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Session 1: Word List

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

back-to-back

adj. situated close to each other and facing in opposite directions; arranged or scheduled consecutively without a break in between; (adverb) consecutively

synonym : consecutive, continuous, successive

(1) **back-to-back** meetings, (2) win two games

back-to-back

The restaurant received **back-to-back** awards for its exceptional cuisine and service.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

digress

v. to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing

synonym: deviate, meander, stray

(1) **digress** into my personal opinions, (2) **digress** from the main subject

The professor always **digresses** when he gives a lecture.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

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.

sermon

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

synonym: homily, discourse, lecture

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

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

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

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.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

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.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym : slaying, killing

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

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

ragtag

adj. consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality

synonym : disheveled, fragmented, motley

(1) **ragtag** clothing, (2) **ragtag** team

The army's **ragtag** troop was no match for the well-equipped enemy.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

anxiety

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

synonym: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge
She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops
The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

madden

v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration

synonym: infuriate, enrage, exasperate

(1) **madden** with rage, (2) **madden** the enemy
The slow internet connection **maddened** him as he tried to stream his favorite show.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food
He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

gravitation

n. the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

synonym : attraction, pull, gravity

(1) terrestrial **gravitation**, (2) universal **gravitation**

The force of **gravitation** keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.

inward

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

synonym : internal, introspective, interior

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

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

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym : ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

hand-me-down

n. a used item that is passed down from one person to another, especially in a family or community

synonym : secondhand item, castoff, used clothing

(1) **hand-me-down** expression, (2) wear his **hand-me-downs**

My older sister gave me some of her old clothes as **hand-me-downs**, and I was grateful for them because they were still in good condition.

woof

n. the sound that a dog makes; the threads running from side to side in a woven fabric; the texture or quality of the threads in a woven fabric

synonym : weave, texture, grain

(1) **woof** fabric, (2) **woof** sound

My dog's **woof** woke me up early in the morning.

hood

n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

synonym : hoodie, cowl, cloak

(1) **hood** ornament, (2) a silk **hood**

He pulled his waterproof **hood** up to protect himself from the rain.

mural

adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

synonym : wall painting, fresco, wall art

(1) **mural** painting, (2) a **mural** decoration

The **mural** on the wall depicted the history of the city.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym : conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

magician

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

synonym : illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) **magician's** hat, (2) street **magician**

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym : versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

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

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

legendary

adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

synonym : mythical, fabled, storied

(1) **legendary** actor, (2) achieve a **legendary** status

The **legendary** stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym : impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym : bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym : cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

earthquake

n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

synonym : seismic activity, tremor, temblor

(1) an **earthquake** zone, (2) an **earthquake-proof**

The violent **earthquake** caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

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**.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym : ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

articulate

v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

synonym : express, state, utter

(1) **articulate** his position, (2) eloquently **articulate**

She was able to **articulate** her argument in the debate clearly.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

delegate

n. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone

synonym : representative, envoy, agent

(1) **delegate** a routine task, (2) send a **delegate**

The **delegate** from the small country was not allowed to speak at the meeting.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym : dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

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.

unsurprising

adj. not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

synonym : predictable, expected, foreseeable

(1) **unsurprising** success, (2) **unsurprising** result

The **unsurprising** outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym : display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent
Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

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.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

backyard

n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house

synonym: courtyard, garden

(1) play in the **backyard**, (2) **backyard** barbecue

He grows vegetables in his **backyard**.

predict

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

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

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

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

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months
He was sick for five **straight** days.

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.

nonstop

adj. without intermediate stops between source and destination

synonym: continuous, ceaseless, endless

(1) a **nonstop** run, (2) **nonstop** talk

We tend to choose **nonstop** flights when we travel.

lovingly

adv. in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

synonym: fondly, affectionately

(1) **lovingly** crafted, (2) **lovingly** prepared

She looked at him **lovingly** and knew he was the one for her.

unseen

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

synonym: invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

illuminate

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

synonym: brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding

That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

interior

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

synonym: inner, inside, internal

(1) **interior** decoration, (2) plenty of **interior** space

The painter focused on the moody **interiors** of abandoned buildings in his work.

exterior

adj. situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something

synonym: external, outward, outer

(1) glass **exterior**, (2) new **exterior** design

Four **exterior** walls surround the courtyard.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

lull

n. a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation

synonym: calm, stillness, tranquility

(1) **lull** in the battle, (2) the **lull** before the storm

The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing **lull** on the listeners.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym: prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

accolade

n. an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement

synonym: tribute, honor, award

(1) **accolade** ceremony, (2) professional **accolade**

The actor received an **accolade** for his outstanding performance in the play.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

soothe

v. to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable

synonym: calm, relax, comfort

(1) **soothe** anxiety, (2) **soothe** a baby to sleep

She applied aloe vera to **soothe** her sunburn.

ego

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

synonym: self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym: aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

integral

adj. necessary to make a whole complete; essential, or fundamental; combining with something else to form a whole; (noun, of mathematics) a fundamental concept in calculus that represents the area under a curve between two points on a graph

synonym: essential, fundamental, indispensable

(1) **integral** function, (2) **integral** component

Effective communication is an **integral** part of any successful team.

solitude

n. the state of being alone and isolated from others

synonym: isolation, seclusion, loneliness

(1) live in **solitude**, (2) enjoyment of **solitude**

He sought **solitude** in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.

cycle

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

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

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

cycle

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

untimely

adj. happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time

synonym: inappropriate, unfortunate, inopportune

(1) die an **untimely** death, (2) **untimely** snowfall in May

The **untimely** arrival of the storm ruined their plans for a picnic.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

timeline

n. a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom

synonym: agenda, timetable, chronology

(1) **timeline** of science history, (2) lay out a **timeline**

He imposed a **timeline** on the project.

anchor

n. a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability

synonym: mainstay, ballast, backbone

(1) **anchor** bolt, (2) **anchor** weight

The ship dropped **anchor** in the bay.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical**

than before.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym: apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

nurture

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

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

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

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

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

debate

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

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

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

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

decor

n. the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic

synonym : ornamentation, embellishment, adornment

(1) tropical **decor**, (2) **decor** styles

The **decor** of the restaurant gave it a cozy and inviting feel.

lizard

n. a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail

(1) giant **lizard**, (2) **lizard** leather

The **lizard's** tail regenerates if severed.

palm

n. the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

synonym : hand, fist

(1) the **palm** side of the forearm, (2) coconut **palm** trees

This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the **palm** of your hand.

affirmation

n. a statement declaring something to be true strongly

synonym : confirmation, validation, endorsement

(1) self- **affirmation**, (2) statement of **affirmation**

The **affirmation** from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.

bewilder

v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

synonym : perplex, confound, puzzle

(1) **bewilder** the reader, (2) **bewilder** scientists

The complex instructions on the assignment sheet **bewilder** most students.

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.

cultivate

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
synonym: boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

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.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym: instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and

prepare them for the future.

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**.

succumb

v. to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

synonym : surrender, break down, die

(1) **succumb** to cancer, (2) **succumb** to old age

He finally **succumbed** to temptation.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym : dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym : recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her

depression

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

posse

n. a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

synonym : crew, gang, retinue

(1) **posse** member, (2) **posse** of citizens

My friends and I formed a **posse** to search for the lost hiker.

rhythmic

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

synonym : measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

communicate

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

synonym : convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

cue

n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

synonym : signal, sign, hint

(1) **cue** card, (2) visual **cue**

The director gave the actor a **cue** to begin the scene.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

jazz

n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

synonym : swing, blues, bebop

(1) **jazz** club, (2) a school **jazz** band

He listened to **jazz** music to relax after a long day at work.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym : uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

spontaneity

n. the quality or state of being spontaneous; the act of behaving or acting in an impulsive, uninhibited, or unplanned manner

synonym : impulsiveness, uninhibitedness, unpredictability

(1) the **spontaneity** of the moment, (2) act with **spontaneity**

His public speaking skills improved when he embraced **spontaneity** rather than sticking to a script.

protest

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

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

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

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

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

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.

penicillin

n. an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

synonym : antibiotic, bacitracin

(1) **penicillin** allergy, (2) **penicillin** sensitivity testing

The doctor prescribed **penicillin** to treat the bacterial infection.

cuff

n. a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear

synonym : bracelet, handcuff, shackle

(1) **cuff** bracelet, (2) soft **cuff**

The doctor used a blood pressure **cuff** to measure my vitals.

ingredient

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

synonym : element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

maroon

adj. a deep reddish-brown color that is similar to the color of dried blood

synonym : red, dark red, brown

(1) **maroon** color, (2) deep **maroon**

She wore a **maroon** dress to the formal event.

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of

plays or other artistic works

synonym : fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym : freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

honor

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

synonym : integrity, virtue, acclaim

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

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

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym : expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

creative

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

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

stunning

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

synonym: beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent

(1) **stunning** beauty, (2) **stunning** disclosure

The **stunning** sunset took everyone's breath away.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

precision

n. the quality or condition of being exact and accurate

synonym : accuracy, exactness, rigor

(1) a **precision** instrument, (2) speak with **precision**

This operation requires both patience and **precision**.

panther

n. a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

synonym : panthera, big cat, feline

(1) black **panther**, (2) **panther** habitat

The **panther's** sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

monologue

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

synonym : soliloquy, speech, address

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

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

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym : conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

synonym: wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

individualism

n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

synonym: self-reliance, autonomy, self-sufficiency

(1) rampant **individualism**, (2) nation of **individualism**

An ethic of **individualism** encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

adorn

v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

synonym : decorate, beautify, embellish

(1) **adorn** a bride, (2) **adorn** the table with flowers

The architect **adorned** the interior with great artworks and frescoes.

avenue

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

synonym : artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success

They explored every **avenue** they could think of.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym : turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym : accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

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**.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film

producers.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

irresistible

adj. impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

synonym: resistless, overpowering, compelling

(1) **irresistible** charm, (2) **irresistible** force

The aroma of freshly baked cookies was **irresistible** to her.

wizard

n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field

synonym: sorcerer, magician, alchemist

(1) a **wizard** at chess, (2) financial **wizard**

He was a **wizard** at solving complex mathematical equations.

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.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym: disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym : charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym : lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

rickety

adj. wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse

synonym : unstable, wobbly, shaky

(1) **rickety** structure, (2) **rickety** chair

The old wooden bridge was **rickety** and swayed with every step.

suffer

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

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds;

used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym : grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

shackle

n. a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

synonym : chains, fetters, handcuffs

(1) **shackle** chains, (2) metal **shackle**

The prisoner wore heavy **shackles** on his wrists and ankles.

stitch

n. one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn

(1) a **stitch** in a garment, (2) pattern **stitch**

The wound was so deep that it needed a surgical procedure and **stitches**.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

marked

adj. having a noticeable feature or distinctive quality; easily noticeable or obvious

synonym : distinct, prominent, striking

(1) a **marked** difference, (2) **marked** decline

Her **marked** improvement in her grades resulted from her increased focus and effort.

bloom

n. a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

synonym : blossom, flush, flower

(1) **bloom** in autumn, (2) black-and-white **blooms**
The cherry blossoms in the park were in full **bloom**.

midnight

n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

synonym : middle of the night, witching hour

(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift

I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

glow

v. to give out a steady, strong light

synonym : shine, radiate, beam

(1) **glow** a pale orange, (2) **glow** gold in the light

The sun was setting, and the sky **glowed** with beautiful colors.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym : start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

rejoice

v. to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

synonym : enjoy, delight, celebrate

(1) **rejoice** over a victory, (2) **rejoice** at the moment

We should all **rejoice** in the good things life has to offer.

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.

persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

synonym: endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym: humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

horror

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

synonym: fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look

The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

humankind

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

synonym: humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. is_____on booth | <i>n.</i> the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups |
| 2. an av___e to success | <i>n.</i> a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach |
| 3. ov_____me opponents | <i>v.</i> to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone |
| 4. ra___g clothing | <i>adj.</i> consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality |
| 5. di_____ee about a particular issue | <i>v.</i> to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc. |
| 6. play in the ba_____rd | <i>n.</i> a whole space behind and belonging to a house |
| 7. in_____e a feeling of curiosity | <i>v.</i> to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative |
| 8. pr_____t when she will arrive | <i>v.</i> to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience |
| 9. financial wi_____d | <i>n.</i> a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field |

ANSWERS: 1. isolation, 2. avenue, 3. overcome, 4. ragtag, 5. disagree, 6. backyard, 7. inspire, 8. predict, 9. wizard

10. su___n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
11. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
12. ma___d decline *adj.* having a noticeable feature or distinctive quality; easily noticeable or obvious
13. metal sh_____e *n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
14. st_____ng beauty *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
15. a school j__z band *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
16. 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
17. diagnosis of an_____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
18. self-aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly

ANSWERS: 10. summon, 11. revolution, 12. marked, 13. shackle, 14. stunning, 15. jazz, 16. quotation, 17. anxiety, 18. affirmation

19. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
20. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
21. re_____e over a victory *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
22. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
23. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
24. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
25. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
26. speak with pr_____on *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
27. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
28. ad__n a bride *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

ANSWERS: 19. vision, 20. distract, 21. rejoice, 22. honor, 23. communal, 24. grant, 25. obvious, 26. precision, 27. mold, 28. adorn

29. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
30. ex_____t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
31. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
32. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
33. le_____ry actor *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
34. the p__m side of the forearm *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
35. ho_____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
36. a rh_____ic stroking *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
37. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
38. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
39. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

ANSWERS: 29. poem, 30. exhibit, 31. empire, 32. grant, 33. legendary, 34. palm, 35. horrify, 36. rhythmic, 37. slide, 38. invite, 39. preach

40. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
41. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
42. in_____al function *adj.* necessary to make a whole complete; essential, or fundamental; combining with something else to form a whole; (noun, of mathematics) a fundamental concept in calculus that represents the area under a curve between two points on a graph
43. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
44. in____t a suspect *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
45. ri_____y chair *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
46. an endless st____m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

ANSWERS: 40. movement, 41. policy, 42. integral, 43. incarcerate, 44. indict, 45. rickety, 46. stream

47. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
48. 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
49. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
50. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
51. ho_____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
52. s__m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
53. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
54. g__w a pale orange *v.* to give out a steady, strong light
55. ma_____an's hat *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
56. de__r styles *n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic

ANSWERS: 47. ego, 48. refuge, 49. spark, 50. predict, 51. horrify, 52. slam, 53. radical, 54. glow, 55. magician, 56. decor

57. modern po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
58. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
59. ma___n with rage *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
60. black pa_____r *n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
61. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
62. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
63. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
64. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
65. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
66. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 57. poetry, 58. survival, 59. madden, 60. panther, 61. discotheque, 62. dialogue, 63. inspire, 64. suffer, 65. riot, 66. debate

67. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
68. tropical de__r *n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic
69. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
70. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
71. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
72. in___d peace *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
73. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
74. l__l in the battle *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
75. ho___r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

ANSWERS: 67. depression, 68. decor, 69. wit, 70. displace, 71. poem, 72. inward, 73. survival, 74. lull, 75. horror

76. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
77. uns_____ing result *adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
78. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
79. a hu_____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
80. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
81. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
82. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
83. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
84. ed_____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

ANSWERS: 76. grace, 77. unsurprising, 78. invite, 79. hurricane, 80. improvisation, 81. urban, 82. depression, 83. grace, 84. educate

85. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
86. small ch____h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
87. han____own expression *n.* a used item that is passed down from one person to another, especially in a family or community
88. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
89. co____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
90. em____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
91. nation of ind____ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
92. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
93. re____e at the moment *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
94. com____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
95. ac____de ceremony *n.* an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement

ANSWERS: 85. obvious, 86. church, 87. hand-me-down, 88. communal, 89. combine, 90. emotional, 91. individualism, 92. excite, 93. rejoice, 94. communicate, 95. accolade

96. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
97. er___e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
98. die an un_____ly death *adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time
99. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
100. plenty of in_____or space *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
101. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
102. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
103. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
104. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
105. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 96. studio, 97. erode, 98. untimely, 99. settle, 100. interior, 101. transform, 102. church, 103. democracy, 104. discovery, 105. critic

106. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
107. em___e building
n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
108. st_____ht for two months
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
109. 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
110. co_____e augmented reality
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
111. mi_____ht shift
n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
112. barren of cr_____ve spirit
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
113. s__d dunes
n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
114. opp_____on campaign
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 106. communicate, 107. empire, 108. straight, 109. spirit, 110. combine, 111. midnight, 112. creative, 113. sand, 114. opposition

115. lo____ly crafted *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
116. pen_____in sensitivity testing *n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
117. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
118. de_____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
119. pr____h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
120. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
121. er__e trust *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
122. so___e a baby to sleep *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
123. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 115. lovingly, 116. penicillin, 117. struggle, 118. despair, 119. preach, 120. nurture, 121. erode, 122. soothe, 123. gender

124. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
125. an ear_____ke-proof *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
126. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
127. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
128. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
129. ri_____y structure *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
130. irr_____ble charm *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
131. int_____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
132. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
133. di_____s from the main subject *v.* to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing
134. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
135. statement of aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly

ANSWERS: 124. magic, 125. earthquake, 126. dare, 127. excite, 128. refuse, 129. rickety, 130. irresistible, 131. introductory, 132. incredible, 133. digress, 134. immerse, 135. affirmation

136. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
137. in____t him of injuries *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
138. 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
139. terrestrial gra____on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
140. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
141. in____al component *adj.* necessary to make a whole complete; essential, or fundamental; combining with something else to form a whole; (noun, of mathematics) a fundamental concept in calculus that represents the area under a curve between two points on a graph
142. po__e of citizens *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

ANSWERS: 136. creative, 137. indict, 138. spirit, 139. gravitation, 140. profit, 141. integral, 142. posse

143. universal gra_____on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
144. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
145. wear his han_____owns *n.* a used item that is passed down from one person to another, especially in a family or community
146. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
147. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
148. in____d cargo *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
149. li_____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
150. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
151. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
152. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
153. de____e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 143. gravitation, 144. hurricane, 145. hand-me-down, 146. echo, 147. participate, 148. inward, 149. liberty, 150. cycle, 151. imaginary, 152. profit, 153. debate

154. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
155. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
156. deliver a mo_____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
157. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
158. enjoyment of so_____de *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
159. bl__m in autumn *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
160. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
161. sh_____e chains *n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
162. a st___h in a garment *n.* one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn
163. send a de_____te *n.* a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone

ANSWERS: 154. scream, 155. studio, 156. monologue, 157. discovery, 158. solitude, 159. bloom, 160. incarcerate, 161. shackle, 162. stitch, 163. delegate

164. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
165. a mu__l decoration *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
166. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
167. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
168. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
169. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
170. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
171. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
172. an___r bolt *n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
173. 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
174. a ma___d difference *adj.* having a noticeable feature or distinctive quality; easily noticeable or obvious

ANSWERS: 164. encouraging, 165. mural, 166. murder, 167. tongue, 168. exploit, 169. metaphor, 170. poet, 171. stream, 172. anchor, 173. echo, 174. marked

175. co_____on detection *n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict
176. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
177. lengthy se____n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
178. w__f sound *n.* the sound that a dog makes; the threads running from side to side in a woven fabric; the texture or quality of the threads in a woven fabric
179. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
180. a prodigious vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
181. sc____m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
182. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
183. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

ANSWERS: 175. collision, 176. movement, 177. sermon, 178. woof, 179. nurture, 180. vision, 181. scream, 182. democracy, 183. immerse

184. visual me____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
185. st____ng disclosure *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
186. bac____ack meetings *adj.* situated close to each other and facing in opposite directions; arranged or scheduled consecutively without a break in between; (adverb) consecutively
187. national e_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
188. ov____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
189. ba____rd barbecue *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
190. rampant ind____ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
191. strong and co____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
192. pa____r habitat *n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

ANSWERS: 184. metaphor, 185. stunning, 186. back-to-back, 187. ego, 188. overcome, 189. backyard, 190. individualism, 191. committed, 192. panther

193. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
194. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
195. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
196. book of po____y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
197. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
198. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
199. black-and-white bl__ms *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
200. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
201. win two games bac_____ack *adj.* situated close to each other and facing in opposite directions; arranged or scheduled consecutively without a break in between; (adverb) consecutively
202. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
203. so____e anxiety *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
204. history of hu_____nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

ANSWERS: 193. commitment, 194. urban, 195. educate, 196. poetry, 197. grand, 198. grand, 199. bloom, 200. relation, 201. back-to-back, 202. relation, 203. soothe, 204. humankind

205. a silent pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
206. di____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
207. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
208. di____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
209. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
210. ill____te a dark hall *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
211. with de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
212. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
213. the spo____ty of the moment *n.* the quality or state of being spontaneous; the act of behaving or acting in an impulsive, uninhibited, or unplanned manner
214. ma____n the enemy *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
215. st____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 205. protest, 206. disagree, 207. numb, 208. distract, 209. numb, 210. illuminate, 211. delight, 212. award, 213. spontaneity, 214. madden, 215. stretch

216. ra___g team *adj.* consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality
217. an av___e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
218. irr_____ble force *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
219. ti_____ne of science history *n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom
220. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
221. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
222. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
223. fe_____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
224. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
225. ex_____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

ANSWERS: 216. ragtag, 217. avenue, 218. irresistible, 219. timeline, 220. displace, 221. stretch, 222. emotional, 223. festival, 224. award, 225. exhibit

226. cu_____te relationships *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
227. 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
228. art_____te his position *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
229. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
230. a lay se___n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
231. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
232. native to___e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
233. un___n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
234. eloquently art_____te *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
235. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
236. su_____b to cancer *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

ANSWERS: 226. cultivate, 227. refuge, 228. articulate, 229. ingredient, 230. sermon, 231. struggle, 232. tongue, 233. unseen, 234. articulate, 235. ingredient, 236. succumb

237. product int_____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
238. co_____e in midair *v.* to hit something violently when moving
239. an____r weight *n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
240. pe_____t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
241. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
242. po__e member *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
243. a silk h__d *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
244. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
245. professional ac_____de *n.* an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement
246. g__w gold in the light *v.* to give out a steady, strong light

ANSWERS: 237. introductory, 238. collide, 239. anchor, 240. persist, 241. anxiety, 242. posse, 243. hood, 244. dare, 245. accolade, 246. glow

247. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
248. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
249. li___d leather *n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
250. adopt an attitude of de_____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
251. man_____ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
252. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
253. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
254. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
255. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 247. participate, 248. poet, 249. lizard, 250. defiance, 251. manifestation, 252. gender, 253. animate, 254. instrument, 255. policy

256. come into co_____on with my friend *n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict
257. uns_____ing success *adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
258. the country's is_____on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
259. act with spo_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being spontaneous; the act of behaving or acting in an impulsive, uninhibited, or unplanned manner
260. j__z club *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
261. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
262. a wi___d at chess *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
263. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
264. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
265. di_____s into my personal opinions *v.* to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing

ANSWERS: 256. collision, 257. unsurprising, 258. isolation, 259. spontaneity, 260. jazz, 261. imaginary, 262. wizard, 263. improvisation, 264. radical, 265. digress

266. deep ma___n *adj.* a deep reddish-brown color that is similar to the color of dried blood
267. c__f bracelet *n.* a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear
268. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
269. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
270. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
271. ho___r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
272. street ma_____an *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
273. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
274. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
275. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

ANSWERS: 266. maroon, 267. cuff, 268. revolution, 269. wit, 270. intention, 271. horror, 272. magician, 273. refuse, 274. straight, 275. exploit

276. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
277. cu_____te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
278. international film fe_____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
279. de_____te a routine task *n.* a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
280. un_____ly snowfall in May *adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time
281. co_____e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving
282. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
283. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
284. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
285. an ear_____ke zone *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

ANSWERS: 276. commitment, 277. cultivate, 278. festival, 279. delegate, 280. untimely, 281. collide, 282. suffer, 283. decide, 284. riot, 285. earthquake

286. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
287. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
288. dis____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
289. live in so____de *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
290. the form of a di____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
291. tr____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
292. enc____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
293. a tremor of de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
294. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
295. h__d ornament *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
296. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
297. pe____t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

ANSWERS: 286. slam, 287. discuss, 288. discotheque, 289. solitude, 290. dialogue, 291. transform, 292. encouraging, 293. delight, 294. scar, 295. hood, 296. sand, 297. persist

298. inner mo_____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
299. lay out a ti_____ne *n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom
300. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
301. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
302. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
303. glass ex_____or *adj.* situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something
304. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
305. su_____b to old age *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

ANSWERS: 298. monologue, 299. timeline, 300. mold, 301. committed, 302. addition, 303. exterior, 304. honor, 305. succumb

306. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
307. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
308. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
309. a no_____p run *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
310. no_____p talk *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
311. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
312. w__f fabric *n.* the sound that a dog makes; the threads running from side to side in a woven fabric; the texture or quality of the threads in a woven fabric
313. ad__n the table with flowers *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
314. cu___e an art website *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 306. magic, 307. addition, 308. discuss, 309. nonstop, 310. nonstop, 311. despair, 312. woof, 313. adorn, 314. curate

315. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
316. perpetual cu___e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
317. su___n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
318. hu_____nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
319. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
320. visual c_e *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
321. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
322. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
323. ill_____te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

ANSWERS: 315. decide, 316. curate, 317. summon, 318. humankind, 319. intention, 320. cue, 321. instrument, 322. murder, 323. illuminate

324. in____or decoration *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
325. personal li____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
326. c_e card *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
327. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
328. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
329. mu__l painting *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
330. hold a pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
331. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
332. an un____n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
333. the l__l before the storm *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
334. new ex____or design *adj.* situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something

ANSWERS: 324. interior, 325. liberty, 326. cue, 327. slide, 328. cycle, 329. mural, 330. protest, 331. critic, 332. unseen, 333. lull, 334. exterior

335. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
336. ma___n color *adj.* a deep reddish-brown color that is similar to the color of dried blood
337. soft c__f *n.* a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear
338. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
339. pen_____in allergy *n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
340. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
341. a pr_____on instrument *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
342. mi_____ht snack *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
343. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
344. pattern st___h *n.* one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn
345. in a rh_____ic pace *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
346. coconut p__m trees *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

ANSWERS: 335. manifestation, 336. maroon, 337. cuff, 338. animate, 339. penicillin, 340. scar, 341. precision, 342. midnight, 343. settle, 344. stitch, 345. rhythmic, 346. palm

347. lo____ly prepared *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
348. fierce de____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
349. achieve a le____ry status *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
350. be____er scientists *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
351. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
352. giant li____d *n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
353. meet with opp____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
354. be____er the reader *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
355. 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
356. inc____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 347. lovingly, 348. defiance, 349. legendary, 350. bewilder, 351. spark, 352. lizard, 353. opposition, 354. bewilder, 355. quotation, 356. incredible

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
 - v. to take part in something

2. He pulled his waterproof _____ up to protect himself from the rain.
 - n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

3. Effective communication is an _____ part of any successful team.
 - adj. necessary to make a whole complete; essential, or fundamental; combining with something else to form a whole; (noun, of mathematics) a fundamental concept in calculus that represents the area under a curve between two points on a graph

4. He finally _____ to temptation.
 - v. to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

5. The _____ tail regenerates if severed.
 - n. a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail

6. 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

7. The children were delighted with the _____ clever tricks.
 - n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

ANSWERS: 1. participated, 2. hood, 3. integral, 4. succumbed, 5. lizard's, 6. discovery, 7. magician's

8. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
9. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
10. The old wooden bridge was _____ and swayed with every step.
adj. wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
11. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
12. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
13. The actor received an _____ for his outstanding performance in the play.
n. an expression of praise, honor, or approval, often in the form of an award or ceremonial gesture; a sign of recognition or achievement
14. I stayed up until _____ watching my favorite movie.
n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
15. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.
n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 8. relations, 9. summoning, 10. rickety, 11. obvious, 12. preached, 13. accolade, 14. midnight, 15. mold

16. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
17. He sought _____ in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.
n. the state of being alone and isolated from others
18. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
19. The _____ motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.
adj. directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
20. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
21. That incident led to his _____.
n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
22. The cherry blossoms in the park were in full _____.
n. a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
23. The force of _____ keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.
n. the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

ANSWERS: 16. commitments, 17. solitude, 18. instrument, 19. inward, 20. Democracy, 21. isolation, 22. bloom, 23. gravitation

24. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
25. The _____ stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.
adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
26. The _____ from the small country was not allowed to speak at the meeting.
n. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
27. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
28. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
n. a person who writes poetry
29. He grows vegetables in his _____.
n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house
30. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
31. He _____ himself in his research.
v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

ANSWERS: 24. transformed, 25. legendary, 26. delegate, 27. manifestation, 28. poet, 29. backyard, 30. invite, 31. immersed

32. My older sister gave me some of her old clothes as _____ and I was grateful for them because they were still in good condition.
- n.* a used item that is passed down from one person to another, especially in a family or community
33. The doctor prescribed _____ to treat the bacterial infection.
- n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
34. His public speaking skills improved when he embraced _____ rather than sticking to a script.
- n.* the quality or state of being spontaneous; the act of behaving or acting in an impulsive, uninhibited, or unplanned manner
35. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.
- v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
36. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
- adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
37. She applied aloe vera to _____ her sunburn.
- v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
38. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
39. The _____ from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.
- n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly

ANSWERS: 32. hand-me-downs, 33. penicillin, 34. spontaneity, 35. sparked, 36. urban, 37. soothe, 38. revolution, 39. affirmation

40. The consequences of the pandemic remain _____ as scientists continue to research the virus.

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

41. He imposed a _____ on the project.

n. a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom

42. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

43. My dog's _____ woke me up early in the morning.

n. the sound that a dog makes; the threads running from side to side in a woven fabric; the texture or quality of the threads in a woven fabric

44. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

45. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

n. something you want to do and are going to do

46. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

47. She kept _____ for an ambulance.

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

ANSWERS: 40. unseen, 41. timeline, 42. sand, 43. woof, 44. stretch, 45. intentions, 46. decide, 47. screaming

48. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

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

49. That biologist _____ the mechanism of heredity.

- v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

50. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

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

51. I don't want to _____ for second best.

- v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

52. We tend to choose _____ flights when we travel.

- adj. without intermediate stops between source and destination

53. She looked at him _____ and knew he was the one for her.

- adv. in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

54. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.

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

55. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.

- n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 48. predict, 49. illuminated, 50. creative, 51. settle, 52. nonstop, 53. lovingly, 54. nurture, 55. curate

56. He acted in _____ of our decision.

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

57. The restaurant received _____ awards for its exceptional cuisine and service.

adj. situated close to each other and facing in opposite directions; arranged or scheduled consecutively without a break in between; (adverb) consecutively

58. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

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

59. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

60. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

61. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

62. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

63. She was able to _____ her argument in the debate clearly.

v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

ANSWERS: 56. defiance, 57. back-to-back, 58. opposition, 59. incredible, 60. overcome, 61. survival, 62. ingredient, 63. articulate

64. The _____ arrival of the storm ruined their plans for a picnic.
adj. happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time
65. The sun was setting, and the sky _____ with beautiful colors.
v. to give out a steady, strong light
66. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
67. This operation requires both patience and _____.
n. the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
68. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
69. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
70. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
71. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
72. The _____ on the wall depicted the history of the city.
adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

ANSWERS: 64. untimely, 65. glowed, 66. protest, 67. precision, 68. emotional, 69. vision, 70. distract, 71. granted, 72. mural

73. The actor's _____ was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.
n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
74. The wound was so deep that it needed a surgical procedure and _____.
n. one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn
75. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
76. The interests of the two countries _____.
v. to hit something violently when moving
77. The architect _____ the interior with great artworks and frescoes.
v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
78. He was _____ for the duration of the war.
v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
79. 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
80. I claim on my _____ that it is true.
n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

ANSWERS: 73. monologue, 74. stitches, 75. suffers, 76. collide, 77. adorned, 78. incarcerated, 79. introductory, 80. honor

81. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
- v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
82. The _____ sunset took everyone's breath away.
- adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
83. The _____ of the restaurant gave it a cozy and inviting feel.
- n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic
84. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
85. The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to _____ the corrupt politician.
- v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
86. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.
- n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
87. The ongoing budget cuts have _____ the quality of education in many schools.
- v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

ANSWERS: 81. exploit, 82. stunning, 83. decor, 84. riots, 85. indict, 86. studio, 87. eroded

88. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
89. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
90. 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
91. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
92. He was sick for five _____ days.
- adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
93. This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the _____ of your hand.
- n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
94. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 88. policy, 89. combine, 90. church, 91. discuss, 92. straight, 93. palm, 94. gender

95. The _____ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

96. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

97. The aroma of freshly baked cookies was _____ to her.

adj. impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

98. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

99. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

100. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

101. She wore a _____ dress to the formal event.

adj. a deep reddish-brown color that is similar to the color of dried blood

102. 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

ANSWERS: 95. rhythmic, 96. movement, 97. irresistible, 98. improvisation, 99. liberty, 100. refuse, 101. maroon, 102. quotation

103. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

104. Consult your doctor if the symptoms _____.

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

105. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

106. University is a great place to _____ our minds and expertise.

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

107. My left arm became _____.

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

108. The _____ outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

adj. not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

109. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

110. The ship dropped _____ in the bay.

n. a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability

ANSWERS: 103. streams, 104. persist, 105. scar, 106. cultivate, 107. numb, 108. unsurprising, 109. dialogue, 110. anchor

111. The complex instructions on the assignment sheet _____ most students.
v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
112. The director gave the actor a ____ to begin the scene.
n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
113. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy
114. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
115. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
116. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
117. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.
n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
118. The professor always _____ when he gives a lecture.
v. to move away from the main subject temporarily, especially in speech or writing
119. The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing ____ on the listeners.
n. a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation

ANSWERS: 111. bewilder, 112. cue, 113. animated, 114. Communal, 115. inspired, 116. committed, 117. horror, 118. digresses, 119. lull

120. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

121. The painter focused on the moody _____ of abandoned buildings in his work.

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

122. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.

v. to shock or disgust greatly

123. The doctor used a blood pressure _____ to measure my vitals.

n. a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear

124. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

125. On the geological time scale, _____ has existed for a brief moment.

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

126. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

127. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

ANSWERS: 120. addition, 121. interiors, 122. horrify, 123. cuff, 124. murder, 125. humankind, 126. slide, 127. radical

128. The slow internet connection _____ him as he tried to stream his favorite show.
- v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
129. 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
130. Four _____ walls surround the courtyard.
- adj.* situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something
131. The _____ sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.
- n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
132. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
133. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
134. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.
- n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
135. The prisoner wore heavy _____ on his wrists and ankles.
- n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

ANSWERS: 128. maddened, 129. magic, 130. exterior, 131. panther's, 132. grand, 133. excited, 134. grace, 135. shackles

136. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.

- v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

137. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.

- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

138. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

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

139. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.

- n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

140. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.

- adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

141. He could not _____ against temptation.

- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

142. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

- n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

143. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.

- n.* poems in general as a genre of literature

ANSWERS: 136. exhibit, 137. metaphors, 138. debate, 139. wit, 140. encouraging, 141. struggle, 142. Depression, 143. poetry

144. They explored every _____ they could think of.

- n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

145. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

- n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

146. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.

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

147. 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

148. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

- v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

149. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.

- v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

150. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

- n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a tongue

151. His friend's death drove him to _____.

- n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 144. avenue, 145. poem, 146. empire, 147. spirit, 148. slammed, 149. displace, 150. tongue, 151. despair

152. She was constantly trying to boost her ____ by talking about her accomplishments.

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

153. The food chain causes a material _____.

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

154. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

155. My friends and I formed a _____ to search for the lost hiker.

n. a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

156. Her _____ improvement in her grades resulted from her increased focus and effort.

adj. having a noticeable feature or distinctive quality; easily noticeable or obvious

157. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

158. 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: 152. ego, 153. cycle, 154. imaginary, 155. posse, 156. marked, 157. festival, 158. collision

159. This business yields little _____.

- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

160. 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

161. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.

- v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

162. She waited for her daughter with _____.

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

163. The violent _____ caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

- n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

164. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

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

165. We should all _____ in the good things life has to offer.

- v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

ANSWERS: 159. profit, 160. refuge, 161. educate, 162. anxiety, 163. earthquake, 164. communicate, 165. rejoice

166. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.

v. to have the courage to do something

167. An ethic of _____ encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

168. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.

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

169. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

170. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

171. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

172. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

173. He listened to _____ music to relax after a long day at work.

n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

174. The preacher delivered a powerful _____ on the importance of forgiveness.

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

ANSWERS: 166. dare, 167. individualism, 168. echoed, 169. critics, 170. delight, 171. award, 172. discotheque, 173. jazz, 174. sermon

175. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

176. He was a _____ at solving complex mathematical equations.

n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field

177. I _____ for reasons already stated above.

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

178. The army's _____ troop was no match for the well-equipped enemy.

adj. consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality

ANSWERS: 175. hurricane, 176. wizard, 177. disagree, 178. ragtag