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Session 1: Word List

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods,

live longer than people in other countries.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym: instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

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.

ax

n. a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

synonym: hatchet, chopper, tomahawk

(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox

He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.

totem

n. a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice

synonym: emblem, symbol, mascot

(1) tribal **totem**, (2) animal **totem**

The **totem** pole symbolized the tribe's culture and history, depicting important figures and events.

pole

n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

synonym: rod, staff, shaft

(1) a fishing **pole**, (2) the plus **pole**

The North **Pole** is the northernmost point on Earth.

impressionism

n. a style of art and literature that seeks to capture the fleeting momentary sensations and impressions of perception rather than objective reality or formal structure

(1) **impressionism** movement, (2) **impressionism** style
The famous French painters Monet and Renoir were considered pioneers of **impressionism**.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind
synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy
Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction
The man **paused** before opening the door.

muse

n. a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
synonym: source of inspiration, minstrel, versifier

(1) **muse** inspiration, (2) creative **muse**
She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her **muse** to strike.

gaze

v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
synonym: stare, gawk, look

(1) **gaze** steadily at his face, (2) **gaze** absently out a window
The youngster was **gazed** at by the beast.

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**.

meditation

n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

synonym: contemplation, reflection, introspection

(1) **meditation** training, (2) religious **meditation**

The **meditation** instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

battleground

n. a place where a battle is fought

synonym: arena, field, theater

(1) **battleground** states, (2) the legal **battleground**

The city became a **battleground** during the war.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym: far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary

laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

treasure

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

synonym: hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

repatriate

v. to return a person or group of people to their country of origin or citizenship; to bring back someone who was deported or exiled

synonym: return, bring back

(1) **repatriate** capital, (2) **repatriate** prisoners

The government has agreed to **repatriate** refugees back to their home countries.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

sculpture

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

synonym: statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

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.

ancestral

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

synonym: hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots

The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

tattoo

n. a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design

synonym: emblem, symbol

(1) a **tattoo** artist, (2) a person who has a **tattoo**

Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital **tattoo** for life.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

pale

adj. having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness

synonym: sallow, faint, ashen

(1) a **pale** complexion, (2) **pale** pink

She turned **pale** when she heard the news.

comparison

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

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

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

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

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**.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

skeleton

n. the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

synonym : bones, frame, structure

(1) the steel **skeleton** of a building, (2) **skeleton** hand

Scientists studied the ancient **skeleton** to learn more about the creature's anatomy.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym : demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

carving

n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

synonym: sculpture, engraving, sculpture

(1) a wood **carving**, (2) **carving** instrument

The intricate **carving** on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym: family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

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.

precursor

n. a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth

synonym: antecedent, forerunner, herald

(1) **precursor** cell, (2) **precursor** to serotonin

Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides are the primary **precursors** of acid rain.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
synonym : crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

usher

n. a person who shows people to their seats in a theater or church or who guides them through a building

synonym : guide, escort, conductor

(1) act as **usher**, (2) **usher** theater

The uniformed **usher** showed the guests to their seats.

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.

movement

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

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

viewpoint

n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

synonym : outlook, stance, perspective

(1) a scientific **viewpoint**, (2) aesthetic **viewpoint**

We looked at this issue from a different **viewpoint**.

suppose

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

synonym : guess, assume, presume

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

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

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

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.

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.

priest

n. a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

synonym: clergyman, minister, pastor

(1) **priest** in clerical garb, (2) faithful **priest**

He was ordained as a **priest** in the Catholic Church.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym : tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

carve

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

synonym : sculpt, engrave, cut

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

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

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.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

shrine

n. a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

synonym : altar, temple, monument

(1) **shrine** temple, (2) religious **shrine**

The holy **shrine** to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**
The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym: satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym: alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

conclude

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

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

synonym: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle

The book contains numerous statements that **contradict** previous reports.

refrain

v. to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action

synonym: abstain, desist, forgo

(1) **refrain** from alcohol, (2) **refrain** from religious activity

He **refrained** from commenting on the controversial topic.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

questionable

adj. doubtful or uncertain and may be open to question or criticism

synonym: dubious, suspect, uncertain

(1) **questionable** ingredients, (2) **questionable** methods

The evidence presented in the report is **questionable** and may need further investigation before any conclusions can be drawn.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

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.

bland

adj. lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting

synonym: boring, insipid, flavorless

(1) make a **bland** reply, (2) **bland** novel

The dinner was rather **bland** and in need of some seasoning.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

laboratory

n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

synonym : lab, workshop, testing room

(1) **laboratory** accident, (2) anthropology **laboratory**

Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a **laboratory**.

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym : ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

hierarchy

n. a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

synonym : ranking, order, scale

(1) top of the **hierarchy**, (2) **hierarchy** of folders

She has taken a step up in the organizational **hierarchy**.

plunder

v. to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

synonym : pillage, loot, despoil

(1) **plunder** the enemy's stronghold, (2) **plunder** his reputation

The pirates could **plunder** the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.

grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym : tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

battlefield

n. a place where a battle or conflict is fought

synonym : warzone, front line, combat area

(1) **battlefield** casualties, (2) tactics on the **battlefield**

The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the **battlefield**.

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.

deposit

n. a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

synonym : bank, installment, sedimentation

(1) **deposit** money, (2) **deposit** accumulation

I made a **deposit** at the bank to add money to my account.

specimen

n. an individual example or sample of something, typically used to represent a larger group or category

synonym : example, sample, model

(1) **specimen** collection, (2) botanical **specimen**

The biology teacher showed the students a frog **specimen** so they could examine its anatomy.

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

synonym : forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

cusp

n. a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved

synonym : point, apex, tip

(1) **cusp** of change, (2) a single **cusp**

The project was on the **cusp** of success and needed a little more funding.

extinction

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
synonym: disappearance, eradication, annihilation

(1) **extinction** prevention, (2) brink of **extinction**

The **extinction** of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

colon

n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

(1) **colon** examination, (2) the **colon** at the end of the sentence

Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of **colon** cancer.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

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.

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.

congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym : legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **congress**, (2) peace **congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

reclaim

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

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

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

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

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym : confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

synonym : grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

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**.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

luminous

adj. emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment

synonym : radiant, glowing, brilliant

(1) **luminous** glow, (2) **luminous** stars

The room was filled with **luminous** decorations that shone in the dark.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

humankind

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

synonym: humanity, human race, society

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

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

enigma

n. a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution

synonym: mystery, puzzle, riddle

(1) mysterious **enigma**, (2) artistic **enigma**

The ancient text remains an **enigma**, challenging scholars to unravel its meaning.

decipher

v. to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way

synonym: interpret, decode, translate

(1) **decipher** code, (2) **decipher** message

He spent hours trying to **decipher** the ancient text.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym: legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage
They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym : completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

epiphany

n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

synonym : revelation, enlightenment, insight

(1) **epiphany** about life, (2) Feast of **Epiphany**

She had an **epiphany** while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

vast

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

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym : amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

reconciliation

n. the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond

synonym: accord, agreement, settlement

(1) national **reconciliation**, (2) **reconciliation** of financial accounts

They had a complete **reconciliation** a few days after their argument.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym: bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

proactive

adj. acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.

synonym: gung-ho, anticipatory, forward-thinking

(1) **proactive** approach, (2) **proactive** about doing the task

The company implemented **proactive** measures to prevent future issues.

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.

closet

n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

synonym: cabinet, cupboard, locker

(1) **closet** full of suits, (2) walk-in **closets**

He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the **closet**.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym: discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym: move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

undertake

v. to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility

synonym: assume, take on, embark

(1) **undertake** an enterprise, (2) **undertake** routine duties

Young people in this country should **undertake** military duties.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close

relatives.

unearth

v. to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: discover, uncover, expose

(1) **unearth** burial mound, (2) **unearth** a mystery

The detective **unearthed** a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.

endless

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

synonym: infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours

He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

catalog

n. a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices

synonym: directory, list, register

(1) a classified **catalog**, (2) **catalog** card

She used the online **catalog** to find the perfect pair of earrings for her sister's birthday.

ethnology

n. an academic field that compares and analyzes the characteristics of different peoples and the relationships between them

(1) regional **ethnology**, (2) museum of **ethnology**

Recently, some anthropologists conducted an interesting comparative study in **ethnology**.

dubious

adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

synonym: uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

overly

adv. to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable

synonym: excessively, too much

(1) **overly** excessive, (2) **overly** unnecessary

The movie was **overly** dramatic, with exaggerated emotions and clichéd plot twists.

enthusiastic

adj. having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something

synonym: ardent, fervent, crazy

(1) **enthusiastic** football fan, (2) **enthusiastic** audience

She was **enthusiastic** about starting her new job.

necklace

n. a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

synonym: chain, choker, pendant

(1) beaded **necklace**, (2) pearl **necklace**

She received a beautiful **necklace** from her grandmother as a birthday gift.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

provision

n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition

synonym: supply, agreement, stocking

(1) **provision** for loan losses, (2) administrative **provision**
The new law includes **provisions** for increased penalties for repeat offenders.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over
He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

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.

precedent

n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future

synonym: example, model, pattern

(1) break with **precedent**, (2) a bad **precedent**
The court used previous **precedents** to make its decision.

dispute

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

synonym: argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement
The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

storage

n. the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

synonym: storehouse, depository, warehousing

(1) a **storage** battery, (2) **storage** at low temperature

We store customer data in cloud **storage**.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym: possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

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.

pottery

n. ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven

synonym : ceramics, earthenware, clayware

(1) antique **pottery**, (2) **pottery** studio

She took a **pottery** class and learned how to make vases and bowls.

jewelry

n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

synonym : accessories, ornaments, adornments

(1) **jewelry** designer, (2) precious **jewelry**

I received a beautiful piece of **jewelry** from my partner for our anniversary.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

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

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

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

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.

atop

adv. on, to, or at the top

synonym : upon, onto

(1) stand **atop**, (2) sit **atop** a stack of books

The eagle perched **atop** the tallest tree in the forest.

mesa

n. a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata

synonym : plateau, tableland, butte

(1) **mesa** formation, (2) flat-topped **mesa**

The ancient ruins sat atop the **mesa**, overlooking the valley below.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

homeland

n. a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs

synonym : motherland, native country, fatherland

(1) beloved **homeland**, (2) **homeland** pride

I miss my **homeland** and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym : surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

thread

- n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

synonym: filament, string, yarn

(1) **thread** a catheter, (2) start a new **thread**

The detective followed a **thread** of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

barb

- n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym: spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

turquoise

- n.* a greenish-blue mineral that is a hydrated copper and aluminum phosphate and is valued as a gemstone, often used in jewelry and decorative objects

synonym: gemstone, aqua, blue-green stone

(1) **turquoise** dress, (2) **turquoise** jewelry

The **turquoise** waters of the Caribbean were a breathtaking sight.

shell

- n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym: ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

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.

glimpse

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

synonym : glance, peek, sighting

(1) a momentary **glimpse**, (2) passing **glimpse**

Our team caught a **glimpse** of the world-class technique in this game.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

pillage

n. the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way

synonym : looting, plunder, raid

(1) violent **pillage**, (2) **pillage** gold and other treasures

The army's village **pillage** left the residents without food or shelter.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym : grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

voiceless

adj. without a voice or the ability to speak

synonym : mute, silent, speechless

(1) **voiceless** consonant, (2) **voiceless** minority

The **voiceless** screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

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.

eagle

n. a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures

synonym : bird of prey, raptor

(1) **eagle** feathers, (2) **eagle** eyes

The bald **eagle** symbolizes freedom and strength in the United States.

Session 2: Spelling

1. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
2. g__e absently out a window *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
3. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
4. sa____d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
5. a di_____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
6. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
7. ea__e eyes *n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures

ANSWERS: 1. educational, 2. gaze, 3. claim, 4. sacred, 5. distant, 6. responsible, 7. eagle

8. be____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
9. ca____g instrument *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
10. bl__d novel *adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
11. freedom of re____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
12. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
13. ne____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
14. hold a pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
15. en____s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
16. imp______ism style *n.* a style of art and literature that seeks to capture the fleeting momentary sensations and impressions of perception rather than objective reality or formal structure
17. walk-in cl____ts *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
18. di____e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
19. a momentary gl____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

ANSWERS: 8. beneath, 9. carving, 10. bland, 11. religion, 12. strength, 13. negotiate, 14. protest, 15. endless, 16. impressionism, 17. closet, 18. divide, 19. glimpse

20. un_____h burial mound *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
21. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
22. sh_____e temple *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
23. di_____e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
24. ep_____ny about life *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
25. the co__n at the end of the sentence *n.* the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
26. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
27. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
28. ra____l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

ANSWERS: 20. unearth, 21. universe, 22. shrine, 23. divide, 24. epiphany, 25. colon, 26. imperfectly, 27. suppose, 28. racial

29. abstract sc_____re
- n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
30. r__n the plan
- v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
31. de_____t money
- n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
32. en_____s possibilities
- adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
33. ill_____te a key point
- v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
34. aboriginal tr__e
- n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
35. 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
36. start a new th____d
- n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

ANSWERS: 29. sculpture, 30. ruin, 31. deposit, 32. endless, 33. illustrate, 34. tribe, 35. tradition, 36. thread

37. paleolithic ar____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
38. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
39. a single c__p *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
40. en____e a check with a letter *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
41. gr__e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
42. creative m__e *n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
43. chop wood with an ax *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
44. in____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
45. retain everyone's di____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

ANSWERS: 37. artifact, 38. institutionalize, 39. cusp, 40. enclose, 41. grave, 42. muse, 43. ax, 44. inherit, 45. dignity

46. p__e pink *adj.* having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
47. que_____ble ingredients *adj.* doubtful or uncertain and may be open to question or criticism
48. fu_____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
49. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
50. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
51. animal to__m *n.* a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice
52. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
53. pl_____r the enemy's stronghold *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
54. artistic en___a *n.* a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution
55. st_____e at low temperature *n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

ANSWERS: 46. pale, 47. questionable, 48. fulfill, 49. plot, 50. grasp, 51. totem, 52. stark, 53. plunder, 54. enigma, 55. storage

56. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
57. lu_____us glow *adj.* emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment
58. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
59. a ri____l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
60. museum of et_____gy *n.* an academic field that compares and analyzes the characteristics of different peoples and the relationships between them
61. top of the hi_____hy *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
62. re_____n from alcohol *v.* to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action
63. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
64. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
65. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

ANSWERS: 56. committed, 57. luminous, 58. preserve, 59. ritual, 60. ethnology, 61. hierarchy, 62. refrain, 63. permanent, 64. frank, 65. confession

66. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
67. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
68. tribal to__m *n.* a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice
69. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
70. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
71. a bad pr_____nt *n.* a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
72. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
73. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
74. pr_____ve approach *adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
75. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
76. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

ANSWERS: 66. spiritual, 67. hire, 68. totem, 69. archaeology, 70. government, 71. precedent, 72. panic, 73. protest, 74. proactive, 75. educational, 76. spiritual

77. precious je____y *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
78. de____er message *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
79. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
80. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
81. be____g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
82. the great di____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
83. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
84. a wood ca____g *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
85. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

ANSWERS: 77. jewelry, 78. decipher, 79. warn, 80. warn, 81. belong, 82. discovery, 83. modern, 84. carving, 85. strip

86. tu_____se jewelry *n.* a greenish-blue mineral that is a hydrated copper and aluminum phosphate and is valued as a gemstone, often used in jewelry and decorative objects
87. st_____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
88. an an_____al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
89. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
90. un_____ke routine duties *v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility
91. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
92. ov_____y excessive *adv.* to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
93. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
94. the steel sk_____on of a building *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
95. break with pr_____nt *n.* a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
96. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 86. turquoise, 87. startling, 88. ancestral, 89. transfer, 90. undertake, 91. surround, 92. overly, 93. involve, 94. skeleton, 95. precedent, 96. universe

97. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
98. pr_____or cell *n.* a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth
99. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
100. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
101. mountain tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
102. po_____y studio *n.* ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven
103. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
104. mysterious en___a *n.* a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution
105. de_____t accumulation *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

ANSWERS: 97. inherit, 98. precursor, 99. panic, 100. anthropology, 101. tribe, 102. pottery, 103. stark, 104. enigma, 105. deposit

106. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
107. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
108. th____d a catheter *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
109. vo_____ss minority *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
110. an ax in the toolbox *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
111. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

ANSWERS: 106. movement, 107. introduction, 108. thread, 109. voiceless, 110. ax, 111. ban

112. he____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
113. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
114. sit a__p a stack of books *adv.* on, to, or at the top
115. regional et____gy *n.* an academic field that compares and analyzes the characteristics of different peoples and the relationships between them
116. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
117. a ta____o artist *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
118. morning ri____l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
119. app____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
120. 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
121. sp____en collection *n.* an individual example or sample of something, typically used to represent a larger group or category

ANSWERS: 112. heritage, 113. bury, 114. atop, 115. ethnology, 116. strip, 117. tattoo, 118. ritual, 119. appreciate, 120. temple, 121. specimen

122. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
123. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
124. ce_____ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
125. m__a formation *n.* a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata
126. bat_____und states *n.* a place where a battle is fought
127. a par_____al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
128. ext_____on prevention *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
129. administrative pr_____on *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
130. create sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
131. ov___y unnecessary *adv.* to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
132. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 122. discovery, 123. pause, 124. ceremony, 125. mesa, 126. battleground, 127. paradoxical, 128. extinction, 129. provision, 130. sculpture, 131. overly, 132. label

133. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
134. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
135. pr____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
136. us__r theater *n.* a person who shows people to their seats in a theater or church or who guides them through a building
137. co____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
138. ent____tic audience *adj.* having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something
139. remote an____ty *n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
140. anthropology lab____ry *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
141. im____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
142. ov____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
143. te___e complex *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: 133. magic, 134. origin, 135. preserve, 136. usher, 137. confront, 138. enthusiastic, 139. antiquity, 140. laboratory, 141. imaginary, 142. overlook, 143. temple

144. unrecorded an_____ty *n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
145. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
146. the ground be_____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
147. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
148. ho_____nd pride *n.* a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
149. 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
150. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
151. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
152. de_____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
153. historical he_____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

ANSWERS: 144. antiquity, 145. barb, 146. beneath, 147. fulfill, 148. homeland, 149. process, 150. carve, 151. colleague, 152. declare, 153. heritage

154. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
155. 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
156. make a bl__d reply *adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
157. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
158. literature of pe____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
159. re____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
160. satisfy my intellectual cu____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
161. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
162. co__n examination *n.* the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

ANSWERS: 154. label, 155. process, 156. bland, 157. relation, 158. permanent, 159. religion, 160. curiosity, 161. vast, 162. colon

163. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
164. de____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
165. pr____t in clerical garb *n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
166. act as us__r *n.* a person who shows people to their seats in a theater or church or who guides them through a building
167. ov____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
168. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
169. ea__e feathers *n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures
170. ne____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
171. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
172. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 163. ban, 164. declare, 165. priest, 166. usher, 167. overlook, 168. movement, 169. eagle, 170. negotiate, 171. hire, 172. magic

173. peace co____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
174. a classified ca____g *n.* a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices
175. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
176. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
177. pl____r his reputation *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
178. share my in____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
179. lab____ry accident *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
180. que____ble methods *adj.* doubtful or uncertain and may be open to question or criticism
181. vo____ss consonant *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
182. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 173. congress, 174. catalog, 175. claim, 176. violent, 177. plunder, 178. insight, 179. laboratory, 180. questionable, 181. voiceless, 182. frank

183. a man of pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
184. national rec_____ion *n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
185. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
186. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
187. sk_____on hand *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
188. tu_____se dress *n.* a greenish-blue mineral that is a hydrated copper and aluminum phosphate and is valued as a gemstone, often used in jewelry and decorative objects
189. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
190. re_____n from religious activity *v.* to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action
191. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
192. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
193. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 183. property, 184. reconciliation, 185. startling, 186. relative, 187. skeleton, 188. turquoise, 189. relation, 190. refrain, 191. government, 192. conclude, 193. plot

194. med_____on training *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
195. flat-topped m__a *n.* a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata
196. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
197. un_____h a mystery *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
198. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
199. cl____t full of suits *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
200. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
201. in____t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
202. tr_____re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
203. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 194. meditation, 195. mesa, 196. comparison, 197. unearth, 198. origin, 199. closet, 200. vast, 201. insist, 202. treasure, 203. balance

204. research on anti-ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
205. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
206. a fishing p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
207. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
208. 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
209. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
210. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
211. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind

ANSWERS: 204. racism, 205. responsible, 206. pole, 207. amaze, 208. spirit, 209. insist, 210. illustrate, 211. imaginary

212. lu____us stars *adj.* emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment
213. con_____ct each other *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
214. tr____re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
215. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
216. re____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
217. a p__e complexion *adj.* having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
218. bat_____ld casualties *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
219. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
220. c__p of change *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
221. un_____ke an enterprise *v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility
222. de____er code *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way

ANSWERS: 212. luminous, 213. contradict, 214. treasure, 215. bury, 216. reclaim, 217. pale, 218. battlefield, 219. carve, 220. cusp, 221. undertake, 222. decipher

223. oasis in the de___t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
224. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
225. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
226. Feast of Ep_____ny *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
227. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
228. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
229. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
230. beaded ne_____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
231. je_____y designer *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

ANSWERS: 223. desert, 224. confession, 225. communal, 226. epiphany, 227. stake, 228. racism, 229. stake, 230. necklace, 231. jewelry

232. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
233. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
234. price of pr_____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
235. the legal bat_____und *n.* a place where a battle is fought
236. pr_____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
237. g__e steadily at his face *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
238. imp_____ism movement *n.* a style of art and literature that seeks to capture the fleeting momentary sensations and impressions of perception rather than objective reality or formal structure
239. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
240. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
241. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
242. pr_____on for loan losses *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition

ANSWERS: 232. empire, 233. curiosity, 234. precious, 235. battleground, 236. precious, 237. gaze, 238. impressionism, 239. retain, 240. congress, 241. colleague, 242. provision

243. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
244. a scientific vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
245. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
246. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
247. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
248. religious med_____on *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
249. tactics on the bat_____ld *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
250. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
251. apparently par_____al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

ANSWERS: 243. strength, 244. viewpoint, 245. graduated, 246. ruin, 247. violent, 248. meditation, 249. battlefield, 250. institutionalize, 251. paradoxical

252. passing gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
253. rec_____ion of financial accounts *n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
254. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
255. the halo of a sa____d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
256. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
257. the plus p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
258. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
259. hi_____hy of folders *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
260. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 252. glimpse, 253. reconciliation, 254. anthropology, 255. sacred, 256. relative, 257. pole, 258. balance, 259. hierarchy, 260. suppose

261. m__e inspiration *n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
262. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
263. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
264. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
265. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
266. gr__e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
267. en_____e area *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
268. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
269. 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: 261. muse, 262. represent, 263. insight, 264. communal, 265. shell, 266. grave, 267. enclose, 268. property, 269. native

270. di_____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
271. violent pi_____e *n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
272. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
273. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
274. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
275. 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
276. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
277. a person who has a ta____o *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
278. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 270. distant, 271. pillage, 272. empire, 273. transfer, 274. racial, 275. spirit, 276. represent, 277. tattoo, 278. committed

279. an_____al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
280. cu_____r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
281. brink of ext_____on *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
282. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
283. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
284. beloved ho_____nd *n.* a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
285. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
286. 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
287. rep_____te prisoners *v.* to return a person or group of people to their country of origin or citizenship; to bring back someone who was deported or exiled
288. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

ANSWERS: 279. ancestral, 280. curator, 281. extinction, 282. involve, 283. confront, 284. homeland, 285. introduction, 286. tradition, 287. repatriate, 288. pause

289. imp_____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
290. history of hu_____nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
291. pearl ne_____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
292. re____n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
293. ent_____tic football fan *adj.* having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something
294. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
295. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
296. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
297. hu_____nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
298. aesthetic vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
299. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
300. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 289. imperfectly, 290. humankind, 291. necklace, 292. retain, 293. enthusiastic, 294. appreciate, 295. conclude, 296. amaze, 297. humankind, 298. viewpoint, 299. surround, 300. feat

301. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
302. 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
303. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
304. antique po____y *n.* ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven
305. pr_____or to serotonin *n.* a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth
306. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
307. pr_____ve about doing the task *adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
308. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
309. a st_____e battery *n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

ANSWERS: 301. modern, 302. native, 303. barb, 304. pottery, 305. precursor, 306. feat, 307. proactive, 308. comparison, 309. storage

310. di_____e settlement *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
311. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
312. botanical sp_____en *n.* an individual example or sample of something, typically used to represent a larger group or category
313. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
314. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
315. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
316. interim cu_____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
317. pi_____e gold and other treasures *n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
318. direct a du_____s look *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
319. respect for human di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
320. religious sh_____e *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

ANSWERS: 310. dispute, 311. ancient, 312. specimen, 313. artifact, 314. archaeology, 315. grasp, 316. curator, 317. pillage, 318. dubious, 319. dignity, 320. shrine

321. rep_____te capital *v.* to return a person or group of people to their country of origin or citizenship; to bring back someone who was deported or exiled
322. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
323. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
324. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
325. ca_____g card *n.* a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices
326. faithful pr____t *n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
327. de____t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
328. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
329. a legal di_____e over the title *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
330. stand a__p *adv.* on, to, or at the top
331. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 321. repatriate, 322. shell, 323. reclaim, 324. ancient, 325. catalog, 326. priest, 327. desert, 328. graduated, 329. dispute, 330. atop, 331. belong

332. du____s credibility *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
333. ce____ny location *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
334. con_____ct the principle *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

ANSWERS: 332. dubious, 333. ceremony, 334. contradict

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This space is a private office _____ to the President
adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
2. He looked out the window at the _____ stream of people.
adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
3. She used the online _____ to find the perfect pair of earrings for her sister's birthday.
n. a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices
4. I made a _____ at the bank to add money to my account.
n. a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
5. We store customer data in cloud _____.
n. the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information
6. The bald _____ symbolizes freedom and strength in the United States.
n. a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures
7. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 1. sacred, 2. endless, 3. catalog, 4. deposit, 5. storage, 6. eagle, 7. vast

8. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.
n. a strong desire to know or learn about something
9. The politician's words were full of _____ designed to hurt his opponent.
n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
10. The government has agreed to _____ refugees back to their home countries.
v. to return a person or group of people to their country of origin or citizenship; to bring back someone who was deported or exiled
11. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
12. The book contains numerous statements that _____ previous reports.
v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
13. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
14. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.
v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
15. The ancient ruins sat atop the _____ overlooking the valley below.
n. a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata

ANSWERS: 8. curiosity, 9. barbs, 10. repatriate, 11. protest, 12. contradict, 13. shell, 14. preserve, 15. mesa,

16. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

17. He created an _____ shaped torso.

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

18. The dinner was rather _____ and in need of some seasoning.

adj. lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting

19. She has taken a step up in the organizational _____.

n. a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

20. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

21. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

22. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

23. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

v. to give somebody a job

ANSWERS: 16. concluded, 17. imperfectly, 18. bland, 19. hierarchy, 20. feat, 21. artifacts, 22. responsible, 23. hire

24. He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the _____.
- n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
25. Scientists studied the ancient _____ to learn more about the creature's anatomy.
- n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
26. 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
27. The youngster was _____ at by the beast.
- v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
28. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.
- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
29. The new law includes _____ for increased penalties for repeat offenders.
- n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
30. The eagle perched _____ the tallest tree in the forest.
- adv.* on, to, or at the top
31. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.
- v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

ANSWERS: 24. closet, 25. skeleton, 26. temple, 27. gazed, 28. stake, 29. provisions, 30. atop, 31. declared

32. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

33. Our team caught a _____ of the world-class technique in this game.

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

34. The evidence presented in court had a _____ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

35. 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

36. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

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

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

38. The walls were _____ to create a private outdoor space.

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

39. 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

ANSWERS: 32. frank, 33. glimpse, 34. dubious, 35. process, 36. tribe, 37. relatives, 38. enclosed, 39. committed

40. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.
n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
41. Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a _____.
n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
42. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something
43. They had a complete _____ a few days after their argument.
n. the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
44. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
45. I miss my _____ and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.
n. a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
46. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
47. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.
adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
48. I received a beautiful piece of _____ from my partner for our anniversary.
n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

ANSWERS: 40. ceremony, 41. laboratory, 42. beneath, 43. reconciliation, 44. introduction, 45. homeland, 46. discovery, 47. educational, 48. jewelry

49. He was ordained as a _____ in the Catholic Church.

- n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

50. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.

- v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

51. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

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

52. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

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

53. 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

54. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

55. The pirates searched for buried _____ in the dunes.

- n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

56. 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

ANSWERS: 49. priest, 50. fulfilled, 51. confront, 52. suppose, 53. magic, 54. insights, 55. treasure, 56. warn

57. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

58. The museum _____ conserved the ancient manuscripts.

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

59. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

60. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

61. The _____ of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

62. I've included the two designs for a _____.

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

63. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

64. The evidence presented in the report is _____ and may need further investigation before any conclusions can be drawn.

adj. doubtful or uncertain and may be open to question or criticism

ANSWERS: 57. heritage, 58. curator, 59. label, 60. strip, 61. extinction, 62. comparison, 63. insisted, 64. questionable

65. The court used previous _____ to make its decision.
- n.* a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
66. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
67. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.
- n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
68. The project was on the _____ of success and needed a little more funding.
- n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
69. The North _____ is the northernmost point on Earth.
- n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
70. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
71. He used an _____ to chop the firewood for the campfire.
- n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

ANSWERS: 65. precedents, 66. involves, 67. graves, 68. cusp, 69. Pole, 70. modern, 71. ax

72. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
73. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.
- adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
74. Recently, some anthropologists conducted an interesting comparative study in _____.
- n.* an academic field that compares and analyzes the characteristics of different peoples and the relationships between them
75. The man _____ before opening the door.
- v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
76. 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
77. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.
- v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
78. The _____ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.
- n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
79. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.
- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

ANSWERS: 72. anthropology, 73. stark, 74. ethnology, 75. paused, 76. antiquity, 77. grasp, 78. dispute, 79. racism

80. 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
81. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
- n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
82. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.
- n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
83. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
84. He spent hours trying to _____ the ancient text.
- v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
85. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
- n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
86. She was _____ about starting her new job.
- adj.* having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something

ANSWERS: 80. tradition, 81. colleague, 82. confession, 83. institutionalize, 84. decipher, 85. plot, 86. enthusiastic

87. The army's village _____ left the residents without food or shelter.
- n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
88. The _____ pole symbolized the tribe's culture and history, depicting important figures and events.
- n.* a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice
89. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
90. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
- n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
91. She teaches _____ at the local university.
- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
92. We would _____ an early reply.
- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
93. Computers help people _____ specific memories.
- v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

ANSWERS: 87. pillage, 88. totem, 89. claim, 90. panic, 91. archaeology, 92. appreciate, 93. retain

94. The _____ waters of the Caribbean were a breathtaking sight.
- n.* a greenish-blue mineral that is a hydrated copper and aluminum phosphate and is valued as a gemstone, often used in jewelry and decorative objects
95. The pirates could _____ the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.
- v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
96. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.
- adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
97. The detective _____ a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.
- v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
98. The holy _____ to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.
- n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
99. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
100. Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital _____ for life.
- n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
101. The famous French painters Monet and Renoir were considered pioneers of _____.
- n.* a style of art and literature that seeks to capture the fleeting momentary sensations and impressions of perception rather than objective reality or formal structure

ANSWERS: 94. turquoise, 95. plunder, 96. precious, 97. unearthed, 98. shrine, 99. spiritual, 100. tattoo, 101. impressionism

102. 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

103. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.
n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

104. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

105. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
n. a thing or things that belong to someone

106. 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

107. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

108. Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of _____ cancer.
n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

109. The _____ instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.
n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

ANSWERS: 102. government, 103. ritual, 104. movement, 105. property, 106. spirit, 107. inherited, 108. colon, 109. meditation

110. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

111. She turned _____ when she heard the news.

adj. having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness

112. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

113. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

114. Young people in this country should _____ military duties.

v. to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility

115. The room was filled with _____ decorations that shone in the dark.

adj. emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment

116. The detective followed a _____ of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

ANSWERS: 110. Communal, 111. pale, 112. belong, 113. distant, 114. undertake, 115. luminous, 116. thread

117. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

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

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

119. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

120. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

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

121. The company implemented _____ measures to prevent future issues.

adj. acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.

122. 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

123. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

124. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

125. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

ANSWERS: 117. origin, 118. empire, 119. strength, 120. relations, 121. proactive, 122. ancient, 123. divide, 124. represent, 125. dignity

126. it is _____ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.
adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
127. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
128. The city became a _____ during the war.
n. a place where a battle is fought
129. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
130. She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her _____ to strike.
n. a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
131. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.
n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
132. The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the _____.
n. a place where a battle or conflict is fought
133. Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides are the primary _____ of acid rain.
n. a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth

ANSWERS: 126. paradoxical, 127. universe, 128. battleground, 129. overlook, 130. muse, 131. sculptures, 132. battlefield, 133. precursors

134. We looked at this issue from a different _____.

n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

135. He describes the story with _____ reality.

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

136. The _____ home has been in the family for generations.

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

137. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

138. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

139. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

140. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

141. The _____ screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

adj. without a voice or the ability to speak

142. The intricate _____ on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

ANSWERS: 134. viewpoint, 135. startling, 136. ancestral, 137. violent, 138. imaginary, 139. illustrate, 140. ban, 141. voiceless, 142. carving

143. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.

- v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

144. The uniformed _____ showed the guests to their seats.

- n.* a person who shows people to their seats in a theater or church or who guides them through a building

145. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.

- adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

146. 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

147. She had an _____ while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

- n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

148. She received a beautiful _____ from her grandmother as a birthday gift.

- n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

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

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

150. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

- v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 143. ruined, 144. usher, 145. graduated, 146. native, 147. epiphany, 148. necklace, 149. carved, 150. surround

151. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

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

152. He _____ from commenting on the controversial topic.

v. to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action

153. She is searching for a _____ residence.

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

154. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

155. We are always happy to _____ a discount.

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

156. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

157. She took a _____ class and learned how to make vases and bowls.

n. ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven

158. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 151. bury, 152. refrained, 153. permanent, 154. balance, 155. negotiate, 156. desert, 157. pottery, 158. reclaim, 159. humankind

160. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

161. The movie was _____ dramatic, with exaggerated emotions and cliched plot twists.

adv. to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable

162. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

163. The ancient text remains an _____ challenging scholars to unravel its meaning.

n. a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution

164. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

165. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

166. The biology teacher showed the students a frog _____ so they could examine its anatomy.

n. an individual example or sample of something, typically used to represent a larger group or category

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

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

ANSWERS: 160. amazed, 161. overly, 162. transferred, 163. enigma, 164. Congress, 165. racial, 166. specimen, 167. religion

ANSWERS: