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Session 1: Word List

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

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

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

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

aftermath

n. the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event

synonym: consequence, backwash, result

(1) financial **aftermath**, (2) the **aftermath** of a crisis

The **aftermath** of the hurricane left the city in shambles.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

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

complicated challenges

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

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

novel

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

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

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

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

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

anniversary

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

synonym: commemoration, celebration, observance

(1) **anniversary** celebration, (2) a bicentennial **anniversary**

They celebrated their 10th **anniversary** with a romantic dinner.

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym: honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed

The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

schedule

n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

synonym: agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**

So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

chancellor

n. a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany

synonym: official, administrator, head

(1) **Chancellor** of the Exchequer, (2) associate **chancellor**

The **chancellor** of the university made an important announcement regarding the budget.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic

synonym: excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue
Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

retire

v. to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age

synonym : relinquish, step down, withdraw

(1) **retire** voluntarily, (2) **retire** after four terms

After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to **retire** from her job.

summit

n. the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues

synonym : peak, top, crest

(1) reach the **summit**, (2) **summit** talks

The climbers reached the mountain's **summit** after a long and challenging journey.

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.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym: intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

distrust

n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

synonym: suspicion, doubt, misgiving

(1) **distrust** in politics, (2) growing **distrust**

The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop **distrust** in her abilities.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

rhetoric

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

synonym: oratory, eloquence, persuasion

(1) the **rhetoric** of a debate, (2) high-flown **rhetoric**

He was known for his powerful **rhetoric** and ability to persuade people with his words.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym : envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym : accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym : nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym: adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by

international law.

blitz

n. a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action

synonym: onslaught, assault, attack

(1) marketing **blitz**, (2) snowstorm **blitz**

The football team used the **blitz** strategy to overwhelm their opponents quickly.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

eventually

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

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

memorial

n. a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event

synonym: monument, remembrance, tribute

(1) **memorial** address, (2) **memorial** park

The war **memorial** stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our ancestors.

command

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

synonym: control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym: bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

retiring

adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

synonym: shy, leaving, quitting

(1) near **retiring** age, (2) a **retiring** pension

The **retiring** CEO passed on the reins to his successor.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

inscription

n. a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

synonym: engraving, writing, script

(1) **inscription** on a plaque, (2) funerary **inscriptions**

The ancient coin had an **inscription** in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

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.

aircraft

n. any vehicle that can fly and carry things or passengers, such as a plane or helicopter

synonym: airplane, plane, airliner

(1) an **aircraft** landing, (2) **aircraft** control system

The marine **aircraft** manufacturer demonstrated their newest hydroplane.

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym: exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight
An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

monument

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

synonym: memorial, marker, statue

(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring
The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.

surge

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

synonym: rush, spate, deluge

(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism
She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

germ

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

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment
The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym: down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt
A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

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.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym : merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

ordinary

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

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

lynch

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

synonym : hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded

or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym : comfortless, discomforting, painful

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

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

nationality

n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country

synonym : ethnicity, race, citizenship

(1) acquisition of **nationality**, (2) **nationality** certificate

Dual **nationality** is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

consequence

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

synonym : result, impact, outcome

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

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

dawn

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

synonym : daybreak, sunrise, advent

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

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

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym : publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

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.

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**.

veteran

n. a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

synonym : expert, pro, vet

(1) A 20-year **veteran** in the industry, (2) **veteran** teacher

The **veteran** soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

monopoly

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

synonym : cartel, trust, ownership

(1) a government **monopoly**, (2) **monopoly** in distribution

The government strived to protect its tobacco **monopoly**.

heroism

n. great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause

synonym : bravery, valor, courage

(1) acts of **heroism**, (2) military **heroism**

The firefighter showed true **heroism** when he rescued the family from the burning building.

jaw

n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

synonym : mouth, (verb) chitchat

(1) snatch victory from the **jaws** of defeat, (2) **jaw** muscle

He dropped his **jaw** at the unexpected sight.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym : conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

dramatize

v. to present or portray something in a way that emphasizes its dramatic or emotional aspects; to make something into a drama or play

synonym : exaggerate, sensationalize, theatricalize

(1) **dramatize** the dialogue, (2) **dramatize** the event

The media tends to **dramatize** news stories to attract more viewers.

identical

adj. being the exact same one

synonym : duplicate, exact, analogous

(1) pair of **identical** twins, (2) an **identical** equation

Infant formulas are nutritionally almost **identical** to a mother's breast milk.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym : giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

selfless

adj. concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic

synonym : unselfish, altruistic, generous

(1) **selfless** act, (2) **selfless** devotion

Her **selfless** dedication to the community earned her a prestigious award.

victim

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

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

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

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

complicated

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

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

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

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

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and

backgrounds.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym: fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**
With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym: barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing
The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

atrocities

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

synonym: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocities**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocities**
The **atrocities** of the war left many children orphaned.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management
The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

accuse

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

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other
The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

weigh

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

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo
The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

comparison

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

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.

argument

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

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

stir

v. to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

synonym : mix, swirl, provoke

(1) **stir** a sauce, (2) **stir** up controversy

Topics related to that war may **stir** up a political hornets' nest.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

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.

austerity

n. the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

synonym : frugality, nonindulgence, rigor

(1) impose **austerity**, (2) economic **austerity**

The government's **austerity** measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.

impose

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

synonym: charge, levy, foist

(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs

The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

blame

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

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

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

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

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

salute

v. to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way

synonym : greet, acknowledge, acclaim

(1) **salute** to the flag, (2) **salute** him in military fashion

The soldiers stood at attention to **salute** their commanding officer.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

uniform

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

synonym : livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**

This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

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.

photoshop

v. to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools

synonym : edit, retouch, manipulate

(1) **photoshop** a picture, (2) **photoshop** the background of

the image

The photographer **photoshopped** the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

memorandum

n. a written message or communication that serves as a reminder or to convey information or instructions to someone, often used in a business or official context

synonym: memo, note, reminder

(1) **memorandum** of understanding, (2) internal **memorandum**

The boss sent us a **memorandum** outlining the new company policy on remote work.

refer

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

synonym: cite, allude, mention

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

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

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym: suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

nonsense

n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

synonym: ludicrousness, gabble, absurdity

(1) talk **nonsense**, (2) sheer **nonsense**

The parents spoke to their children in no- **nonsense** tones.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

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.

alarm

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some

undesirable event or particular danger

synonym : notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

invoke

v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

synonym : evoke, summon, call forth

(1) **invoke** memories, (2) **invoke** the right to remain silent

The politician **invoked** the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

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.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

harmless

adj. not able or not likely to cause damage or harm

synonym : benign, innocuous, inoffensive

(1) **harmless** in most people, (2) **harmless** substances

Most people thought of him as a **harmless** eccentric.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym : friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence
Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

resurrect

v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again
synonym: revive, bring back, bring to life

(1) **resurrect** the dead, (2) **resurrect** an argument
They tried to **resurrect** the ancient tradition.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy
synonym: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling
His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
synonym: unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building
The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym: urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient
The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co____de a meeting | <i>v.</i> to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning |
| 2. an u__y sound | <i>adj.</i> unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at |
| 3. funerary ins_____ons | <i>n.</i> a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal |
| 4. ph_____op a picture | <i>v.</i> to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools |
| 5. pr_____e analyses | <i>adj.</i> sharply exact or accurate or delimited |
| 6. de___t a global power | <i>v.</i> to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt |
| 7. pr_____e a disease | <i>v.</i> to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect |
| 8. bl__e circumstances for the failure | <i>v.</i> to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad |
| 9. afraid to show em_____n | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others |
| 10. we__h heavily on stock prices | <i>v.</i> to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion |
| 11. in_____ng stories | <i>adj.</i> stimulating and motivating you to want to do something |

ANSWERS: 1. conclude, 2. ugly, 3. inscription, 4. photoshop, 5. precise, 6. defeat, 7. provoke, 8. blame, 9. emotion, 10. weigh, 11. inspiring

12. 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
13. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
14. acts of he_____m *n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
15. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
16. give the al__m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
17. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
18. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic
19. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
20. ann_____ry celebration *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
21. mo_____ly in distribution *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

ANSWERS: 12. spirit, 13. eventually, 14. heroism, 15. increasingly, 16. alarm, 17. concentration, 18. prime, 19. dare, 20. anniversary, 21. monopoly

22. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
23. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
24. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
25. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
26. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
27. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
28. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
29. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
30. me_____al address *n.* a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
31. snatch victory from the j_ws of defeat *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

ANSWERS: 22. minister, 23. economy, 24. strike, 25. largely, 26. evil, 27. modern, 28. dawn, 29. brand, 30. memorial, 31. jaw

32. humanity's mo_____nt *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
33. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
34. A 20-year ve_____n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
35. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
36. pr_____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
37. reach the su____t *n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
38. lose some of my sh_____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
39. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic
40. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
41. re_____ct the dead *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
42. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
43. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree

ANSWERS: 32. monument, 33. novel, 34. veteran, 35. inspire, 36. precious, 37. summit, 38. shyness, 39. prime, 40. comparison, 41. resurrect, 42. ordinary, 43. largely

44. s__r a sauce *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
45. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
46. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
47. sa___e him in military fashion *v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
48. me__y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
49. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
50. growing di_____st *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
51. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
52. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
53. the imp_____on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
54. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 44. stir, 45. ugly, 46. opposition, 47. salute, 48. messy, 49. historic, 50. distrust, 51. weigh, 52. headline, 53. implication, 54. union

55. a bicentennial ann_____ry *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
56. 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
57. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
58. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
59. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
60. impose au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
61. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
62. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
63. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 55. anniversary, 56. struggle, 57. obvious, 58. dedicate, 59. politician, 60. austerity, 61. precise, 62. union, 63. germ

72. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
73. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
74. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
75. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
76. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
77. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
78. fo___r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
79. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
80. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
81. ly__h law *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

ANSWERS: 72. inherent, 73. dawn, 74. brand, 75. accuse, 76. hero, 77. calm, 78.

foster, 79. obsess, 80. crisis, 81. lynch

82. military he_____m *n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
83. internal mem_____um *n.* a written message or communication that serves as a reminder or to convey information or instructions to someone, often used in a business or official context
84. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
85. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
86. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
87. pair of id_____al twins *adj.* being the exact same one
88. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
89. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
90. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
91. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
92. economic au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

ANSWERS: 82. heroism, 83. memorandum, 84. architecture, 85. comparison, 86. suppose, 87. identical, 88. dam, 89. minister, 90. industrious, 91. victim, 92. austerity

93. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
94. our school un____m *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
95. allied di____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
96. pho____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
97. ad____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
98. absolutely fa____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
99. im___e harsher sanctions *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
100. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
101. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
102. a blazing ar____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 93. modern, 94. uniform, 95. diplomat, 96. photograph, 97. advertise, 98. fantastic, 99. impose, 100. giant, 101. calm, 102. argument

103. cold-blooded at____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
104. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
105. the con____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
106. the ground be____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
107. se____ss act *adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic
108. jou____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
109. with an unc____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
110. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
111. unintended con____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
112. se____ss devotion *adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic
113. a fa____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent

ANSWERS: 103. atrocity, 104. historic, 105. consequence, 106. beneath, 107. selfless, 108. journalist, 109. uncomfortable, 110. nation, 111. consequence, 112. selfless, 113. fantastic

114. his research area of
con_____ion
115. su___r a setback
116. atomic b__bs
117. trigger a re_____on
118. ca__e a statue
119. d__e to take risks
120. chemical re_____on
121. me_____n in a report
122. de___e all of my energies
123. pho_____ph memories
- n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
- n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
- n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
- v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
- v.* to have the courage to do something
- n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
- v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 114. concentration, 115. suffer, 116. bomb, 117. reaction, 118. carve, 119. dare, 120. reaction, 121. mention, 122. devote, 123. photograph

124. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
125. fo___r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
126. a heavy sc____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
127. accurately po____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
128. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
129. sa___e to the flag *v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
130. co____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
131. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
132. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

ANSWERS: 124. nation, 125. foster, 126. schedule, 127. portray, 128. germ, 129. salute, 130. conclude, 131. crisis, 132. pride

133. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
134. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
135. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
136. ha_____ss in most people *adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
137. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
138. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
139. ai_____ft control system *n.* any vehicle that can fly and carry things or passengers, such as a plane or helicopter
140. re_____ct an argument *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
141. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
142. commit at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
143. dr_____ze the dialogue *v.* to present or portray something in a way that emphasizes its dramatic or emotional aspects; to make something into a drama or play
144. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

ANSWERS: 133. industrious, 134. accuse, 135. suffer, 136. harmless, 137. bomb, 138. eventually, 139. aircraft, 140. resurrect, 141. myth, 142. atrocity, 143. dramatize, 144. diplomat

145. com_____te a deed *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
146. ca_____n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
147. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
148. pe_____ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
149. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
150. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
151. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
152. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
153. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
154. acquisition of nat_____ty *n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
155. 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

ANSWERS: 145. commemorate, 146. cartoon, 147. mention, 148. peaceful, 149. desperately, 150. pretension, 151. emotional, 152. boom, 153. complicated, 154. nationality, 155. quotation

156. ve____n teacher *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
157. 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
158. Cha_____or of the Exchequer *n.* a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany
159. in_____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
160. at a un_____m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
161. re___e after four terms *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
162. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
163. mo_____nt honoring *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
164. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 156. veteran, 157. debate, 158. chancellor, 159. inherent, 160. uniform, 161. retire, 162. blame, 163. monument, 164. relative

165. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
166. the af_____th of a crisis *n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
167. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
168. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
169. re_____e voluntarily *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
170. awe-in_____ng sight *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
171. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
172. a government mo_____ly *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
173. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
174. price of pr_____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
175. marketing bl__z *n.* a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action

ANSWERS: 165. liberate, 166. aftermath, 167. architecture, 168. deserve, 169. retire, 170. inspiring, 171. increasingly, 172. monopoly, 173. liberate, 174. precious, 175. blitz

176. me__y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
177. nat_____ty certificate *n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
178. di_____st in politics *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
179. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
180. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
181. j_w muscle *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
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183. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
184. talk no_____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
185. s__r up controversy *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
186. a re_____ng pension *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

ANSWERS: 176. messy, 177. nationality, 178. distrust, 179. argument, 180. provoke, 181. jaw, 182. opposition, 183. motto, 184. nonsense, 185. stir, 186. retiring

187. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
188. the su___e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
189. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
190. ca___e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
191. hide his pr___e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
192. ins_____on on a plaque *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
193. the rh_____ic of a debate *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
194. 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
195. me_____al park *n.* a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
196. associate cha_____or *n.* a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany

ANSWERS: 187. strike, 188. surge, 189. defeat, 190. carve, 191. pride, 192. inscription, 193. rhetoric, 194. debate, 195. memorial, 196. chancellor

197. near re_____ng age *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
198. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
199. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
200. ha_____ss substances *adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
201. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
202. in___e memories *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
203. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
204. po_____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
205. ly__h him to death *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

ANSWERS: 197. retiring, 198. refer, 199. hero, 200. harmless, 201. emotion, 202.

invoke, 203. pretension, 204. portray, 205. lynch

206. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
207. sh_____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
208. financial af_____th *n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
209. ca_____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
210. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
211. sheer no_____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
212. dr_____ze the event *v.* to present or portray something in a way that emphasizes its dramatic or emotional aspects; to make something into a drama or play
213. vi____m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
214. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
215. in____e the right to remain silent *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

ANSWERS: 206. deserve, 207. shyness, 208. aftermath, 209. cartoon, 210. uncomfortable, 211. nonsense, 212. dramatize, 213. victim, 214. beneath, 215. invoke

216. high-flown rh_____ic *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
217. historical no___l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
218. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
219. arrange my sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
220. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
221. a su___e of shoppers *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
222. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
223. an al___m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
224. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
225. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

ANSWERS: 216. rhetoric, 217. novel, 218. obsess, 219. schedule, 220. headline, 221. surge, 222. dam, 223. alarm, 224. suppose, 225. advertise

226. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
227. im___e tariffs *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
228. pe____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
229. an or____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
230. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
231. an ai____ft landing *n.* any vehicle that can fly and carry things or passengers, such as a plane or helicopter
232. mem_____um of understanding *n.* a written message or communication that serves as a reminder or to convey information or instructions to someone, often used in a business or official context
233. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
234. the imp_____on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
235. an id_____al equation *adj.* being the exact same one

ANSWERS: 226. motto, 227. impose, 228. peaceful, 229. ordinary, 230. refer, 231. aircraft, 232. memorandum, 233. desperately, 234. implication, 235. identical

236. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
237. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
238. com_____te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
239. ph_____op the background of the image *v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
240. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
241. su___t talks *n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
242. 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
243. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
244. snowstorm bl__z *n.* a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action

ANSWERS: 236. vast, 237. economy, 238. commemorate, 239. photoshop, 240. inspire, 241. summit, 242. struggle, 243. emotional, 244. blitz

245. horde of mo____rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
246. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
247. di____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
248. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
249. di____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
250. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
251. 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
252. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
253. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
254. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 245. monster, 246. complicated, 247. disturb, 248. giant, 249. disturb, 250. myth, 251. quotation, 252. politician, 253. boom, 254. evil

255. co____d and control

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

256. his conclusion was ob____s

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 255. command, 256. obvious

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
2. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
3. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.
n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
4. The _____ of the hurricane left the city in shambles.
n. the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
5. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
6. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
7. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.
n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
8. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 1. consequences, 2. novel, 3. atrocity, 4. aftermath, 5. liberated, 6. bombs, 7. concentration, 8. obvious

9. The government strived to protect its tobacco _____.
- n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
10. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.
- adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
11. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
12. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
13. He was known for his powerful _____ and ability to persuade people with his words.
- n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
14. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
15. 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
16. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
- adj.* main or most important; basic

ANSWERS: 9. monopoly, 10. peaceful, 11. germ, 12. photograph, 13. rhetoric, 14. industrious, 15. suffers, 16. prime

17. The _____ of the university made an important announcement regarding the budget.
- n.* a senior official or administrator, particularly in a university or government; the person who is the head of the government in some European countries, such as Germany
18. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
19. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
20. 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
21. The soldiers stood at attention to _____ their commanding officer.
- v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
22. His abusive words made me _____.
- adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
23. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.
- v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

ANSWERS: 17. chancellor, 18. crisis, 19. vast, 20. struggle, 21. salute, 22. uncomfortable, 23. portray

24. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

25. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

26. They celebrated their 10th _____ with a romantic dinner.

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

27. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

28. The mob wanted to _____ the suspect before he could be tried in court.

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

29. The break in the _____ threatened the valley.

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

30. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

ANSWERS: 24. modern, 25. emotional, 26. anniversary, 27. brand, 28. lynch, 29. dam, 30. diplomat

31. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

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

32. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

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

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

34. The stone _____ was built to commemorate the war heroes.

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

35. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

36. The photographer _____ the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.

v. to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools

37. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

38. The firefighter showed true _____ when he rescued the family from the burning building.

n. great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause

ANSWERS: 31. complicated, 32. impose, 33. blamed, 34. monument, 35. disturb, 36. photoshopped, 37. beneath, 38. heroism

39. I've included the two designs for a _____.
- n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
40. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.
- n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
41. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
- n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
42. Most people thought of him as a _____ eccentric.
- adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
43. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
44. The media tends to _____ news stories to attract more viewers.
- v.* to present or portray something in a way that emphasizes its dramatic or emotional aspects; to make something into a drama or play
45. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.
- adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
46. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

ANSWERS: 39. comparison, 40. union, 41. hero, 42. harmless, 43. emotions, 44. dramatize, 45. calm, 46. headline

47. The climbers reached the mountain's _____ after a long and challenging journey.

n. the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues

48. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

49. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

50. This country has a nationally _____ culture.

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

51. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

52. The parents spoke to their children in no-_____ tones.

n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

53. We _____ a cease-fire.

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

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

adv. more and more

ANSWERS: 47. summit, 48. minister, 49. largely, 50. uniform, 51. motto, 52. nonsense, 53. concluded, 54. increasingly

55. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

- v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

56. The government's _____ measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.

- n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

57. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

- adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

58. After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to _____ from her job.

- v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age

59. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.

- n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

60. His poem has a very significant _____.

- n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

61. He _____ his life to helping others.

- v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

62. Topics related to that war may _____ up a political hornets' nest.

- v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

ANSWERS: 55. devoted, 56. austerity, 57. ugly, 58. retire, 59. boom, 60. implication, 61. dedicated, 62. stir

63. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
64. The boss sent us a _____ outlining the new company policy on remote work.
n. a written message or communication that serves as a reminder or to convey information or instructions to someone, often used in a business or official context
65. The war _____ stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our ancestors.
n. a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
66. 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
67. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.
n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
68. The football team used the _____ strategy to overwhelm their opponents quickly.
n. a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action
69. We want to _____ our company through your media.
v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

ANSWERS: 63. fantastic, 64. memorandum, 65. memorial, 66. inspired, 67. pride, 68. blitz, 69. advertise

70. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

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

71. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

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

72. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

73. This car has a _____ engine.

- n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

74. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

- n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

75. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

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

76. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

77. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.

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

ANSWERS: 70. weighs, 71. ordinary, 72. nation, 73. monster, 74. politician, 75. victim, 76. historic, 77. dawn

78. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

79. The _____ soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

n. a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

80. Infant formulas are nutritionally almost _____ to a mother's breast milk.

adj. being the exact same one

81. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

82. 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

83. 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

84. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

85. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 78. carved, 79. veteran, 80. identical, 81. inspiring, 82. quotation, 83. debate, 84. myth, 85. mentioned

86. He dropped his ____ at the unexpected sight.

n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

87. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

88. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

89. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

adj. disorganized and untidy

90. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.

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

91. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

92. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

93. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

94. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 86. jaw, 87. obsessed, 88. inherent, 89. messy, 90. accused, 91. reaction, 92. defeat, 93. evil, 94. relatives

95. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
96. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
97. They tried to _____ the ancient tradition.
v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again
98. He finally overcame his _____.
n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
99. The _____ CEO passed on the reins to his successor.
adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
100. The baby clung _____ to her mother.
adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
101. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.
n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
102. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

ANSWERS: 95. deserved, 96. pretensions, 97. resurrect, 98. shyness, 99. retiring, 100. desperately, 101. command, 102. journalists

103. Dual _____ is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.
n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
104. The content is _____ and informative for me.
adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited
105. The politician _____ the name of the founding fathers in his speech.
v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
106. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
107. Her _____ dedication to the community earned her a prestigious award.
adj. concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic
108. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.
adj. uncommon and extremely valuable
109. The ancient coin had an _____ in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.
n. a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
110. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 103. nationality, 104. precise, 105. invoked, 106. argument, 107. selfless, 108. precious, 109. inscription, 110. refer

111. The country _____ the war heroes on Memorial Day.
v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
112. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
113. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
114. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.
v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
115. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
116. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
117. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.
v. to have the courage to do something
118. The marine _____ manufacturer demonstrated their newest hydroplane.
n. any vehicle that can fly and carry things or passengers, such as a plane or helicopter
119. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 111. commemorated, 112. giant, 113. provoked, 114. fostering, 115. opposition, 116. architecture, 117. dare, 118. aircraft, 119. suppose

120. So far, the meeting is going according to _____.

- n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

121. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

122. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

123. The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop _____ in her abilities.

- n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

124. 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

125. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.

- n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

126. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

- n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

ANSWERS: 120. schedule, 121. economy, 122. eventually, 123. distrust, 124. spirit, 125. surge, 126. alarm

127. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

128. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.

- n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

ANSWERS: 127. strike, 128. cartoon