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Session 1: Word List

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.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym: acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

unscrupulous

adj. having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair

synonym: unethical, immoral, dishonest

(1) **unscrupulous** conduct, (2) **unscrupulous** tactics

The **unscrupulous** salesman pressured me into buying a car I didn't want.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym: strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had

prepared over the years.

statesman

n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

synonym: solon, politician, legislator

(1) a woman **statesman**, (2) international **statesman**

This statue honors a distinguished **statesman**.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

essay

n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

synonym: paper, commentary, report

(1) score the SAT **essays**, (2) thoughtful **essay**

The Chief editor checks all **essays** for plagiarism with software.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

monarch

n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

synonym: ruler, sovereign, majesty

(1) an absolute **monarch**, (2) **monarch** butterflies

She came from a commoner background but eventually became the **monarch** of that country.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

antiquity

n. the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization

synonym: ancientness, oldness, hoariness

(1) remote **antiquity**, (2) unrecorded **antiquity**

The study of **antiquity** is important for understanding the history, culture, and civilization of the past and their influence on the present.

predecessor

n. a person who held a position or office before the current holder

synonym: antecedent, forerunner, precursor

(1) the words of a **predecessor**, (2) **predecessor** model

The new CEO is the **predecessor** of the former CEO.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

exhort

v. to strongly encourage or urge someone to do something; to give advice or admonition with urgency or passion

synonym: urge, encourage, persuade

(1) **exhort** to action, (2) **exhort** him to be honest

The motivational speaker tried to **exhort** the audience to reach their full potential.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym: integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym: attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

diabolical

adj. characterized by extreme wickedness, cruelty, or evil; devilish or inhuman in nature or character

synonym: wicked, evil, sinister

(1) **diabolical** revenge, (2) **diabolical** media mogul

The **diabolical** plan was to steal the diamond using sophisticated traps and deception.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym: fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

protestant

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

synonym: reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

(1) hard-line **Protestant**, (2) **protestant** theology

The **Protestant** church was the dominant religion in the area.

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.

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.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

synonym: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

committed

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

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

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

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

opponent

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

synonym: adversary, competitor, enemy

(1) computer **opponent**, (2) death-penalty **opponent**

He was attempting to confuse his **opponent**.

denote

v. to indicate or represent something; to serve as a symbol or sign of something; to express or designate a meaning or concept

synonym: indicate, signify, represent

(1) **denote** meaning, (2) **denote** a negative affect

The symbol on the map **denotes** the location of the city.

opportunistic

adj. making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle

synonym: timeserving, conciliatory

(1) **opportunistic** fungus, (2) **opportunistic** behavior

Many of the party's members joined for simply **opportunistic** reasons.

synonym

n. a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language

synonym: equivalent, substitute, parallel

(1) **synonym** retrieval, (2) rough **synonym**

She was searching for a **synonym** for 'happiness' in the thesaurus.

manipulative

adj. characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

synonym: maneuvering, calculating, shrewd

(1) **manipulative** behavior, (2) **manipulative** language

He was accused of being **manipulative** when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym : scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

glance

v. to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

synonym : glimpse, peek, flash

(1) **glance** around nervously, (2) **glance** at him miserably
I casually **glanced** into the small hut.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

concerned

adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

synonym : worried, caring, involved

(1) persons **concerned**, (2) **concerned** citizen

I am **concerned** about the safety of the children playing in the park.

morality

n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

synonym : decency, rectitude, righteousness

(1) business **morality**, (2) sense of **morality**

She found fault with the **morality** of politicians.

maintain

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

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

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

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

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

atrocious

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

synonym: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**

The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

stroke

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

synonym: blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke** cases.

stability

n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

synonym: resilience, solidity, steadiness

(1) **stability** pact, (2) fiscal **stability** pact

The policy should increase the country's monetary **stability**.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state
synonym: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

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.

occupy

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
synonym: inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

honesty

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

synonym: sincerity, integrity, truthfulness

(1) **honesty** policy, (2) **honesty** box

A culture of **honesty** in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym: relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

tract

n. a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body

synonym: region, area, tube

(1) a urinary **tract** infection, (2) a **tract** of virgin forest

The farmer owns a large **tract** of land where he grows corn and soybeans.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym: request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

install

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

synonym : establish, inaugurate, lodge

(1) **install** a door, (2) **install** a chairperson

The new president was **installed** immediately after the national election.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym : push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

fragment

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

synonym : piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**

The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

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.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something
synonym: interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

external

adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

synonym: outside, exterior, foreign

(1) **external** factors, (2) **external** commerce

When a company discloses information to the market, an **external** auditor verifies them.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

savory

adj. pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

synonym: delicious, tasty, appetizing

(1) **savory** dish, (2) a **savory** omelet

The **savory** aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.

tactics

n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

synonym: strategy, maneuvers, plan

(1) blitz **tactics**, (2) political **tactics**

The marketing team developed new **tactics** to boost sales.

attain

v. to achieve or reach a goal or level of success

synonym: accomplish, achieve, reach

(1) **attain** success, (2) **attain** a complete victory

She is determined to **attain** her degree in computer science.

hearken

v. to listen attentively or carefully; to give heed or pay attention to something

synonym: listen, heed, pay attention

(1) **hearken** back to tradition, (2) **hearken** with delight

Please **hearken** to my words of advice before making a decision.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

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.

Christ

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

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

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

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

salvation

n. preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss

synonym : rescue, deliverance, redemption

(1) **salvation** army, (2) the **salvation** of the individual soul

For many, the church was the only source of **salvation** in harsh times.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym : endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

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.

staunch

adj. firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute

synonym : strong, loyal, firm

(1) **staunch** conviction, (2) **staunch** opponent

She was a **staunch** supporter of the cause, always willing to

speak out for her beliefs.

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

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

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

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

would-be

adj. indicating a person who aspires or attempts to be something but has not yet achieved that status or position

synonym: aspiring, wannabe, potential

(1) **would-be** actor, (2) **would-be** entrepreneur

The **would-be** burglar was caught on the security camera and arrested by the police.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

pamphlet

n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

synonym: brochure, leaflet, booklet

(1) propaganda **pamphlet**, (2) **pamphlet** in English

The political organization handed out **pamphlets** to raise awareness about their cause.

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.

scathe

v. to harm or injure someone or something, often by using words or criticism; to cut or wound deeply

synonym: damage, harm, hurt

(1) **scathe** the coastal town, (2) **scathe** the politician's credibility

The harsh words from her boss were enough to **scathe** her confidence for the rest of the day.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

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.

subjugate

v. to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority

synonym: conquer, subdue, enslave

(1) **subjugate** the enemy, (2) **subjugate** my ego
The conqueror sought to **subjugate** the defeated country.

aspiring

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

synonym: hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes
He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

tyrannical

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

synonym: despotic, oppressive, authoritarian

(1) a **tyrannical** government, (2) a **tyrannical** parent
Tyrannical Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

revolution

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

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

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

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

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym: matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym: actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

preconceived

adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

(1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions

We should start a discussion from scratch with no **preconceived** ideas.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym: harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym: startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym: hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

entail

v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

synonym: involve, necessitate, require

(1) **entail** legal consequences, (2) **entail** risks

The job offer **entails** a lot of responsibility and hard work.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym: inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1. in_____l a door | <i>v.</i> to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position |
| 2. el__t the school board | <i>v.</i> to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something |
| 3. in a sen_____al mood | <i>adj.</i> connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism |
| 4. acquire a vi___e | <i>n.</i> high moral standards in behavior or attitudes |
| 5. enl_____ent activity | <i>n.</i> education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge |
| 6. st_____h opponent | <i>adj.</i> firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute |
| 7. expel a di_____at | <i>n.</i> a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations |
| 8. vi___e of frugality | <i>n.</i> high moral standards in behavior or attitudes |
| 9. ind_____al freedom | <i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group |
| 10. w__ned me of the plan | <i>v.</i> to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future |

ANSWERS: 1. install, 2. elect, 3. sentimental, 4. virtue, 5. enlightenment, 6. staunch, 7. diplomat, 8. virtue, 9. individual, 10. warn

11. sh____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
12. cold-blooded at____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
13. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
14. have as____ng eyes *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
15. wo____be entrepreneur *adj.* indicating a person who aspires or attempts to be something but has not yet achieved that status or position
16. he was en____ly to blame *adv.* completely
17. ex____t him to be honest *v.* to strongly encourage or urge someone to do something; to give advice or admonition with urgency or passion
18. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
19. wo____be actor *adj.* indicating a person who aspires or attempts to be something but has not yet achieved that status or position
20. br____l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel

ANSWERS: 11. shocking, 12. atrocity, 13. urge, 14. aspiring, 15. would-be, 16. entirely, 17. exhort, 18. hell, 19. would-be, 20. brutal

21. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
22. ac____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
23. ab____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
24. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
25. he_____n with delight *v.* to listen attentively or carefully; to give heed or pay attention to something
26. the words of a pre_____or *n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder
27. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
28. mo_____h butterflies *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
29. de___e meaning *v.* to indicate or represent something; to serve as a symbol or sign of something; to express or designate a meaning or concept
30. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
31. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state

ANSWERS: 21. drama, 22. acquire, 23. abandon, 24. reputation, 25. hearken, 26. predecessor, 27. commit, 28. monarch, 29. denote, 30. torture, 31. territory

32. st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
33. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
34. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
35. br____l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
36. fleshly de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
37. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
38. re____d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
39. pa_____et in English *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
40. a tyr_____al parent *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
41. political ta_____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
42. commit at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
43. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 32. stability, 33. instance, 34. conflict, 35. brutal, 36. desire, 37. committed, 38. regard, 39. pamphlet, 40. tyrannical, 41. tactics, 42. atrocity, 43. Christ

44. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
45. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
46. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
47. st_____h conviction *adj.* firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute
48. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
49. the sa_____on of the individual soul *n.* preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss
50. persons co_____ed *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
51. labor under a de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
52. current af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
53. uns_____ous tactics *adj.* having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair
54. sa_____on army *n.* preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss

ANSWERS: 44. ancient, 45. revolution, 46. shocking, 47. staunch, 48. urge, 49. salvation, 50. concerned, 51. delusion, 52. affair, 53. unscrupulous, 54. salvation

55. oc___y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
56. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
57. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
58. propaganda pa_____et *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
59. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
60. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
61. sense of mo_____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
62. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
63. pre_____ved opinions *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
64. suffer st____e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

ANSWERS: 55. occupy, 56. rev, 57. revolution, 58. pamphlet, 59. instance, 60. maintain, 61. morality, 62. accord, 63. preconceived, 64. stroke

65. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
66. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
67. ex_____al commerce *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
68. evil vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
69. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
70. remote an_____ty *n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
71. a broken fr_____nt *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
72. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
73. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
74. former gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
75. man_____ive behavior *adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

ANSWERS: 65. accord, 66. drama, 67. external, 68. villain, 69. philosophy, 70. antiquity, 71. fragment, 72. Christ, 73. government, 74. glory, 75. manipulative

76. sh____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
77. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
78. dia_____al media mogul *adj.* characterized by extreme wickedness, cruelty, or evil; devilish or inhuman in nature or character
79. a pilot sc____e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
80. at____n a complete victory *v.* to achieve or reach a goal or level of success
81. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
82. fiscal st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
83. re____d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
84. an absolute mo_____h *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
85. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
86. a pre_____ved notion *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
87. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

ANSWERS: 76. shatter, 77. violent, 78. diabolical, 79. scheme, 80. attain, 81. blame, 82. stability, 83. regard, 84. monarch, 85. flee, 86. preconceived, 87. exile

88. he_____n back to tradition *v.* to listen attentively or carefully; to give heed or pay attention to something
89. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
90. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
91. unrecorded an_____ty *n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
92. co____t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
93. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
94. ba____h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
95. gl___e at him miserably *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
96. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
97. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
98. 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
99. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

ANSWERS: 88. hearken, 89. frame, 90. entirely, 91. antiquity, 92. commit, 93. blame, 94. banish, 95. glance, 96. generosity, 97. territory, 98. diplomat, 99. republican

109. grand de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
110. rough sy_____m *n.* a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language
111. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
112. man_____ive language *adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner
113. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
114. draw out your ap____l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
115. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
116. fr_____nt of a text *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
117. oc____y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
118. na____e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

ANSWERS: 109. delusion, 110. synonym, 111. elect, 112. manipulative, 113. concrete, 114. appeal, 115. mention, 116. fragment, 117. occupy, 118. native

119. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
120. a st___e of the putter *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
121. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
122. a tyr_____al government *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
123. thoughtful es__y *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
124. business mo_____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
125. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
126. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
127. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
128. su_____te the enemy *v.* to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority

ANSWERS: 119. abandon, 120. stroke, 121. conflict, 122. tyrannical, 123. essay, 124. morality, 125. ancient, 126. flee, 127. concrete, 128. subjugate

129. ho____y box *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
130. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
131. uns____ous conduct *adj.* having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair
132. strong and co____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
133. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
134. sc____e the coastal town *v.* to harm or injure someone or something, often by using words or criticism; to cut or wound deeply
135. ho____y policy *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
136. en____l legal consequences *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
137. su____te my ego *v.* to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority
138. freedom of re____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
139. in____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something

ANSWERS: 129. honesty, 130. threaten, 131. unscrupulous, 132. committed, 133. violent, 134. scathe, 135. honesty, 136. entail, 137. subjugate, 138. religion, 139. internal

140. a urinary tr__t infection *n.* a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body
141. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
142. ex___e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
143. awe-in_____ng sight *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
144. co_____ed citizen *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
145. pre_____or model *n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder
146. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
147. en___l risks *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
148. in___l a chairperson *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
149. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
150. sa___y dish *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

ANSWERS: 140. tract, 141. defend, 142. exile, 143. inspiring, 144. concerned, 145. predecessor, 146. government, 147. entail, 148. install, 149. desire, 150. savory

151. dia_____al revenge *adj.* characterized by extreme wickedness, cruelty, or evil; devilish or inhuman in nature or character
152. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
153. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
154. de___e a negative affect *v.* to indicate or represent something; to serve as a symbol or sign of something; to express or designate a meaning or concept
155. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
156. gl___e around nervously *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
157. score the SAT es__ys *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
158. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
159. death-penalty op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

ANSWERS: 151. diabolical, 152. philosophy, 153. oppress, 154. denote, 155. republican, 156. glance, 157. essay, 158. motto, 159. opponent

160. opp_____tic fungus *adj.* making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle
161. sh_____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
162. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
163. domestic af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
164. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
165. brutal ty_____y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
166. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
167. authoritarian vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
168. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
169. draw out a sc____e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
170. international st_____an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

ANSWERS: 160. opportunistic, 161. shatter, 162. enlightenment, 163. affair, 164. maintain, 165. tyranny, 166. motto, 167. villain, 168. modern, 169. scheme, 170. statesman

171. greatest gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
172. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
173. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
174. at___n success *v.* to achieve or reach a goal or level of success
175. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
176. blitz ta____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
177. th____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
178. computer op____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
179. boundless gen____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
180. de__d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 171. glory, 172. seize, 173. warn, 174. attain, 175. rev, 176. tactics, 177. threaten, 178. opponent, 179. generosity, 180. defend

181. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
182. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
183. a sa___y omelet *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
184. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
185. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
186. ty_____y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
187. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
188. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

ANSWERS: 181. tradition, 182. frame, 183. savory, 184. hell, 185. individual, 186. tyranny, 187. acquire, 188. reputation

189. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
190. the in___al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
191. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
192. opp_____tic behavior *adj.* making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle
193. hard-line Pro_____nt *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
194. in_____ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
195. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
196. ex_____al factors *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
197. as_____ng prime minister *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
198. sy_____m retrieval *n.* a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language

ANSWERS: 189. modern, 190. internal, 191. tradition, 192. opportunistic, 193. protestant, 194. inspiring, 195. appeal, 196. external, 197. aspiring, 198. synonym

199. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
200. a woman st_____an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
201. ex___t to action *v.* to strongly encourage or urge someone to do something; to give advice or admonition with urgency or passion
202. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 199. native, 200. statesman, 201. exhort, 202. oppress

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. For many, the church was the only source of _____ in harsh times.
n. preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss
2. A culture of _____ in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.
n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
3. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
4. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny _____ of pottery found at the dig site.
n. a small piece or part broken off or detached
5. 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
6. The castle was _____ several years later.
v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
7. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
8. I casually _____ into the small hut.
v. to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

ANSWERS: 1. salvation, 2. honesty, 3. desire, 4. fragments, 5. exiled, 6. abandoned, 7. regarded, 8. glanced

9. When a company discloses information to the market, an _____ auditor verifies them.

adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

10. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

11. She was a _____ supporter of the cause, always willing to speak out for her beliefs.

adj. firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute

12. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

13. The symbol on the map _____ the location of the city.

v. to indicate or represent something; to serve as a symbol or sign of something; to express or designate a meaning or concept

14. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

15. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

16. He was attempting to confuse his _____.

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. external, 10. generosity, 11. staunch, 12. hell, 13. denotes, 14. atrocity, 15. sentimental, 16. opponent

17. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

18. He had a _____ that he was a millionaire.

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

19. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

20. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

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

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

22. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

23. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

24. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

ANSWERS: 17. occupy, 18. delusion, 19. glory, 20. individual, 21. defend, 22. rev, 23. religion, 24. internal

25. He was accused of being _____ when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.

adj. characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

26. The _____ aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.

adj. pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

27. The study of _____ is important for understanding the history, culture, and civilization of the past and their influence on the present.

n. the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization

28. 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

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

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

30. The _____ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

31. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

32. She found fault with the _____ of politicians.

n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

ANSWERS: 25. manipulative, 26. savory, 27. antiquity, 28. motto, 29. inspiring, 30. villain, 31. affair, 32. morality

33. _____ Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.
adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
34. The _____ burglar was caught on the security camera and arrested by the police.
adj. indicating a person who aspires or attempts to be something but has not yet achieved that status or position
35. The motivational speaker tried to _____ the audience to reach their full potential.
v. to strongly encourage or urge someone to do something; to give advice or admonition with urgency or passion
36. The political organization handed out _____ to raise awareness about their cause.
n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
37. The president asked for a more _____ plan.
adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
38. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
39. She is determined to _____ her degree in computer science.
v. to achieve or reach a goal or level of success
40. The _____ salesman pressured me into buying a car I didn't want.
adj. having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair

ANSWERS: 33. Tyrannical, 34. would-be, 35. exhort, 36. pamphlets, 37. concrete, 38. flee, 39. attain, 40. unscrupulous

41. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
- v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
42. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
- v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
43. 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
44. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
- n. an area under the control of a ruler or state
45. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.
- adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
46. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
47. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.
- n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
48. This statue honors a distinguished _____.
- n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

ANSWERS: 41. elected, 42. oppressed, 43. warn, 44. territory, 45. shocking, 46. tradition, 47. scheme, 48. statesman

49. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
50. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
51. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.
- v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
52. The Chief editor checks all _____ for plagiarism with software.
- n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
53. Many of the party's members joined for simply _____ reasons.
- adj.* making use of a current situation to get power or advantage, especially regardless of planning or principle
54. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.
- n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
55. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
- v.* to do something illegal or wrong
56. 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: 49. Christmas, 50. revolution, 51. banished, 52. essays, 53. opportunistic, 54. torture, 55. committed, 56. diplomat

57. The new president was _____ immediately after the national election.
- v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
58. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
59. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
- v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
60. He was extremely generous to the _____ young artist.
- adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
61. We should start a discussion from scratch with no _____ ideas.
- adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
62. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
- n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
63. I am _____ about the safety of the children playing in the park.
- adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
64. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat _____ cases.
- n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

ANSWERS: 57. installed, 58. maintain, 59. seize, 60. aspiring, 61. preconceived, 62. enlightenment, 63. concerned, 64. stroke

65. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

66. She had an audition for _____ school.

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

67. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

68. The new CEO is the _____ of the former CEO.

n. a person who held a position or office before the current holder

69. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.

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

70. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

71. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

72. The policy should increase the country's monetary _____.

n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

73. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

ANSWERS: 65. modern, 66. drama, 67. acquire, 68. predecessor, 69. committed, 70. republican, 71. entirely, 72. stability, 73. urged

74. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

75. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

76. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

77. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

adj. harsh or cruel

78. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

79. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

80. The _____ church was the dominant religion in the area.

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

81. 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: 74. ancient, 75. conflicts, 76. frame, 77. brutal, 78. shattered, 79. appeal, 80. Protestant, 81. mentioned

82. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
83. The job offer _____ a lot of responsibility and hard work.
- v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
84. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
85. The _____ plan was to steal the diamond using sophisticated traps and deception.
- adj.* characterized by extreme wickedness, cruelty, or evil; devilish or inhuman in nature or character
86. The harsh words from her boss were enough to _____ her confidence for the rest of the day.
- v.* to harm or injure someone or something, often by using words or criticism; to cut or wound deeply
87. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
88. 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
89. She came from a commoner background but eventually became the _____ of that country.
- n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

ANSWERS: 82. threatening, 83. entails, 84. instances, 85. diabolical, 86. scathe, 87. philosophy, 88. blamed, 89. monarch

90. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
91. She was searching for a _____ for 'happiness' in the thesaurus.
- n.* a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language
92. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
- n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
93. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
94. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.
- adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
95. The farmer owns a large _____ of land where he grows corn and soybeans.
- n.* a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body
96. She had many good _____ and few faults.
- n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
97. The marketing team developed new _____ to boost sales.
- n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

ANSWERS: 90. accord, 91. synonym, 92. reputation, 93. violent, 94. native, 95. tract, 96. virtues, 97. tactics

98. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
99. The conqueror sought to _____ the defeated country.
v. to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority
100. The country was ruled by a _____ that oppressed its citizens.
n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
101. Please _____ to my words of advice before making a decision.
v. to listen attentively or carefully; to give heed or pay attention to something

ANSWERS: 98. government, 99. subjugate, 100. tyranny, 101. hearken