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Session 1: Word List

serene

adj. calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries

synonym : calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **serene** landscape, (2) a **serene** atmosphere

The **serene** sunset over the ocean was a peaceful sight to behold.

sunset

n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

synonym : evening, sundown, dusk

(1) **sunset** this function, (2) spectacular **sunset** views

He is in the **sunset** of his life.

mood

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

synonym : mindset, disposition, temper

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

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

tense

adj. unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid

synonym : tight, stretched, strained

(1) **tense** atmosphere, (2) have a **tense** face
This story makes me **tense**.

treaty

n. a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities

synonym : agreement, pact, accord

(1) **treaty** negotiation, (2) global climate **treaty**

The two countries signed a **treaty** to establish peaceful relations.

hostile

adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed

synonym : unfriendly, aggressive, antagonistic

(1) take up a **hostile** attitude, (2) **hostile** environment

The **hostile** takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

commonwealth

n. a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power

synonym : federation, union, republic

(1) the **commonwealth** of learning, (2) **commonwealth** authority

The **Commonwealth** of Nations is an association of 54 countries, mostly former territories of the British Empire.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

stronghold

n. a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations

synonym : fortress, bastion, citadel

(1) the last **stronghold**, (2) **stronghold** bastion

The castle served as a **stronghold** for the kingdom, protecting against invaders.

cossack

n. a member of a people in southern Russia and Ukraine who were known for their skilled horsemanship, military prowess, and fiercely independent spirit

(1) **cossack** hat, (2) **cossack** dance

The **cossack** warrior rode his horse into battle against the enemy.

renowned

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

synonym: noted, prominent, acclaimed

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

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

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym: daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

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.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

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.

fishery

n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

synonym: fishing, piscary, angling

(1) **fishery** management, (2) commercial **fishery**

The majority of the people on the island are **fishery** folk.

nomad

n. a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode

synonym: wanderer, traveler, rover

(1) **nomad** worker, (2) **nomad** culture

The **nomad** tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

synonym: fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

unclaimed

adj. not claimed, taken, or retrieved by someone who has a right or interest to it; not owned or controlled by anyone or left abandoned

synonym: abandoned, unreclaimed, unowned

(1) **unclaimed** funds, (2) **unclaimed** luggage

After a certain period of time, **unclaimed** property is sold at

auction.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym : unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

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

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

partition

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

synonym : divider, screen, panel

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

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

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.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

independence

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

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym : reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

fracture

n. the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone

synonym : break, crack, rupture

(1) **fracture** test, (2) risk of bone **fractures**

X-ray inspection revealed many **fractures**.

polish

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

synonym : shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**

I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

victory

n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

synonym : win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

ravage

v. to cause damage to something badly

synonym : devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

countryside

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

synonym : rural, rustic, pastoral

(1) **countryside** scenery, (2) **countryside** lifestyle

The small village in the **countryside** was perfect for a quiet getaway.

peasant

n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

synonym : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

slavery

n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

synonym : bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

depose

v. to compel to depart; to remove from office

synonym : displace, oust, expel

(1) **depose** a prime minister, (2) **deposed** dictator

The citizens **deposed** the monarch.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym : banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym : discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

musket

n. a long, smoothbore gun used in warfare from the 16th to 19th centuries, typically fired from the shoulder and loaded through the muzzle

synonym : rifle, firearm, gun

(1) antique **musket**, (2) civil war **musket**

The **musket** ball was made of lead and could cause serious injuries or even death to those hit by it.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

saber

n. a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing

synonym : sword, cutlass, blade

(1) **saber** fencing, (2) ceremonial **saber**

The military commander drew his **saber** and shouted orders to the troops.

imposing

adj. having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size

synonym : grand, impressive, majestic

(1) **imposing** figure, (2) **imposing** mansion

The **imposing** building stood tall amongst the others on the city skyline.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

battalion

n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

synonym : unit, regiment, squad

(1) infantry **battalion**, (2) armored **battalion**

The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained **battalion**.

orthodox

adj. following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

synonym : traditional, conventional, established

(1) an **orthodox** doctrine, (2) **orthodox** thought

He challenged the **orthodox** views on business.

modern

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

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

swear

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

synonym : declare, assert, curse

(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak

I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

undergo

v. to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change

synonym : experience, suffer, endure

(1) **undergo** surgery, (2) **undergo** a decrease

The train has to **undergo** rigorous safety checks.

unmarried

adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

synonym : single, unwed, celibate

(1) young **unmarried** couple, (2) **unmarried** status

She has chosen to remain **unmarried** and focus on her career.

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.

tenuous

adj. very weak or slight that it hardly exists

synonym : slight, fragile, slender

(1) **tenuous** relationship, (2) **tenuous** link

Evidence submitted by attorneys is **tenuous** due to a lack of objectivity.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

tide

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

synonym: ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change

Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

settlement

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

synonym: agreement, accommodation, colonization

(1) the **settlement** of a dispute, (2) **settlement** in a new house

Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful **settlement**.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

administer

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

synonym: allocate, distribute, dispense

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

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

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3

percentage points higher than in the previous.

barrack

v. to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel

synonym : house, lodge, cheer

(1) **barrack** room, (2) **barrack** the opposing team

The soldiers were instructed to **barrack** in the buildings until further notice.

regiment

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

synonym : unit, brigade, battalion

(1) logistics **regiment**, (2) marching **regiment**

The army **regiment** marched in perfect unison during the parade.

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

synonym : noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym : train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

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.

toast

n. slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even

(1) drink a **toast**, (2) slice of **toast**

We made a **toast** with everyone.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

emergency

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

synonym: crisis, trouble, difficulty

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

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

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

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.

confuse

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

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

scout

n. a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

synonym : scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

vow

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym : promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up
They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

autonomy

n. the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently

synonym : independence, sovereignty, self-sufficiency

(1) regional **autonomy**, (2) establish **autonomy**

Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate **autonomy** for their country.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym : comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

unison

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

synonym : harmony, accord, unanimity

(1) singing in **unison**, (2) clap the hands in **unison**

They saluted in **unison** to the captain.

relieve

v. to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe

synonym : alleviate, ease, assuage

(1) **relieve** his thirst, (2) **relieve** stress

The medicine **relieved** his headache, and he felt much

better.

renew

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption
synonym: renovate, restore, revitalize

(1) **renew** a contract, (2) **renew** its corporate image

I have to **renew** my passport by the middle of September.

brotherhood

n. a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

synonym: fraternity, camaraderie, companionship

(1) spirit of **brotherhood**, (2) **brotherhood** among coworkers

The **brotherhood** between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.

foe

n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another

synonym: enemy, adversary, opponent

(1) a political **foe**, (2) bitter **foe**

The superhero's arch- **foe** was an evil mastermind who always got away.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

synonym: calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

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

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

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

oppressive

adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

synonym : stifling, overwhelming, depressing

(1) the atmosphere was **oppressive**, (2) **oppressive** governments

The political situation has become increasingly **oppressive**.

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.

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym : anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

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**.

defiance

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

synonym : disobedience, disregard, confrontation

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

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

fraternity

n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

synonym : brotherhood, association, society

(1) the medical **fraternity**, (2) **fraternity** party

My college students join a **fraternity** to make connections and build a sense of community.

Session 2: Spelling

1. other co_____l members
n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
2. fra_____ty party
n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
3. em_____cy action
n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
4. ou___w racial discrimination
v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
5. co_____k dance
n. a member of a people in southern Russia and Ukraine who were known for their skilled horsemanship, military prowess, and fiercely independent spirit
6. logistics re_____nt
n. a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
7. no__d culture
n. a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. council, 2. fraternity, 3. emergency, 4. outlaw, 5. cossack, 6. regiment, 7. nomad, 8. tradition

9. in an ugly m__d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
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19. the m__d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

ANSWERS: 9. mood, 10. polish, 11. compose, 12. fishery, 13. church, 14. independence, 15. desperate, 16. vulnerable, 17. battalion, 18. saber, 19. mood

20. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
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26. civil war mu___t *n.* a long, smoothbore gun used in warfare from the 16th to 19th centuries, typically fired from the shoulder and loaded through the muzzle
27. 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
28. a qu____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
29. up___d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 20. fellow, 21. ravage, 22. unison, 23. swear, 24. settlement, 25. fracture, 26. musket, 27. spirit, 28. quarter, 29. uphold

30. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
31. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
32. co_____k hat *n.* a member of a people in southern Russia and Ukraine who were known for their skilled horsemanship, military prowess, and fiercely independent spirit
33. te_____s link *adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists
34. a se_____e atmosphere *adj.* calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries
35. ra_____e a country *v.* to cause damage to something badly
36. pa_____on wall *n.* a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections
37. slice of to__t *n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even
38. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
39. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 30. instruct, 31. odds, 32. cossack, 33. tenuous, 34. serene, 35. ravage, 36. partition, 37. toast, 38. council, 39. remarkable

40. a re_____ed artist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
41. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
42. bro_____od among coworkers *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
43. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
44. im_____ng figure *adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
45. de____ed dictator *v.* to compel to depart; to remove from office
46. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
47. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
48. te__e atmosphere *adj.* unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid
49. re_____e his thirst *v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
50. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 40. renowned, 41. compose, 42. brotherhood, 43. modern, 44. imposing, 45. depose, 46. reclaim, 47. maintain, 48. tense, 49. relieve, 50. argument

51. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
52. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
53. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
54. fr_____re test *n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
55. fe_____e market *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
56. hard drive pa_____on *n.* a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections
57. mighty d_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
58. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
59. fierce de_____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
60. vi_____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
61. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

ANSWERS: 51. defend, 52. dominate, 53. survey, 54. fracture, 55. fertile, 56. partition, 57. din, 58. eventually, 59. defiance, 60. victory, 61. empire

62. sw__r a blue streak *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
63. no__d worker *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
64. a political f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
65. str_____ld bastion *n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations
66. drink a to__t *n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even
67. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
68. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
69. the last str_____ld *n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations
70. se___e landscape *adj.* calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries
71. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
72. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

ANSWERS: 62. swear, 63. nomad, 64. foe, 65. stronghold, 66. toast, 67. shift, 68. hunt, 69. stronghold, 70. serene, 71. empire, 72. vow

73. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
74. spectacular su___t views *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
75. spirit of bro____od *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
76. institution of sl____y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
77. un____ed status *adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
78. establish au____my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
79. fe____e ground *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
80. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
81. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
82. inc____gly become common *adv.* more and more
83. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

ANSWERS: 73. locate, 74. sunset, 75. brotherhood, 76. slavery, 77. unmarried, 78. autonomy, 79. fertile, 80. strategy, 81. government, 82. increasingly, 83. exile

84. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
85. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
86. cou_____de lifestyle *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
87. sa__r fencing *n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
88. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
89. singing in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
90. bitter f_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
91. tr___c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
92. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
93. adopt an attitude of de_____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
94. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
95. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 84. government, 85. confuse, 86. countryside, 87. saber, 88. cheer, 89. unison, 90. foe, 91. tragic, 92. outlaw, 93. defiance, 94. tide, 95. Christ

96. opp_____ve governments *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
97. regional au_____my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
98. for_____le challenge *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
99. po____h finishing *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
100. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
101. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
102. antique mu____t *n.* a long, smoothbore gun used in warfare from the 16th to 19th centuries, typically fired from the shoulder and loaded through the muzzle
103. lo____e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
104. im_____ng mansion *adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
105. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
106. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

ANSWERS: 96. oppressive, 97. autonomy, 98. formidable, 99. polish, 100. shifting, 101. modern, 102. musket, 103. locate, 104. imposing, 105. exile, 106. odds

107. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
108. the com_____lth of learning *n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power
109. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
110. vi_____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
111. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
112. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
113. tr____y negotiation *n.* a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities
114. de____e a prime minister *v.* to compel to depart; to remove from office
115. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
116. pe_____t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
117. re_____ed as a novelist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.

ANSWERS: 107. suddenly, 108. commonwealth, 109. instruct, 110. victory, 111. din, 112. survey, 113. treaty, 114. depose, 115. tide, 116. peasant, 117. renowned

118. re_____e stress *v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
119. ba_____k the opposing team *v.* to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
120. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
121. the atmosphere was opp_____ve *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
122. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
123. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
124. yield cu___e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
125. armored ba_____on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
126. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 118. relieve, 119. barrack, 120. military, 121. oppressive, 122. emergency, 123. military, 124. curve, 125. battalion, 126. reclaim

127. exploited pe____t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
128. un____o a decrease *v.* to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change
129. or____ox thought *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
130. re____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
131. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
132. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
133. up____d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
134. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
135. eve____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
136. marching re____nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

ANSWERS: 127. peasant, 128. undergo, 129. orthodox, 130. reunite, 131. shift, 132. strategy, 133. uphold, 134. Christ, 135. eventually, 136. regiment

137. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
138. 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
139. an or_____ox doctrine *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
140. re__w a contract *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption
141. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
142. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
143. the set_____nt of a dispute *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
144. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
145. ho_____e environment *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
146. sc__t troop *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

ANSWERS: 137. curve, 138. argument, 139. orthodox, 140. renew, 141. disagree, 142. remarkable, 143. settlement, 144. hunt, 145. hostile, 146. scout

147. te____s relationship *adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists
148. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
149. cou____de scenery *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
150. ba____k room *v.* to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
151. sh____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
152. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
153. global climate tr____y *n.* a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities
154. commercial fi____y *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
155. ex____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
156. face inc____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
157. young un____ed couple *adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

ANSWERS: 147. tenuous, 148. silent, 149. countryside, 150. barrack, 151. shifting, 152. vow, 153. treaty, 154. fishery, 155. exciting, 156. increasingly, 157. unmarried

158. 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
159. for_____le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
160. su___t this function *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
161. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
162. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
163. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
164. un_____ed luggage *adj.* not claimed, taken, or retrieved by someone who has a right or interest to it; not owned or controlled by anyone or left abandoned
165. have a te__e face *adj.* unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid
166. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
167. boy sc__t *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

ANSWERS: 158. spirit, 159. formidable, 160. sunset, 161. exciting, 162. suddenly, 163. fellow, 164. unclaimed, 165. tense, 166. reunite, 167. scout

168. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
169. ch__r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
170. the medical fra_____ty *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
171. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
172. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
173. two op_____d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
174. absolutely op_____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
175. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
176. sl_____y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
177. give si____t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
178. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
179. un_____o surgery *v.* to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change

ANSWERS: 168. independence, 169. cheer, 170. fraternity, 171. dominate, 172. desperate, 173. opposed, 174. opposed, 175. quarter, 176. slavery, 177. silent, 178. maintain, 179. undergo

180. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
181. re__w its corporate image *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption
182. un_____ed funds *adj.* not claimed, taken, or retrieved by someone who has a right or interest to it; not owned or controlled by anyone or left abandoned
183. com_____lth authority *n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power
184. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
185. 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
186. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
187. take up a ho_____e attitude *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
188. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
189. tr___c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
190. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 180. church, 181. renew, 182. unclaimed, 183. commonwealth, 184. administer, 185. tradition, 186. disagree, 187. hostile, 188. administer, 189. tragic, 190. vulnerable

191. co____e fantasy with reality

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

192. de___d against a threat

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 191. confuse, 192. defend

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
2. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.
n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
3. X-ray inspection revealed many _____.
n. the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
4. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
5. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
6. The soldiers were instructed to _____ in the buildings until further notice.
v. to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
7. The political situation has become increasingly _____.
adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
8. The castle served as a _____ for the kingdom, protecting against invaders.
n. a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations

ANSWERS: 1. independence, 2. curve, 3. fractures, 4. remarkable, 5. shift, 6. barrack, 7. oppressive, 8. stronghold

9. The _____ tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.
n. a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
10. The president declared a state of _____.
n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
11. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
12. The _____ warrior rode his horse into battle against the enemy.
n. a member of a people in southern Russia and Ukraine who were known for their skilled horsemanship, military prowess, and fiercely independent spirit
13. Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate _____ for their country.
n. the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
14. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.
adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
15. The army _____ marched in perfect unison during the parade.
n. a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
16. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 9. nomad, 10. emergency, 11. locate, 12. cossack, 13. autonomy, 14. fellow, 15. regiment, 16. survey

17. The company sent a _____ to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.
- n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
18. Evidence submitted by attorneys is _____ due to a lack of objectivity.
- adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists
19. The _____ of Nations is an association of 54 countries, mostly former territories of the British Empire.
- n.* a community of nations or people or a state in which the people hold the supreme power
20. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
21. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
22. I used a special _____ to make my car's paint shine.
- n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
23. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
- n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
24. The _____ ball was made of lead and could cause serious injuries or even death to those hit by it.
- n.* a long, smoothbore gun used in warfare from the 16th to 19th centuries, typically fired from the shoulder and loaded through the muzzle

ANSWERS: 17. scout, 18. tenuous, 19. Commonwealth, 20. strategy, 21. vulnerable, 22. polish, 23. exiled, 24. musket

25. The military commander drew his _____ and shouted orders to the troops.
n. a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
26. The structure is _____ of three main components.
v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
27. He is in the _____ of his life.
n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
28. The abolition of _____ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.
n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
29. The two countries signed a _____ to establish peaceful relations.
n. a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities
30. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
31. 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
32. 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

ANSWERS: 25. saber, 26. composed, 27. sunset, 28. slavery, 29. treaty, 30. council, 31. government, 32. spirit

33. We made a _____ with everyone.

- n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even

34. The medicine _____ his headache, and he felt much better.

- v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe

35. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

- adv.* more and more

36. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

37. Who answers _____ knows little.

- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

38. The _____ sunset over the ocean was a peaceful sight to behold.

- adj.* calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries

39. We are optimistic about our final _____.

- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

40. The small village in the _____ was perfect for a quiet getaway.

- n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

41. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.

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

ANSWERS: 33. toast, 34. relieved, 35. increasingly, 36. maintain, 37. suddenly, 38. serene, 39. victory, 40. countryside, 41. tragic

42. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.
v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
43. The citizens _____ the monarch.
v. to compel to depart; to remove from office
44. What are the _____ that he will survive?
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
45. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
46. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
47. 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
48. This area is _____ for its hot springs.
adj. famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
49. Herbs require _____ soil in a sunny, sheltered location.
adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
50. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a _____ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.
n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

ANSWERS: 42. uphold, 43. deposed, 44. odds, 45. empire, 46. silent, 47. hunt, 48. renowned, 49. fertile, 50. peasant,

51. 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
52. The _____ between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.
- n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
53. 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
54. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
- v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
55. He acted in _____ of our decision.
- n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
56. My college students join a _____ to make connections and build a sense of community.
- n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
57. 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
58. I _____ I didn't mean to break your vase.
- v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

ANSWERS: 51. argument, 52. brotherhood, 53. tradition, 54. vowed, 55. defiance, 56. fraternity, 57. church, 58. swear

59. I _____ for reasons already stated above.

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

60. The superhero's arch-____ was an evil mastermind who always got away.

n. an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another

61. They saluted in _____ to the captain.

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

62. A large fire _____ the forest.

v. to cause damage to something badly

63. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

64. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

65. The mountain range was a _____ obstacle for the hikers.

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

66. She has chosen to remain _____ and focus on her career.

adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

ANSWERS: 59. disagree, 60. foe, 61. unison, 62. ravaged, 63. confused, 64. outlaw, 65. formidable, 66. unmarried

67. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

68. The _____ takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed

69. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

70. 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

71. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

72. 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

73. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

74. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 67. cheered, 68. hostile, 69. quarter, 70. desperate, 71. eventually, 72. military, 73. reclaim, 74. Christmas

75. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

76. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

77. We must install a _____ to separate the living room from the dining area.

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

78. After a certain period of time, _____ property is sold at auction.

adj. not claimed, taken, or retrieved by someone who has a right or interest to it; not owned or controlled by anyone or left abandoned

79. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

80. He challenged the _____ views on business.

adj. following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

81. Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful _____.

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

82. I have to _____ my passport by the middle of September.

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

ANSWERS: 75. tide, 76. defend, 77. partition, 78. unclaimed, 79. instructed, 80. orthodox, 81. settlement, 82. renew

83. The ____ of the city was overwhelming.

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

84. The train has to _____ rigorous safety checks.

v. to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change

85. This story makes me _____.

adj. unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid

86. The _____ building stood tall amongst the others on the city skyline.

adj. having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size

87. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

88. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

89. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

90. The band will _____ only for this show.

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

91. The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained _____.

n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

ANSWERS: 83. din, 84. undergo, 85. tense, 86. imposing, 87. modern, 88. exciting, 89. opposed, 90. reunite, 91. battalion

92. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.

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

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

adj. constantly changing or moving

94. The majority of the people on the island are _____ folk.

n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

95. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.

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

96. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

ANSWERS: 92. mood, 93. shifting, 94. fishery, 95. administer, 96. dominates