, 83. victim, 84. circumstance, 85. prosecute

86. a home for the el____y *adj.* (a polite word for) old
87. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
88. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
89. sc_____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
90. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
91. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
92. blitz ta_____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
93. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
94. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
95. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
96. radical di_____er *n.* someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint
97. s__r a momentum of economic growth *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

ANSWERS: 86. elderly, 87. vary, 88. definition, 89. scholar, 90. gradual, 91. norm, 92. tactics, 93. ordinary, 94. consciously, 95. decline, 96. dissenter, 97. spur

98. de__r crime	<i>v.</i>	to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
99. the on__t of spring	<i>n.</i>	the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack
100. a to____e chamber	<i>n.</i>	the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
101. con_____ly aware of a problem	<i>adv.</i>	with awareness; in a deliberate manner
102. d__g a chair over	<i>v.</i>	to pull or haul with force
103. ru_____ss brutality	<i>adj.</i>	lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
104. gov_____nt bureaucracy	<i>n.</i>	the group of people with authority to control a country or state
105. cold-blooded at____ty	<i>n.</i>	brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
106. de___n for investigation	<i>v.</i>	to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
107. ha__h climate	<i>adj.</i>	severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
108. commit at____ty	<i>n.</i>	brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
109. se_____r trends	<i>adj.</i>	not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
110. thousands of in_____nt people	<i>adj.</i>	not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

ANSWERS: 98. deter, 99. onset, 100. torture, 101. consciously, 102. drag, 103. ruthless, 104. government, 105. atrocity, 106. detain, 107. harsh, 108. atrocity, 109. secular, 110. innocent

111. modern jur_____nce	<i>n.</i> the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
112. di_____t opinion	<i>n.</i> possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
113. cr__l joke	<i>adj.</i> feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
114. co_____al swimming pool	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
115. sp_____y a cause	<i>v.</i> to explain or state something clearly and exactly
116. reap a ha_____t	<i>n.</i> yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
117. jur_____nce system	<i>n.</i> the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
118. in_____t on a clear answer	<i>v.</i> to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
119. meet their de_____e	<i>n.</i> death or the end of something
120. a cr__l and unusual punishment	<i>adj.</i> feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
121. an in_____nt child	<i>adj.</i> not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
122. the ar_____nt against capital punishment	<i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 111. jurisprudence, 112. dissent, 113. cruel, 114. communal, 115. specify, 116. harvest, 117. jurisprudence, 118. insist, 119. demise, 120. cruel, 121. innocent, 122. argument

123. on the fr___e of the city *n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
124. pun_____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
125. be_____h him into a frog *v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
126. im__y a strong correlation *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
127. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
128. ar___t the progress *v.* to take into custody
129. consult with a ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
130. ar___t the thief *v.* to take into custody
131. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
132. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
133. increase tr_____on on ice *n.* the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
134. his role as in_____er *n.* a person who runs or owns an inn, a place for travelers to stay overnight

ANSWERS: 123. fringe, 124. punishment, 125. bewitch, 126. imply, 127. disappear, 128. arrest, 129. physician, 130. arrest, 131. influence, 132. accord, 133. traction, 134. innkeeper

135. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
136. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
137. work pe___t *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
138. a woman in____er *n.* a person who runs or owns an inn, a place for travelers to stay overnight
139. hold the charm to be____h *v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
140. su____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
141. ma____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
142. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
143. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
144. political ta____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

ANSWERS: 135. germ, 136. process, 137. permit, 138. innkeeper, 139. bewitch, 140. suspect, 141. magical, 142. deny, 143. blame, 144. tactics

145. wid_____ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
146. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
147. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
148. po___n ivy *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
149. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
150. fr___e benefit *n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
151. el_____y woman *adj.* (a polite word for) old
152. the advice of the ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
153. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
154. c_w herd *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

ANSWERS: 145. widespread, 146. religion, 147. blame, 148. poison, 149. mobilize, 150. fringe, 151. elderly, 152. physician, 153. ritual, 154. cow

155. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
156. wit_____ft belief *n.* the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices
157. sc_____at the new employee *v.* to unfairly blame or punish someone for the misdeeds or mistakes of others, often to deflect attention or avoid accountability; (noun) a person or group that is unfairly blamed for the problems or misfortunes of others, typically to divert attention or responsibility from the actual cause
158. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
159. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
160. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 155. argument, 156. witchcraft, 157. scapegoat, 158. accuse, 159. process, 160. threat

161. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
162. im__y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
163. s__r of the moment *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
164. use of ha__h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
165. co____s truth *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
166. a string of mis____nes *n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
167. co____s sin *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
168. wid____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
169. a lay se____n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
170. occur spo____lly *adv.* in an irregular manner; occasionally; now and then
171. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 161. release, 162. imply, 163. spur, 164. harsh, 165. confess, 166. misfortune, 167. confess, 168. widespread, 169. sermon, 170. sporadically, 171. germ

172. lengthy se___n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
173. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
174. sp_____y an option *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
175. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
176. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
177. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
178. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
179. a co___y of bacteria *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
180. de__l horns *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

ANSWERS: 172. sermon, 173. confession, 174. specify, 175. encourage, 176. convict, 177. decline, 178. ordinary, 179. colony, 180. devil

181. electronic tr____on *n.* the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
182. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
183. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
184. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
185. pe___t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
186. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
187. show ru_____ss behavior *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
188. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 181. traction, 182. deny, 183. insist, 184. communal, 185. permit, 186. definition, 187. ruthless, 188. circumstance

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
v. to organize and carry out a particular activity
2. Many people were accused of _____ during the Salem Witch Trials in the late 1600s.
n. the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices
3. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
4. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.
adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people
5. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.
n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
6. He was an _____ from the neighboring village.
adj. excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
7. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
8. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.
v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

ANSWERS: 1. conduct, 2. witchcraft, 3. hunt, 4. widespread, 5. punishment, 6. outcast, 7. release, 8. permit

9. The attorney decided to _____ the suspect for stealing from the store.
- v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
10. The _____ declared its independence and became a republic.
- n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
11. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.
- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
12. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.
- adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
13. The threat of losing his job was the _____ he needed to work harder.
- n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
14. Her beauty _____ him.
- v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
15. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.
- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
16. Some politicians try to _____ specific groups of people to distract from their shortcomings.
- v.* to unfairly blame or punish someone for the misdeeds or mistakes of others, often to deflect attention or avoid accountability; (noun) a person or group that is unfairly blamed for the problems or misfortunes of others, typically to divert attention or responsibility from the actual cause

ANSWERS: 9. prosecute, 10. colony, 11. basis, 12. harsh, 13. spur, 14. bewitched, 15. stake, 16. scapegoat

17. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

18. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

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

19. The rain fell _____ throughout the day.

adv. in an irregular manner; occasionally; now and then

20. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

21. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

22. 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

23. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.

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

24. 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

ANSWERS: 17. denying, 18. church, 19. sporadically, 20. detained, 21. scholar, 22. magical, 23. cruel, 24. claim

25. The lawyer's understanding of _____ helped her win the case.
- n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
26. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
27. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
- v.* to pull or haul with force
28. The university welcomed and encouraged _____ to challenge traditional ways of thinking.
- n.* someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint
29. 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
30. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
31. The plant's leaves contain a deadly _____ that can cause hallucinations and seizures.
- n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

ANSWERS: 25. jurisprudence, 26. suspected, 27. dragged, 28. dissenters, 29. confessed, 30. norms, 31. poison

32. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

33. The farmer milked the _____ every morning before breakfast.

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

34. 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

35. The _____ was a period of religious persecution in Europe.

n. a judicial or official inquiry, especially one aimed at suppressing dissent or heresy

36. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

37. The school was founded as a _____ institution with no religious affiliations.

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

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

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

ANSWERS: 32. disappear, 33. cows, 34. victim, 35. inquisition, 36. process, 37. secular, 38. witches

39. This medicine works best when taken at the _____ of a cold.
n. the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack
40. The kind _____ greeted the travelers warmly and showed them to their rooms.
n. a person who runs or owns an inn, a place for travelers to stay overnight
41. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
42. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.
n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
43. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
44. The dictator was known for his _____ tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.
adj. lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
45. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
46. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.
adv. now and then; sometimes but not often
47. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.
n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 39. onset, 40. innkeeper, 41. religion, 42. atrocity, 43. accused, 44. ruthless, 45. declines, 46. occasionally, 47. torture

48. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.
n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
49. The _____ woman is quite energetic.
adj. (a polite word for) old
50. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.
n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
51. The high fence was meant to _____ intruders from entering the property.
v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
52. The dictatorship crushes all _____ severely.
n. possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
53. My husband was found _____ of any crime.
adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
54. The military _____ troops to the border.
v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
55. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
56. The professor specialized in the _____ of the early church.
n. the study of the nature of God and religious belief

ANSWERS: 48. jail, 49. elderly, 50. harvest, 51. deter, 52. dissent, 53. innocent, 54. mobilized, 55. circumstances, 56. theology

57. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.
n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
58. She visited the local _____ to seek treatment for her persistent headache.
n. a medical doctor who practices medicine
59. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.
n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
60. There are various ways to ward off the _____ including prayer and holy water.
n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
61. The _____ duties extended beyond the church and into the local community.
n. a member of a religious community who lives a contemplative or ascetic lifestyle, often associated with the Roman Catholic or Anglican Church; a medieval European monk who traveled and preached in rural areas
62. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
63. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
64. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.
v. to take into custody

ANSWERS: 57. ritual, 58. physician, 59. confession, 60. devil, 61. friar's, 62. definition, 63. threat, 64. arrest

65. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
- v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
66. I _____ of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.
- v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
67. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.
- v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
68. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
69. He _____ stole money from the company.
- adv. according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly
70. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
- n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
71. The couple was devastated when they learned their baby was _____.
- adj. not having produced any significant or useful results; born dead or showing no signs of life at birth
72. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 65. convicted, 66. disapprove, 67. imply, 68. insisted, 69. allegedly, 70. motivation, 71. stillborn, 72. argue

73. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
74. The flood was a great _____ to the small town causing extensive damage.
n. an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
75. You can _____ the font color by clicking the Color tab.
v. to explain or state something clearly and exactly
76. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
77. The dress had a _____ of beads along the hem.
n. a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
78. The preacher delivered a powerful _____ on the importance of forgiveness.
n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
79. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
80. Please accept my _____ condolences on your friend's death.
adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

ANSWERS: 73. germ, 74. misfortune, 75. specify, 76. government, 77. fringe, 78. sermon, 79. encouraged, 80. sincere

81. The sudden _____ of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.

n. death or the end of something

82. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

83. The organization finally signed a peace _____.

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have

84. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

85. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.

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

86. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

87. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

88. A rainbow is a natural _____.

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 81. demise, 82. gradual, 83. accord, 84. vary, 85. blamed, 86. continent, 87. ordinary, 88. phenomenon

89. The marketing team developed new _____ to boost sales.
n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
90. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
91. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
92. 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
93. His leg was in _____ for weeks after the accident.
n. the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
94. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.
adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

ANSWERS: 89. tactics, 90. argument, 91. Communal, 92. influence, 93. traction, 94. consciously