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Session 1: Word List

invitation

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

synonym: request, asking, proposal

(1) a letter of **invitation**, (2) **invitation** of foreign investment

I will be very happy to accept your **invitation**.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

synonym: ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place
synonym : go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

benevolent

adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

synonym : kindly, compassionate, philanthropic

(1) **benevolent** gesture, (2) a **benevolent** individual

The **benevolent** donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

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**.

meddle

v. to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own

synonym : interfere, intrude, tamper

(1) **meddle** in relationships, (2) **meddle** with the evidence

She always tries to **meddle** in other people's affairs, and it's starting to get annoying.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym : friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

devout

adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

synonym : pious, religious, faithful

(1) **devout** Buddhist, (2) act in a **devout** manner

The **devout** monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

obligated

adj. legally or morally bound or compelled to do something; having a sense of duty or responsibility to fulfill a certain obligation

synonym : required, bound, compelled

(1) **obligated** to pay, (2) morally **obligated**

I felt **obligated** to help my friend with their problem.

misguided

adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action

synonym : mistaken, wrong, erring

(1) **misguided** policies, (2) a **misguided** sense of duty

His **misguided** attempt to fix the problem only made it worse.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

consort

n. a spouse, typically the wife or husband of a reigning monarch; a companion or partner, especially one who is a member of the same group or organization

synonym: companion, mate, partner

(1) **consort** music, (2) royal **consort**

The politician's advisors counseled him to choose a more suitable **consort** to enhance his public image.

demon

n. an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful

synonym: fiend, devil, evil spirit

(1) **demon** hunter, (2) cast **demon** eyes

The actor's portrayal of the **demon** in the horror movie was terrifying.

monastery

n. a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship

synonym: abbey, convent, friary

(1) **monastery** garden, (2) leave a **monastery**

This ancient **monastery** was founded in the 13th century and had a long history of religious devotion.

cleanse

v. to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body

synonym: purify, detoxify, sanitize

(1) juice **cleanse**, (2) **cleanse** the face

The new diet is designed to **cleanse** toxins from the body.

protest

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

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

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

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

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym : anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym : go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym : implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome

difficult times.

erupt

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

synonym: eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

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.

summon

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

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

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

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

fleet

n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

synonym: armada, flotilla, (adjective) speedy

(1) **fleet** of foot, (2) a **fleet** horse

We destroyed a **fleet** of 70 enemy ships.

shrimp

n. a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs

synonym: prawn, langoustine, scampi

(1) **shrimp** cocktail, (2) **shrimp** farming

The seafood restaurant had a variety of dishes featuring **shrimp**.

crab

n. a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person

who is prone to complaining or criticizing

synonym: crustacean, shellfish, crusty

(1) **crab** cakes, (2) **crab** legs

I ordered a plate of fresh **crab** at the seafood restaurant.

subdue

v. to conquer; to bring under control

synonym: conquer, overpower, vanquish

(1) **subdue** a confusion, (2) **subdue** his anger

The police used tear gas to **subdue** the violent crowd.

blaze

v. to burst into flame or light up intensely; to move in a trailblazing manner; to shine brightly or conspicuously

synonym: burn, flame, ignite

(1) **blaze** a trail, (2) **blaze** with fury

The forest fire continued to **blaze** out of control, threatening nearby homes.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym: circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym : blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym : resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

blessing

n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

synonym : favor, benediction, boon

(1) count your **blessings**, (2) bestowed **blessings**

Receiving support from his friends was a great **blessing** in his time of need.

retract

v. to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

synonym : withdraw, take back, revoke

(1) **retract** a promise, (2) **retract** a lawsuit

I need to **retract** my statement because I realized it was incorrect.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

- trap** *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
synonym : catch, snare, pinfall
(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal
The enemy fell right into the **trap**.
- magical** *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural
(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers
When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
- alms** *n.* money, food, or other donations given to the poor or needy as an act of charity; a charitable donation or gift
synonym : charity, donations, handouts
(1) collect **alms** for charity, (2) **alms** chest
The beggar asked for **alms** to buy food for his family.
- glow** *v.* to give out a steady, strong light
synonym : shine, radiate, beam
(1) **glow** a pale orange, (2) **glow** gold in the light
The sun was setting, and the sky **glowed** with beautiful colors.
- belly** *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
synonym : stomach, abdomen, gut
(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**
She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.
- mad** *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
synonym : crazy, insane, furious
(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily
He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

magic

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

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym : thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

mysterious

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

synonym : enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

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

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

occasion

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

synonym : event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

accidental

adj. happening or existing by chance or unintentionally

synonym : inadvertent, fortuitous, coincidental

(1) **accidental** death, (2) cover **accidental** damage

This system prevents **accidental** deletion of data.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something
synonym : devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

misfortune

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

synonym : adversity, calamity, tragedy

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

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

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym : wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

wary

adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

synonym : cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

destructive

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

synonym : destroying, harmful, disastrous

(1) lead to **destructive** behavior, (2) a habit **destructive** to health

It was the most **destructive** storm in decades.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion
There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

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.

pagoda

n. a type of Asian temple with multiple stories and curved or sloping roofs, often used as a place of worship or a religious monument
synonym: temple, shrine, tower

(1) burmese **pagoda**, (2) ancient **pagoda**
The five-story **pagoda** stood tall and majestic in the center of the temple courtyard.

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
synonym: plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help
She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air
The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

stern

adj. serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
synonym: severe, harsh, strict

(1) **stern** warning, (2) a **stern** look
The students' antics did not amuse the **stern** teacher.

bloom

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

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

overcome

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

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties
He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

synonym: regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**
Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

reincarnation

n. the rebirth of a soul in a new body

synonym: rebirth, regeneration, metempsychosis

(1) **reincarnation** cycle, (2) **reincarnation** belief
Some religions believe in the **reincarnation** of souls after death.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature
The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards
Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

devotion

n. great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something

synonym : dedication, faith, adherence

(1) **devotion** for Buddhism, (2) selfless **devotion**

Their **devotion** to each other was beautiful.

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.

imperial

adj. relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it

synonym : royal, regal

(1) **imperial** rule, (2) **imperial** palace

The **imperial** palace is now undergoing repairs.

obtain

v. to get something, especially by making a great effort

synonym : accept, acquire, receive

(1) **obtain** a license, (2) **obtain** a bid

Where can I **obtain** the application form?

empire

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

synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

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

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

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym : ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

bestow

v. to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present

synonym : give, grant, present

(1) **bestow** the name, (2) **bestow** a warm praise
He did not **bestow** one thought on his dead friend.

ornate

adj. elaborately or excessively decorated

synonym : decorative, elaborate, fancy

(1) **ornate** ceiling, (2) depicted in **ornate** detail
She wore an **ornate** necklace to the formal event.

decor

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

synonym : ornamentation, embellishment, adornment

(1) tropical **decor**, (2) **decor** styles
The **decor** of the restaurant gave it a cozy and inviting feel.

jewel

n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

synonym : gem, precious stone, treasure

(1) **jewel** of the crown, (2) gleaming **jewel**
She treasured the small **jewel** that her grandmother had given her.

glory

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

synonym : acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**
It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

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.

coax

v. to persuade, encourage, or gently urge someone to do something; to manipulate or persuade something to work or function properly

synonym : persuade, cajole, lure

(1) **coax** a confession, (2) **coax** a smile

She tried to **coax** her cat out of the tree with a can of tuna.

exile

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

synonym : banishment, expulsion, deportation

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

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

kneel

v. to rest on someone's knee or knees

synonym : genuflect, crouch, bend

(1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest

The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

sin

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

synonym : misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

absolve

v. (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something

synonym : exempt, acquit, forgive

(1) **absolve** you from this responsibility, (2) **absolve** a person of a sin

The lender offered to **absolve** him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.

tribute

n. a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity

synonym : honor, accolade, recognition

(1) pay **tribute**, (2) **tribute** album

The statue was built as a **tribute** to the soldiers who died in the war.

blossom

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

synonym : flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

reunite

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

synonym : reconcile, reunify, reconvene

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

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

mortal

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

synonym : deathly, perishable, non-eternal

(1) a **mortal** combat, (2) this **mortal** life

All humans are **mortal** and will eventually die.

divine

adj. of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred

synonym : godly, holy, sacred

(1) **divine** intervention, (2) **divine** grace

The view from the mountaintop was truly **divine**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. cyclonic des_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of causing so much damage to something |
| 2. ov_____me all difficulties | <i>v.</i> to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone |
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| 4. former em_____r | <i>n.</i> the male ruler of an empire |
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ANSWERS: 1. destruction, 2. overcome, 3. misguided, 4. emperor, 5. encounter, 6. temple, 7. summon, 8. reward, 9. demon

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18. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
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26. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
27. juice cl_____e *v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
28. bl__e a trail *v.* to burst into flame or light up intensely; to move in a trailblazing manner; to shine brightly or conspicuously

ANSWERS: 20. devout, 21. release, 22. exile, 23. blossom, 24. mad, 25. pray, 26. beg, 27. cleanse, 28. blaze

29. be____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
30. er__t into tears *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
31. ce____ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
32. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
33. 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
34. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
35. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
36. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
37. collect a__s for charity *n.* money, food, or other donations given to the poor or needy as an act of charity; a charitable donation or gift

ANSWERS: 29. beneath, 30. erupt, 31. ceremony, 32. empire, 33. desperately, 34. process, 35. nation, 36. nation, 37. alms

38. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
39. greatest gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
40. co____t music *n.* a spouse, typically the wife or husband of a reigning monarch; a companion or partner, especially one who is a member of the same group or organization
41. di___e grace *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
42. wi___m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
43. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
44. lead to des_____ve behavior *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
45. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
46. a letter of inv_____on *n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
47. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
48. sh___p cocktail *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs

ANSWERS: 38. drown, 39. glory, 40. consort, 41. divine, 42. wisdom, 43. flood, 44. destructive, 45. weigh, 46. invitation, 47. reunite, 48. shrimp

49. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
50. im____al palace *adj.* relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it
51. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
52. a silent pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
53. pay tr____e *n.* a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity
54. tr____e album *n.* a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity
55. rei____ion cycle *n.* the rebirth of a soul in a new body
56. re____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
57. de____on for Buddhism *n.* great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something
58. su____n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
59. de____t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
60. royal co____t *n.* a spouse, typically the wife or husband of a reigning monarch; a companion or partner, especially one who is a member of the same group or organization

ANSWERS: 49. magic, 50. imperial, 51. drown, 52. protest, 53. tribute, 54. tribute, 55. reincarnation, 56. release, 57. devotion, 58. summon, 59. depart, 60. consort

61. c__x a smile
v. to persuade, encourage, or gently urge someone to do something; to manipulate or persuade something to work or function properly
62. c__x a confession
v. to persuade, encourage, or gently urge someone to do something; to manipulate or persuade something to work or function properly
63. mys_____us stranger
adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
64. en_____er a crisis
v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
65. re_____t a lawsuit
v. to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
66. former gl__y
n. great honor or success won by notable achievements
67. b__y in the earth
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
68. or___e ceiling
adj. elaborately or excessively decorated
69. feeling of gu__t
n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
70. bestowed bl_____ngs
n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

ANSWERS: 61. coax, 62. coax, 63. mysterious, 64. encounter, 65. retract, 66. glory, 67. bury, 68. ornate, 69. guilt, 70. blessing

71. s_n of omission *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
72. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
73. c__b legs *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
74. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
75. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
76. as oc_____on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
77. kn__l down and worship *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
78. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
79. count your bl_____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
80. bl__e with fury *v.* to burst into flame or light up intensely; to move in a trailblazing manner; to shine brightly or conspicuously

ANSWERS: 71. sin, 72. suddenly, 73. crab, 74. warn, 75. beg, 76. occasion, 77. kneel, 78. confront, 79. blessing, 80. blaze

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| 81. needs of pr_____nt women | <i>adj.</i> having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus |
| 82. inv_____on of foreign investment | <i>n.</i> a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something |
| 83. at____d a meeting | <i>v.</i> to be present at an event, to go to a place |
| 84. se_____te cream from milk | <i>v.</i> to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different |
| 85. a fl__t horse | <i>n.</i> a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast |
| 86. sh____p farming | <i>n.</i> a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs |
| 87. forgive a s_n | <i>n.</i> the offense against a religious or moral law or against God |
| 88. t__p an animal | <i>n.</i> a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping |
| 89. a habit des_____ve to health | <i>adj.</i> causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage |
| 90. put a gr_____ul expression | <i>adj.</i> feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful |
| 91. b__y emotion | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 92. gleaming je__l | <i>n.</i> a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry |

ANSWERS: 81. pregnant, 82. invitation, 83. attend, 84. separate, 85. fleet, 86. shrimp, 87. sin, 88. trap, 89. destructive, 90. grateful, 91. bury, 92. jewel

93. cl____e the face *v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
94. be____w the name *v.* to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present
95. su____e a confusion *v.* to conquer; to bring under control
96. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
97. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
98. selfless de____on *n.* great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something
99. bit of good fo____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
100. the ground be____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
101. ancient pa____a *n.* a type of Asian temple with multiple stories and curved or sloping roofs, often used as a place of worship or a religious monument
102. criminal gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

ANSWERS: 93. cleanse, 94. bestow, 95. subdue, 96. monk, 97. warn, 98. devotion, 99. fortune, 100. beneath, 101. pagoda, 102. guilt

103. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
104. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
105. st__n warning *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
106. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
107. ob___n a license *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
108. arrive and de___t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
109. un___y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
110. be___w a warm praise *v.* to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present
111. a fountain of wi___m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
112. burmese pa___a *n.* a type of Asian temple with multiple stories and curved or sloping roofs, often used as a place of worship or a religious monument
113. em_____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
114. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
115. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 103. reward, 104. weigh, 105. stern, 106. flood, 107. obtain, 108. depart, 109. uneasy, 110. bestow, 111. wisdom, 112. pagoda, 113. emperor, 114. magical, 115. pray

116. a mo___l combat *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
117. a ben_____nt individual *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
118. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
119. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
120. bl__m in autumn *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
121. rei_____ion belief *n.* the rebirth of a soul in a new body
122. black-and-white bl__ms *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
123. fl__t of foot *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
124. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
125. c__b cakes *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
126. 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

ANSWERS: 116. mortal, 117. benevolent, 118. surrounding, 119. exile, 120. bloom, 121. reincarnation, 122. bloom, 123. fleet, 124. villager, 125. crab, 126. spirit

127. economic mis_____ne *n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
128. at____d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
129. the be__y of the ship *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
130. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
131. g__w gold in the light *v.* to give out a steady, strong light
132. morally ob_____ed *adj.* legally or morally bound or compelled to do something; having a sense of duty or responsibility to fulfill a certain obligation
133. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
134. acc_____al death *adj.* happening or existing by chance or unintentionally
135. ab_____e you from this responsibility *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
136. ce_____ny location *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
137. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

ANSWERS: 127. misfortune, 128. attend, 129. belly, 130. spirit, 131. glow, 132. obligated, 133. surrounding, 134. accidental, 135. absolve, 136. ceremony, 137. innocent

138. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
139. apple bl_____m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
140. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
141. cover acc_____al damage *adj.* happening or existing by chance or unintentionally
142. have un____y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
143. kn__l in protest *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
144. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
145. leave a mo_____ry *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
146. a w__y statesman *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
147. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
148. me____e with the evidence *v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own

ANSWERS: 138. attempt, 139. blossom, 140. protest, 141. accidental, 142. uneasy, 143. kneel, 144. trap, 145. monastery, 146. wary, 147. reunite, 148. meddle

149. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
150. im____al rule *adj.* relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it
151. mo____ry garden *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
152. a string of mis____nes *n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
153. thousands of in____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
154. a tour guide at the te____e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
155. re____t a promise *v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
156. cast de__n eyes *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
157. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
158. ab____e a person of a sin *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
159. a glad oc____on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

ANSWERS: 149. flee, 150. imperial, 151. monastery, 152. misfortune, 153. innocent, 154. temple, 155. retract, 156. demon, 157. flee, 158. absolve, 159. occasion

160. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
161. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
162. depicted in or____e detail *adj.* elaborately or excessively decorated
163. em____e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
164. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
165. ob_____ed to pay *adj.* legally or morally bound or compelled to do something; having a sense of duty or responsibility to fulfill a certain obligation
166. a st__n look *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
167. su____e his anger *v.* to conquer; to bring under control
168. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
169. a gr_____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
170. di____e intervention *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
171. a__s chest *n.* money, food, or other donations given to the poor or needy as an act of charity; a charitable donation or gift
172. w__y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

ANSWERS: 160. pregnant, 161. destruction, 162. ornate, 163. empire, 164. mysterious, 165. obligated, 166. stern, 167. subdue, 168. mad, 169. grateful, 170. divine, 171. alms, 172. wary

173. de__r styles *n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic
174. g__w a pale orange *v.* to give out a steady, strong light
175. er__t in anger *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
176. a mi_____ed sense of duty *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
177. ben_____nt gesture *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
178. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
179. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
180. with an empty be__y *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
181. vi_____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
182. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 173. decor, 174. glow, 175. erupt, 176. misguided, 177. benevolent, 178. fortune, 179. confront, 180. belly, 181. villager, 182. process

183. tropical de__r *n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic
184. this mo___l life *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
185. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
186. je__l of the crown *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

ANSWERS: 183. decor, 184. mortal, 185. attempt, 186. jewel

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
2. The students' antics did not amuse the _____ teacher.
adj. serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
3. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something
4. The third _____ was far more successful.
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
5. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
6. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
7. The cherry _____ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.
n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
8. The _____ donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.
adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

ANSWERS: 1. release, 2. stern, 3. beneath, 4. attempt, 5. overcome, 6. flee, 7. blossom, 8. benevolent

9. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
10. The view from the mountaintop was truly _____.
adj. of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
11. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
12. She tried to _____ her cat out of the tree with a can of tuna.
v. to persuade, encourage, or gently urge someone to do something; to manipulate or persuade something to work or function properly
13. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.
n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
14. The band will _____ only for this show.
v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
15. I will be very happy to accept your _____.
n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
16. The cherry blossoms in the park were in full _____.
n. a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
17. This system prevents _____ deletion of data.
adj. happening or existing by chance or unintentionally

ANSWERS: 9. drown, 10. divine, 11. rewards, 12. coax, 13. monk, 14. reunite, 15. invitation, 16. bloom, 17. accidental

18. She had a tattoo just above her _____ button.

- n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

19. She wore an _____ necklace to the formal event.

- adj.* elaborately or excessively decorated

20. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

21. She wore her best dress for the special _____.

- n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

22. The statue was built as a _____ to the soldiers who died in the war.

- n.* a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity

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

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

24. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

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

ANSWERS: 18. belly, 19. ornate, 20. magical, 21. occasion, 22. tribute, 23. process, 24. spirit

25. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
- n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
26. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
- n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
27. The seafood restaurant had a variety of dishes featuring _____.
- n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
28. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.
- n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
29. 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
30. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.
- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
31. The new diet is designed to _____ toxins from the body.
- v.* to purify or get rid of impurities or toxins; to wash or scrub thoroughly, often in a ritualistic or symbolic context; to purge or remove negative or harmful influences or substances from something; (noun) an act of cleaning or purifying something, typically the body
32. Who answers _____ knows little.
- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 25. wisdom, 26. empire, 27. shrimp, 28. glory, 29. desperately, 30. encounter, 31. cleanse, 32. suddenly

33. She vacated the position when she got _____.

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

34. We destroyed a _____ of 70 enemy ships.

n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

35. This ancient _____ was founded in the 13th century and had a long history of religious devotion.

n. a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship

36. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.

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

37. We must _____ to this matter.

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

38. It was the most _____ storm in decades.

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

39. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

40. The _____ monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

ANSWERS: 33. pregnant, 34. fleet, 35. monastery, 36. protest, 37. attend, 38. destructive, 39. destruction, 40. devout

41. The lender offered to _____ him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.
v. (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
42. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
43. I felt _____ to help my friend with their problem.
adj. legally or morally bound or compelled to do something; having a sense of duty or responsibility to fulfill a certain obligation
44. She treasured the small _____ that her grandmother had given her.
n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
45. The enemy fell right into the _____.
n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
46. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
47. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.
n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
48. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.
n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

ANSWERS: 41. absolve, 42. bury, 43. obligated, 44. jewel, 45. trap, 46. begged, 47. sins, 48. temple

49. Receiving support from his friends was a great _____ in his time of need.
n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
50. All humans are _____ and will eventually die.
adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
51. My husband was found _____ of any crime.
adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
52. Battles between whites and blacks _____ immediately.
v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
53. She was _____ of meeting new people because of past experiences.
adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
54. His _____ attempt to fix the problem only made it worse.
adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
55. Some religions believe in the _____ of souls after death.
n. the rebirth of a soul in a new body
56. Shame and _____ have significant social influences.
n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
57. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.
n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

ANSWERS: 49. blessing, 50. mortal, 51. innocent, 52. erupted, 53. wary, 54. misguided, 55. reincarnation, 56. guilt, 57. villagers

58. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

59. The players are _____ during the national anthem.

- v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees

60. Where can I _____ the application form?

- v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort

61. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.

- n.* the male ruler of an empire

62. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

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

63. I need to _____ my statement because I realized it was incorrect.

- v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

64. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

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

65. He was _____ about the situation and didn't know what to do.

- adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

66. The actor's portrayal of the _____ in the horror movie was terrifying.

- n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful

ANSWERS: 58. warn, 59. kneeling, 60. obtain, 61. Emperor, 62. magic, 63. retract, 64. weighs, 65. uneasy, 66. demon

67. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
68. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
69. The flood was a great _____ to the small town causing extensive damage.
- n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
70. The _____ palace is now undergoing repairs.
- adj.* relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it
71. The police used tear gas to _____ the violent crowd.
- v.* to conquer; to bring under control
72. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
73. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.
- adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
74. The _____ of the restaurant gave it a cozy and inviting feel.
- n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic

ANSWERS: 67. fortune, 68. prayed, 69. misfortune, 70. imperial, 71. subdue, 72. separate, 73. mysterious, 74. decor

75. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.
n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
76. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
77. The beggar asked for _____ to buy food for his family.
n. money, food, or other donations given to the poor or needy as an act of charity; a charitable donation or gift
78. The forest fire continued to _____ out of control, threatening nearby homes.
v. to burst into flame or light up intensely; to move in a trailblazing manner; to shine brightly or conspicuously
79. 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
80. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
81. She always tries to _____ in other people's affairs, and it's starting to get annoying.
v. to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own
82. The sun was setting, and the sky _____ with beautiful colors.
v. to give out a steady, strong light

ANSWERS: 75. ceremony, 76. exiled, 77. alms, 78. blaze, 79. nation, 80. summoning, 81. meddle, 82. glowed

83. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

84. Their _____ to each other was beautiful.

n. great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something

85. He was ____ with joy to see the results.

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

86. The politician's advisors counseled him to choose a more suitable _____ to enhance his public image.

n. a spouse, typically the wife or husband of a reigning monarch; a companion or partner, especially one who is a member of the same group or organization

87. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

88. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

89. I ordered a plate of fresh _____ at the seafood restaurant.

n. a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing

90. She was _____ for the help he provided.

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

91. He did not _____ one thought on his dead friend.

v. to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present

ANSWERS: 83. departed, 84. devotion, 85. mad, 86. consort, 87. floods, 88. confront, 89. crab, 90. grateful, 91. bestow

92. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

93. The five-story _____ stood tall and majestic in the center of the temple courtyard.

n. a type of Asian temple with multiple stories and curved or sloping roofs, often used as a place of worship or a religious monument

ANSWERS: 92. surrounding, 93. pagoda