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Session 1: Word List

sandstorm

n. a severe, and often violent, windstorm in which a cloud of sand and dust is blown over a wide area, reducing visibility and causing damage to structures and equipment

synonym : dust storm, haboob

(1) **sandstorm** warning, (2) **sandstorm** season

Many people experienced breathing difficulties during the severe **sandstorm**.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

adjust

v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

synonym : adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror
You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

ominous

adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

synonym: foreboding, portentous, ominous

(1) an **ominous** silence, (2) **ominous** sign

The **ominous** clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym: daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym: excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

chapter

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

synonym: section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym: coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

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.

turmoil

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

synonym : chaos, confusion, disorder

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

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

desperate

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

synonym : anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

tyrannical

adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

synonym : despotic, oppressive, authoritarian

(1) a **tyrannical** government, (2) a **tyrannical** parent

Tyrannical Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym : condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

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.

rename

v. to give a new name to something; to change the name of something

synonym : rebrand, rechristen, re-label

(1) **rename** the street, (2) **rename** in plain English

The new owners **renamed** the restaurant to give it a fresh start.

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym : stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

outrun

v. to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit

synonym : outpace, outrank, outdistance

(1) **outrun** competitors, (2) **outrun** the cops

I'll need to **outrun** the rainstorm to make it home without getting soaked.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym : convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the

emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

epic

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

synonym: legendary, mythical, classical

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

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

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

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.

underworld

n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

synonym: hell, netherworld, underworld

(1) god of the **underworld**, (2) criminal **underworld**

The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the **underworld**, where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

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

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

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

imagery

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

synonym: metaphors, symbolism, imaging

(1) visual **imagery**, (2) satellite **imagery**

This movie is famous for its romantic **imagery**.

whimsical

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

synonym: capricious, impulsive, flighty

(1) **whimsical** reasons, (2) a **whimsical** person

Much of his painting has a **whimsical** quality.

eerie

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

synonym: bizarre, creepy, dreadful

(1) **eerie** silence, (2) the **eerie** whistle of dropping bombs

The street was entirely silent and a bit **eerie**.

coincidence

n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

synonym: co-occurrence, concurrency, accident

(1) the **coincidence** of an opinion, (2) by a strange **coincidence**

It was a pure **coincidence** that we met her in the library.

narrate

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

synonym : tell, recount, describe

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

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

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

synonym : rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

mysterious

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

synonym : enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

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

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

knack

n. a special talent or ability that comes naturally or with practice, particularly in a specific area or field; a clever or shrewd way of doing something

synonym : skill, talent, ability

(1) acquire a **knack** for painting, (2) artistic **knack**

She has a **knack** for solving difficult puzzles quickly.

pet

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

parallel

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

synonym : aligned, side-by-side, similar

(1) a **parallel** case, (2) **parallel** processing

He walked a road **parallel** to the railroad.

prophecy

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

synonym: prediction, foretelling, divination

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

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

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym: extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

leech

n. a type of worm that feeds on the blood of humans or animals; a person who takes advantage of others for personal gain without giving anything in return

synonym: bloodsucker, parasite, sucker

(1) blood-sucking **leech**, (2) aquatic **leech** habitat

The pharmacy sells **leeches** for medicinal purposes, but they're not cheap.

collision

n. an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict

synonym: crash, impact, smash

(1) **collision** detection, (2) come into **collision** with my friend

The **collision** of tectonic plates can result in new mountain ranges, such as the Himalayas or the Alps.

thread

n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas,

or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

synonym: filament, string, yarn

(1) **thread** a catheter, (2) start a new **thread**

The detective followed a **thread** of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

novel

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

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

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

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

forge

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

synonym: create, build, establish

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

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

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

supernatural

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

synonym: paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

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

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

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true
synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

occupation

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

synonym: job, profession, vocation

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

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

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.

fiction

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

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

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

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest

mountain in the world.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

shady

adj. characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight

synonym : shadowy, dubious, questionable

(1) **shady** business, (2) **shady** deal

The tree provided some **shady** relief from the scorching sun.

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.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

refer

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

synonym: cite, allude, mention

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

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

tumble

v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

synonym: fall, stumble, plummet

(1) **tumble** down the hill, (2) confidence **tumbles** as unemployment rates rose

The value of the currency **tumbled** against major international currencies.

fashion

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

synonym: style, manner, fad

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

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

penchant

n. a strong and habitual liking or preference for something or someone

synonym: inclination, predilection, affinity

(1) **penchant** for music, (2) natural **penchant**

She has a **penchant** for spicy food and always adds hot sauce.

wander

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

synonym: ramble, roam, stroll

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

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

refuge

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

synonym: shelter, fortress, hide-out

(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**

Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.

exquisite

adj. extremely beautiful and delicate

synonym: magnificent, glorious, gorgeous

(1) **exquisite** crafts, (2) a man of **exquisite** sensitivity

We can hear an **exquisite** piano melody from his room.

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.

befriend

v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

synonym: support, advise, patronize

(1) **befriend** a young boy, (2) **befriend** other members
I'm willing to **befriend** the weak and the poor.

introductory

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

synonym: beginning, preliminary, initial

(1) **introductory** biology text, (2) product **introductory** sale
The **introductory** class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

hypnotic

adj. inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

synonym: soothing, soporific, slumberous

(1) mild **hypnotic**, (2) **hypnotic** effect
His voice had a **hypnotic** quality for me.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use
His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

magic

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

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**
He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

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.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym: ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

fantasy

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

synonym: fiction, illusion, fabrication

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

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

comply

v. to obey an order, set of rules, or request

synonym: follow, abide by, adhere to

(1) **comply** with a code, (2) fully **comply** with all laws

The public schools **comply** with federal standards.

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.

otherworldly

adj. supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world

synonym: celestial, ethereal, unearthly

(1) **otherworldly** experience, (2) **otherworldly** creature

The **otherworldly** landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.

distract

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

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

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

opinion

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

flute

n. a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

synonym: pipe, recorder, whistle

(1) **flute** music, (2) play the **flute**

The **flute** solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym: inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town

She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

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

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

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

suspend

v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

synonym : stop, postpone, adjourn

(1) **suspend** a decision, (2) **suspend** fruits from the ceiling
The University **suspended** the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

integrity

n. the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided

synonym : honesty, honor, morality

(1) a person of **integrity**, (2) **integrity** of data
The company's reputation for honesty and **integrity** is highly valued among its customers.

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.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym : disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**
The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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26. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
27. fr____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly

ANSWERS: 20. chapter, 21. magic, 22. discovery, 23. collision, 24. introductory, 25. puzzle, 26. chase, 27. frequent

28. aw___n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
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34. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
35. re___e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
36. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
37. ha__t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

ANSWERS: 28. awaken, 29. dawn, 30. pet, 31. hypnotic, 32. wander, 33. imagery, 34. contemplate, 35. refuge, 36. military, 37. haunt

38. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
39. sh___w cast *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
40. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
41. political con_____cy *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
42. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
43. ou___n the cops *v.* to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit
44. e__c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
45. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
46. sup_____ral beings *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
47. res_____ul cook in town *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

ANSWERS: 38. possibility, 39. shadow, 40. distract, 41. conspiracy, 42. frequent, 43. outrun, 44. epic, 45. fantastic, 46. supernatural, 47. resourceful

48. take a qu_____on
n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
49. a mi_____ry leader
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
50. re__r to a map
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
51. criminal und_____ld
n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
52. historical no__l
n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
53. re__r to a book
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
54. su_____d a decision
v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
55. pe_____nt for music
n. a strong and habitual liking or preference for something or someone
56. co___y with a code
v. to obey an order, set of rules, or request
57. a tyr_____al government
adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

ANSWERS: 48. quotation, 49. military, 50. refer, 51. underworld, 52. novel, 53. refer, 54. suspend, 55. penchant, 56. comply, 57. tyrannical

58. res_____ul thinker *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
59. blood-sucking le__h *n.* a type of worm that feeds on the blood of humans or animals; a person who takes advantage of others for personal gain without giving anything in return
60. pr_____cy fulfillment *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
61. occ_____on disease *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
62. pr_____cy of doom *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
63. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
64. fo__e iron *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
65. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
66. confidence tu___es as unemployment rates rose *v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

ANSWERS: 58. resourceful, 59. leech, 60. prophecy, 61. occupation, 62. prophecy, 63. wander, 64. forge, 65. quotation, 66. tumble

67. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
68. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
69. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
70. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
71. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
72. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
73. sa_____rm season *n.* a severe, and often violent, windstorm in which a cloud of sand and dust is blown over a wide area, reducing visibility and causing damage to structures and equipment
74. a man of ex_____te sensitivity *adj.* extremely beautiful and delicate
75. mild hy_____ic *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

ANSWERS: 67. fantasy, 68. contemplate, 69. dimension, 70. dawn, 71. mysterious, 72. spirit, 73. sandstorm, 74. exquisite, 75. hypnotic

76. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
77. ch_____r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
78. occ_____on of a building *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
79. a tyr_____al parent *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
80. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
81. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
82. visual im_____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
83. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
84. re_____e in plain English *v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
85. crossword pu_____e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 76. translate, 77. chapter, 78. occupation, 79. tyrannical, 80. magical, 81. translate, 82. imagery, 83. mysterious, 84. rename, 85. puzzle

86. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
87. con_____cy theory *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
88. tu___e down the hill *v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
89. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
90. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
91. under a cu___e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
92. the tu_____l of the war *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
93. god of the und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
94. a sandy sh__e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

ANSWERS: 86. desperate, 87. conspiracy, 88. tumble, 89. shore, 90. confusion, 91. curse, 92. turmoil, 93. underworld, 94. shore

95. wh_____al reasons *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason
96. start a new th____d *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
97. mu_____e affairs *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
98. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
99. ee__e silence *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
100. oth_____dly experience *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
101. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
102. the coi_____ce of an opinion *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

ANSWERS: 95. whimsical, 96. thread, 97. mundane, 98. capture, 99. eerie, 100. otherworldly, 101. protagonist, 102. coincidence

103. co_____on detection *n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict
104. sa_____rm warning *n.* a severe, and often violent, windstorm in which a cloud of sand and dust is blown over a wide area, reducing visibility and causing damage to structures and equipment
105. in great co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
106. 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
107. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
108. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
109. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
110. a pa_____el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
111. re___e the street *v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
112. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
113. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

ANSWERS: 103. collision, 104. sandstorm, 105. confusion, 106. echo, 107. unexpected, 108. gradual, 109. doom, 110. parallel, 111. rename, 112. feat, 113. fiction

114. stuff of science fi_____n
n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
115. in_____ty of data
n. the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
116. achieve the hi_____ic feat
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
117. ou____n competitors
v. to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit
118. a ma__c spell
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
119. by a strange coi_____ce
n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
120. go out of fa_____n
n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
121. be_____nd other members
v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
122. om_____s sign
adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
123. a gr_____l change
adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

ANSWERS: 114. fiction, 115. integrity, 116. historic, 117. outrun, 118. magic, 119. coincidence, 120. fashion, 121. befriend, 122. ominous, 123. gradual

124. artistic kn__k *n.* a special talent or ability that comes naturally or with practice, particularly in a specific area or field; a clever or shrewd way of doing something
125. aw___n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
126. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
127. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
128. a wh_____al person *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason
129. ha__t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
130. fo__e an alliance *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
131. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
132. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
133. sh__y deal *adj.* characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight

ANSWERS: 124. knack, 125. awaken, 126. doom, 127. pet, 128. whimsical, 129. haunt, 130. forge, 131. distract, 132. biology, 133. shady

134. na____e an event *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
135. a person of in____ty *n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
136. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
137. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
138. aquatic le__h habitat *n.* a type of worm that feeds on the blood of humans or animals; a person who takes advantage of others for personal gain without giving anything in return
139. political tu____l *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
140. fa____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
141. with de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
142. product int____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
143. play a pro____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
144. a harbor of re____e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

ANSWERS: 134. narrate, 135. integrity, 136. echo, 137. marvel, 138. leech, 139. turmoil, 140. fantasy, 141. delight, 142. introductory, 143. protagonist, 144. refuge

145. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
146. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
147. the ee__e whistle of dropping bombs *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
148. na_____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
149. few cu__e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
150. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
151. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
152. en_____s possibilities *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
153. pa_____el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

ANSWERS: 145. novel, 146. spirit, 147. eerie, 148. narrate, 149. curse, 150. tradition, 151. dimension, 152. endless, 153. parallel

154. I__ked behind the words *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
155. fully co___y with all laws *v.* to obey an order, set of rules, or request
156. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
157. an om____s silence *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
158. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
159. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
160. su_____d fruits from the ceiling *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
161. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
162. I__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
163. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

ANSWERS: 154. lurk, 155. comply, 156. feat, 157. ominous, 158. blur, 159. tradition, 160. suspend, 161. contrast, 162. lurk, 163. desperate

164. sh__y business *adj.* characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight
165. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
166. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
167. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
168. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
169. acquire a kn__k for painting *n.* a special talent or ability that comes naturally or with practice, particularly in a specific area or field; a clever or shrewd way of doing something
170. 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
171. sup_____ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

ANSWERS: 164. shady, 165. epic, 166. fantastic, 167. unexpected, 168. capture, 169. knack, 170. shadow, 171. supernatural

172. play the fl__e

n. a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

173. ex_____te crafts

adj. extremely beautiful and delicate

174. be_____nd a young boy

v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

ANSWERS: 172. flute, 173. exquisite, 174. befriend

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
2. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
3. The fortune teller's _____ that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.
n. a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
4. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.
adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
5. 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
6. He looked out the window at the _____ stream of people.
adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
7. The pharmacy sells _____ for medicinal purposes, but they're not cheap.
n. a type of worm that feeds on the blood of humans or animals; a person who takes advantage of others for personal gain without giving anything in return

ANSWERS: 1. magic, 2. protagonist's, 3. prophecy, 4. introductory, 5. shadow, 6. endless, 7. leeches

8. The street was entirely silent and a bit _____.
adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
9. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
10. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.
adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
11. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
12. She was _____ and found a solution to the problem on her own.
adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
13. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
14. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.
adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
15. The _____ of tectonic plates can result in new mountain ranges, such as the Himalayas or the Alps.
n. an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict

ANSWERS: 8. eerie, 9. biology, 10. desperate, 11. historic, 12. resourceful, 13. novel, 14. mysterious, 15. collision

16. _____ Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.
adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
17. Much of his painting has a _____ quality.
adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason
18. The friend's death _____ them.
v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
19. 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
20. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
21. He walked a road _____ to the railroad.
adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
22. I'll need to _____ the rainstorm to make it home without getting soaked.
v. to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit
23. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language

ANSWERS: 16. Tyrannical, 17. whimsical, 18. awakens, 19. contemplated, 20. capture, 21. parallel, 22. outrun, 23. Translate

24. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
25. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.
- n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
26. 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
27. Truth is stranger than _____.
- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
28. The company's reputation for honesty and _____ is highly valued among its customers.
- n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
29. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
- n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
30. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.
- n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
31. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
- n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 24. chased, 25. quotation, 26. magical, 27. fiction, 28. integrity, 29. marvel, 30. confusion, 31. possibility

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

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

33. The _____ clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

34. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

35. The final _____ provides a summary of the discussion.

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

36. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.

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

37. The tree provided some _____ relief from the scorching sun.

adj. characterized by darkness or obscurity, often referring to the atmosphere of a place; characterized by suspicious or dishonest behavior or dealings; relating to shade or protection from sunlight

38. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.

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

39. The public schools _____ with federal standards.

v. to obey an order, set of rules, or request

40. We can hear an _____ piano melody from his room.

adj. extremely beautiful and delicate

ANSWERS: 32. occupation, 33. ominous, 34. refuge, 35. chapter, 36. wander, 37. shady, 38. distract, 39. comply, 40. exquisite

41. His voice had a _____ quality for me.

adj. inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

42. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

43. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

44. There was a _____ of silence about illegal police interrogation.

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

45. She has a _____ for solving difficult puzzles quickly.

n. a special talent or ability that comes naturally or with practice, particularly in a specific area or field; a clever or shrewd way of doing something

46. The waves are beating against the _____.

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

47. The detective followed a _____ of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

ANSWERS: 41. hypnotic, 42. dimensions, 43. military, 44. conspiracy, 45. knack, 46. shore, 47. thread

48. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
- n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
49. The new owners _____ the restaurant to give it a fresh start.
- v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
50. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.
- adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
51. His heartaches are less _____ now.
- adj.* happening constantly
52. That style is no longer in _____.
- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
53. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.
- n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
54. This movie is famous for its romantic _____.
- n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
55. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 48. spirit, 49. renamed, 50. gradual, 51. frequent, 52. fashion, 53. epic, 54. imagery, 55. feat

56. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
57. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
58. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (*v.*) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
59. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.
n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
60. The _____ landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.
adj. supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
61. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to _____ the performer long after the show ended.
v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
62. Many people experienced breathing difficulties during the severe _____.
n. a severe, and often violent, windstorm in which a cloud of sand and dust is blown over a wide area, reducing visibility and causing damage to structures and equipment
63. The company experienced financial _____ after the CEO was arrested.
n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

ANSWERS: 56. delight, 57. contrast, 58. puzzle, 59. dawn, 60. otherworldly, 61. haunt, 62. sandstorm, 63. turmoil

64. I have a parrot as a _____.

- n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

65. It was a pure _____ that we met her in the library.

- n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

66. She has a _____ for spicy food and always adds hot sauce.

- n.* a strong and habitual liking or preference for something or someone

67. 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

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

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

69. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

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

70. The value of the currency _____ against major international currencies.

- v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

71. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.

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

ANSWERS: 64. pet, 65. coincidence, 66. penchant, 67. lurks, 68. forge, 69. refer, 70. tumbled, 71. fantasy

72. The _____ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.
adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
73. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
74. The _____ solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.
n. a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
75. I'm willing to _____ the weak and the poor.
v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
76. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
77. The University _____ the most recalcitrant demonstrators.
v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
78. You have to _____ your content to the age of the audience.
v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
79. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

ANSWERS: 72. supernatural, 73. fantastic, 74. flute, 75. befriend, 76. discovery, 77. suspended, 78. adjust, 79. blur

80. The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the _____ where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.
- n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
81. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
82. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.
- n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
83. The audiobook hired a professional actor to _____ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.
- v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
84. Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.
- n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
85. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
86. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
- adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
87. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.
- adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 80. underworld, 81. tradition, 82. echoed, 83. narrate, 84. curse, 85. doom, 86. unexpected, 87. mundane

ANSWERS: