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Session 1: Word List

configuration

n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things

synonym : arrangement, composition, formatting

(1) **configuration** of the system, (2) engine **configuration**

The **configuration** of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

bullet

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

synonym : projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

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.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

healing

n. the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

synonym : recovery, recuperation, convalescence

(1) natural **healing** ability, (2) part of the **healing** process

Each ancient tribe has its **healing** traditions.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym : disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

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.

rally

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

synonym : gathering, meetup, demonstration

(1) **rally** in front of the embassy, (2) the preliminary **rally**

There was a massive police presence at the anti-government

rally.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym : upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

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**.

survivor

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

synonym : subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**

The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym : foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

nomination

n. the act or process of formally proposing someone for election or appointment to a position, office, or award; the act of designating or selecting someone for a particular role or purpose

synonym : designation, appointment, selection

(1) **nomination** process, (2) **nomination** list

The actress received a **nomination** for her passionate portrayal of a character in the critically-acclaimed film.

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.

gross

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

synonym : before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

characterize

v. to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of

synonym : describe, depict, portray

(1) **characterize** the relationship, (2) **characterize** his work

Their love of discovery and exploration often **characterizes** the adventurous spirit of the explorer.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym : provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym : parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

wrench

v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
synonym : twist, turn, bend

(1) **wrench** off the lock, (2) **wrench** my back

A deep sigh was **wrenched** from his chest.

testimony

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

synonym : affirmant, evidence, proof

(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**

Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

numb

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

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

clockwork

n. a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock

synonym : mechanism, movement, gears

(1) run like **clockwork**, (2) **clockwork** precision

The **clockwork** mechanism in the grandfather clock needed to be wound up every week.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

reassurance

n. the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence

synonym : encouragement, comfort, support

(1) give **reassurance**, (2) **reassurance** of my commitment
He needed **reassurance** that everything would be alright.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym : proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education
advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

credible

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

synonym : reasonable, believable, plausible

(1) **credible** source, (2) a **credible** story

They didn't have any **credible** evidence of his innocence.

accusation

n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

synonym : charge, indictment, imputation

(1) criminal **accusation**, (2) false **accusation**

The **accusation** of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

synonym : affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym : bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

vilify

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

synonym : defame, slander, malign

(1) **vilify** the press, (2) publicly **vilify**

The media has been **vilifying** the politician for his controversial statements.

bemoan

v. to express regret or disappointment about; to lament

synonym : lament, grieve, mourn

(1) **bemoan** his death, (2) **bemoan** a situation

He **bemoaned** the state of the world and wished for change.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

parachute

n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

(1) **parachute** troops, (2) golden **parachute**

This training includes emergency escape drills with **parachutes**.

disclosure

n. the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts

synonym: announcement, revelation, exposure

(1) **disclosure** agreement, (2) public **disclosure**

The company's **disclosure** of its financial records led to a better understanding of its operations.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

watershed

n. an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins

synonym: divide, separator, boundary

(1) the hydrology of a **watershed**, (2) **watershed** conservation

Watershed management strategies aim to reduce pollution

and protect water resources.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival
He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym: opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence
The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick
The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

void

n. an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force

synonym: emptiness, vacuity, (adjective) null

(1) **void** of expression, (2) **void** contract
The **void** in her heart was filled with the love of her family.

absence

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

synonym: dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**
Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym: crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse
Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym: allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

magnitude

n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

synonym: size, extent, level

(1) a star of the first **magnitude**, (2) the **magnitude** of the disaster

The **magnitude** of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

waver

v. to move in a quivering manner; to become weak

synonym: lurch, sway, wobble

(1) **waver** in purpose, (2) **waver** between work and private life

She didn't **waver** in her decision to pursue her dream career, despite the challenges.

fortitude

n. mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience

synonym: courage, bravery, endurance

(1) **fortitude** in adversity, (2) mental **fortitude**

She showed great **fortitude** in facing her illness with grace and strength.

accumulation

n. an amount of something obtained via natural growth or addition

synonym: accretion, pileup, upsurge

(1) **accumulation** of wealth, (2) **accumulation** effect

Accumulation of fuel discounts is common practice among many retailers.

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**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

backlash

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

synonym: reaction, retaliation, counteraction

(1) political **backlash**, (2) the **backlash** from the community

The company faced a **backlash** from customers after the recall.

witch

n. a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

synonym: sorceress, enchantress, healer

(1) **witch** hunt, (2) **witch** trial

Many people in the medieval period believed in **witches** and

their ability to cast spells.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

gender

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

synonym: sexuality

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

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

headline

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

synonym: title, caption

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

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

frame

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

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

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

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

pundit

n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

synonym : expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym : transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

vindictive

adj. showing or motivated by a desire to seek revenge or cause harm to someone, often in response to perceived wrongdoing or mistreatment

synonym : vengeful, retaliatory, spiteful

(1) **vindictive** disposition, (2) **vindictive** comments

Her **vindictive** attitude towards her ex is causing unnecessary drama.

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.

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.

intention

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

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

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

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

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym: noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

assault

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

synonym:

assault, attack, raid

(1) **assault** aircraft, (2) victim of sexual **assault**

We got caught up in an **assault** case.

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym : domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) **indigenous** crop, (2) **indigenous** peoples

The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

disability

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

synonym : impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**

Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

wage

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

synonym : payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**

His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym : pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

far-reaching

adj. having a wide or significant impact or influence

synonym: extensive, widespread, broad

(1) achieve **far-reaching** reform, (2) **far-reaching** consequences

The **far-reaching** effects of the policy change are still being felt.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

era

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

synonym: epoch, age, period

(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance

Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.

politician

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

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

elect

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

synonym : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death
Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

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.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

rollercoaster

n. a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages

synonym: turbulence, upheaval

(1) emotional **rollercoaster**, (2) wooden **rollercoaster**

We finally divorced after experiencing a **rollercoaster** marriage.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym: deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

synonym: agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

confirmation

n. a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite

synonym: validation, verification, affirmation

(1) **confirmation** of purchase, (2) **confirmation** bias

The **confirmation** of his appointment as CEO was met with

mixed reactions.

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.

halt

v. to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating

synonym: stop, cease, terminate

(1) **halt** production, (2) **halt** progress

The train came to a **halt** at the station.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym: excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

arc

n. the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

synonym: turn, bow, angle

(1) the **arc** current, (2) an **arc** of a circumference

A ball flew in a big **arc**.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

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.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym : skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

vision

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

synonym : sight, image, concept

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

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

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym : greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

synonymous

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

synonym: equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non- **synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

autonomy

n. the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently

synonym: independence, sovereignty, self-sufficiency

(1) regional **autonomy**, (2) establish **autonomy**

Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate **autonomy** for their country.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

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

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

depravity

n. moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior

synonym: corruption, wickedness, immorality

(1) **depravity** of human nature, (2) moral **depravity**

The **depravity** of the serial killer shocked the nation.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym : separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym : player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**

His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

enforcement

n. the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

synonym : implementation, application, execution

(1) **enforcement** action, (2) **enforcement** officer

The **enforcement** of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

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.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

imbalance

n. a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

synonym: inequality, asymmetry, instability

(1) trade **imbalance**, (2) symptoms of hormonal **imbalance**

An **imbalance** in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

unison

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

synonym: harmony, accord, unanimity

(1) singing in **unison**, (2) clap the hands in **unison**

They saluted in **unison** to the captain.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

unequivocal

adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

synonym: apparent, absolute, undeniable

(1) **unequivocal** evidence, (2) receive an **unequivocal** answer

It is **unequivocal** that human activities are the cause of global warming.

intact

adj. undamaged and complete

synonym : flawless, unchanged, entire

(1) **intact** brain, (2) **intact** forestland

Despite the scandals, his reputation remained **intact**.

impede

v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress

synonym : hinder, obstruct, block

(1) **impede** a close relationship, (2) **impede** development

The traffic jam **impeded** our progress to reach the destination on time.

stagnate

v. to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement

synonym : stall, halt, idle

(1) **stagnate** economy, (2) **stagnate** due to problems

If you don't exercise regularly, your fitness levels may **stagnate**.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

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

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

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

synonym: purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym: understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

curate

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

synonym: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

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

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

insurmountable

adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

synonym: invincible, hopeless, overwhelming

(1) **insurmountable** odds, (2) **insurmountable** disadvantage

The challenge seemed **insurmountable**, but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

discredit

v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

synonym: disprove, undermine, disgrace

(1) **discredit** a theory, (2) **discredit** a witness

The company's unethical practices have **discredited** its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
synonym: wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

continuously

adv. without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

synonym: constantly, frequently, always

(1) use one thing **continuously**, (2) **continuously** removed

The country's domestic coal consumption has been **continuously** declining for decades.

folklore

n. traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally

synonym: myths, legends, traditions

(1) **folklore** tradition, (2) **folklore** myth

The area's **folklore** tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

ware

n. goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware

synonym: merchandise, product, goods

(1) **ware** store, (2) bamboo **ware**

The store sells a wide range of porcelain **ware**, including plates, bowls, and mugs.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

synonym : captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

legend

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

synonym : fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

separate

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

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

vigilant

adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

synonym : watchful, attentive, alert

(1) **vigilant** watch, (2) **vigilant** about hand-washing
The guards had to remain **vigilant** to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
synonym: drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship
An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**
My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

mattress

n. a large rectangular pad filled with soft material, used as a bed or part of a bed
synonym: bed, pad, cushion

(1) soft **mattress**, (2) queen-size **mattress**
The air **mattress** was so comfortable I slept like a baby all night.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
synonym: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

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.

proceed

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

synonym: advance, progress, move ahead

(1) **proceed** with caution, (2) **proceed** to the next step

We can now **proceed** with the next item on our agenda.

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

synonym: recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind

It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

exhausted

adj. extremely tired

synonym: drowsy, depleted, fatigued

(1) the **exhausted** food sources, (2) **exhausted** parents

The **exhausted** runner fell to the ground and gasped.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|------|---|
| 1. pr___l growth | v. | to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force |
| 2. t_p a new market | v. | to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc. |
| 3. co____ry evidence | n. | acting in opposition to what is expected or desired |
| 4. a friendly con_____ion | n. | an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc. |
| 5. em_____al distress | adj. | relating to people's feelings |
| 6. ex_____e the data studiously | v. | to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them |
| 7. a learning dis_____ty | n. | a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do |
| 8. r__r with laughter | v. | to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine |
| 9. ind_____us peoples | adj. | someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place |
| 10. far_____ing consequences | adj. | having a wide or significant impact or influence |

ANSWERS: 1. propel, 2. tap, 3. contrary, 4. conversation, 5. emotional, 6. examine, 7. disability, 8. roar, 9. indigenous, 10. far-reaching

11. give rea_____ce *n.* the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence
12. le___d of King Arthur *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
13. golden pa_____te *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
14. increase in the minimum w___e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
15. v___d contract *n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
16. the cabin pressure fell dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
17. wr___h my back *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
18. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
19. part of the he_____g process *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
20. moral de_____ty *n.* moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior

ANSWERS: 11. reassurance, 12. legend, 13. parachute, 14. wage, 15. void, 16. dramatically, 17. wrench, 18. destroy, 19. healing, 20. depravity

21. con_____ion of the system *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
22. en_____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
23. 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
24. the preliminary ra___y *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
25. basketball le___d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
26. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
27. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
28. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
29. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings

ANSWERS: 21. configuration, 22. enslave, 23. claim, 24. rally, 25. legend, 26. gender, 27. represent, 28. individual, 29. emotional

30. use one thing con_____sly *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
31. 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
32. enf_____nt officer *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
33. to a rec_____ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
34. ins_____ble disadvantage *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
35. criminal acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
36. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
37. wa__r in purpose *v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
38. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
39. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 30. continuously, 31. claim, 32. enforcement, 33. recognizable, 34. insurmountable, 35. accusation, 36. quitter, 37. waver, 38. rethink, 39. president

40. the ba____sh from the community *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
41. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
42. ha____s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
43. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
44. an ad____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
45. vi____nt watch *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
46. su____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
47. a con____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
48. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
49. a prodigious vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
50. enrich my in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 40. backlash, 41. tap, 42. harass, 43. historic, 44. advocate, 45. vigilant, 46. suspect, 47. constantly, 48. hunt, 49. vision, 50. intellect

51. pa_____te troops *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
52. bamboo w__e *n.* goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware
53. 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
54. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
55. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
56. ind_____us crop *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
57. re___r an assessment *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
58. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
59. the hydrology of a wa_____ed *n.* an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins

ANSWERS: 51. parachute, 52. ware, 53. movement, 54. erase, 55. dismantle, 56. indigenous, 57. render, 58. globe, 59. watershed

60. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
61. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
62. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
63. con_____ion bias *n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
64. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
65. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
66. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
67. engine con_____ion *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
68. high school at_____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
69. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
70. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
71. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 60. intellect, 61. abuse, 62. globe, 63. confirmation, 64. constantly, 65. vulnerable, 66. privilege, 67. configuration, 68. athlete, 69. shift, 70. heal, 71. communal

72. con_____ion of purchase *n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
73. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
74. enf_____nt action *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
75. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
76. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
77. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
78. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
79. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
80. unpaid w__es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
81. ex_____ed parents *adj.* extremely tired
82. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

ANSWERS: 72. confirmation, 73. individual, 74. enforcement, 75. abuse, 76. quotation, 77. industrious, 78. slave, 79. awareness, 80. wage, 81. exhausted, 82. march

83. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
84. an____ or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
85. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
86. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
87. the ma_____de of the disaster *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
88. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
89. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
90. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
91. be___n a situation *v.* to express regret or disappointment about; to lament
92. pr_____d to the next step *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
93. vin_____ve disposition *adj.* showing or motivated by a desire to seek revenge or cause harm to someone, often in response to perceived wrongdoing or mistreatment
94. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 83. afford, 84. ancestor, 85. privilege, 86. slave, 87. magnitude, 88. incredible, 89. march, 90. folk, 91. bemoan, 92. proceed, 93. vindictive, 94. relation

95. di_____it a witness *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
96. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
97. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
98. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
99. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
100. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
101. he confessed dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
102. up___t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
103. false acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
104. re___n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
105. acc_____ion of wealth *n.* an amount of something obtained via natural growth or addition

ANSWERS: 95. discredit, 96. harass, 97. empathy, 98. wealth, 99. capture, 100. confuse, 101. dramatically, 102. uplift, 103. accusation, 104. reckon, 105. accumulation

106. trending ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
107. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
108. a single su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
109. for the s__e of argument *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
110. acc_____ion effect *n.* an amount of something obtained via natural growth or addition
111. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
112. bu__t wound *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
113. rea_____ce of my commitment *n.* the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence
114. wi__h hunt *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
115. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
116. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

ANSWERS: 106. hashtag, 107. elect, 108. survivor, 109. sake, 110. accumulation, 111. frustrate, 112. bullet, 113. reassurance, 114. witch, 115. quitter, 116. frustrate

117. nom_____on process *n.* the act or process of formally proposing someone for election or appointment to a position, office, or award; the act of designating or selecting someone for a particular role or purpose
118. wr___h off the lock *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
119. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
120. marked with a ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
121. syn_____us terms *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
122. smokeless f___l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
123. perpetual cu___e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
124. non-syn_____us mutation *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
125. sports pu___t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

ANSWERS: 117. nomination, 118. wrench, 119. consistent, 120. hashtag, 121. synonymous, 122. fuel, 123. curate, 124. synonymous, 125. pundit

126. a cr____le story *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
127. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
128. wooden rol_____ter *n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
129. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
130. v__d of expression *n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
131. 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
132. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
133. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
134. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 126. credible, 127. gender, 128. rollercoaster, 129. frame, 130. void, 131. plot, 132. possibility, 133. critic, 134. statistics

135. re____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
136. co____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
137. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
138. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
139. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
140. pe___t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
141. con_____sly removed *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
142. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
143. ca____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
144. hard to re___n *v.* to think or believe something
145. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

ANSWERS: 135. reassure, 136. confuse, 137. consistent, 138. prop, 139. president, 140. permit, 141. continuously, 142. shift, 143. capture, 144. reckon, 145. colleague

146. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
147. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
148. 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
149. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
150. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
151. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
152. justice of the su_____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
153. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
154. tr____a care *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
155. mental fo_____de *n.* mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
156. the gr__s amount *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 146. destroy, 147. consume, 148. movement, 149. vulnerable, 150. pivot, 151. afford, 152. supreme, 153. suspect, 154. trauma, 155. fortitude, 156. gross

157. ab_____e from work *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
158. 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
159. rec_____ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
160. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
161. or_____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
162. ovarian cancer su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
163. fo_____de in adversity *n.* mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
164. cl_____rk precision *n.* a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock
165. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
166. di_____le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
167. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do

ANSWERS: 157. absence, 158. universe, 159. recognizable, 160. represent, 161. origin, 162. survivor, 163. fortitude, 164. clockwork, 165. relation, 166. dismantle, 167. intention

168. for your own s__e *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
169. fo____re myth *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
170. fo____re tradition *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
171. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
172. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
173. h__l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
174. give his te____ny *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
175. in____t brain *adj.* undamaged and complete
176. feed a tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
177. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 168. sake, 169. folklore, 170. folklore, 171. origin, 172. empathy, 173. heal, 174. testimony, 175. intact, 176. troll, 177. violent

178. be___n his death *v.* to express regret or disappointment about; to lament
179. political ba____sh *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
180. emotional rol_____ter *n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
181. re_____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
182. in_____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
183. regional au_____my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
184. natural he_____g ability *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
185. queen-size ma_____ss *n.* a large rectangular pad filled with soft material, used as a bed or part of a bed
186. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
187. co_____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
188. psychic tr____a *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
189. clap the hands in un____n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

ANSWERS: 178. bemoan, 179. backlash, 180. rollercoaster, 181. reassure, 182. interrupt, 183. autonomy, 184. healing, 185. mattress, 186. violent, 187. confirm, 188. trauma, 189. unison

190. work pe____t v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
191. copyright tr__l n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
192. cr__p toward the mouse v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
193. wa____ed conservation n. an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins
194. publicly vi____y v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
195. the su____e commander adj. highest in rank, level, or importance
196. the clear co____ry n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
197. h__t progress v. to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating
198. h__t after knowledge v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
199. a pol____an in the ruling party n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 190. permit, 191. troll, 192. creep, 193. watershed, 194. vilify, 195. supreme, 196. contrary, 197. halt, 198. hunt, 199. politician

200. wa__r between work and private life *v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
201. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
202. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
203. become a professional at_____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
204. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
205. dis_____re agreement *n.* the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts
206. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
207. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
208. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
209. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
210. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
211. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 200. waver, 201. isolate, 202. roar, 203. athlete, 204. quotation, 205. disclosure, 206. possibility, 207. suddenly, 208. isolate, 209. headline, 210. folk, 211. numb

212. im___e development *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
213. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
214. public dis_____re *n.* the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts
215. 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
216. cha_____ize the relationship *v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
217. establish au_____my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
218. raise public aw_____ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
219. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
220. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

ANSWERS: 212. impede, 213. pivot, 214. disclosure, 215. process, 216. characterize, 217. autonomy, 218. awareness, 219. industrious, 220. instance

221. te_____ny before Congress *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
222. receive an une_____al answer *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
223. de_____ty of human nature *n.* moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior
224. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
225. ra__y in front of the embassy *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
226. singing in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
227. achieve far_____ing reform *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
228. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
229. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
230. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
231. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 221. testimony, 222. unequivocal, 223. depravity, 224. ancestor, 225. rally, 226. unison, 227. far-reaching, 228. incredible, 229. recognize, 230. vision, 231. elect

232. symptoms of hormonal im_____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
233. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
234. une_____al evidence *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
235. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
236. soft ma_____ss *n.* a large rectangular pad filled with soft material, used as a bed or part of a bed
237. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
238. up____t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
239. biomass f____l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
240. a dis_____ty pension *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
241. the ex_____ed food sources *adj.* extremely tired
242. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
243. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
244. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 232. imbalance, 233. communal, 234. unequivocal, 235. instance, 236. mattress, 237. examine, 238. uplift, 239. fuel, 240. disability, 241. exhausted, 242. consume, 243. creep, 244. politician

245. er__e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
246. an a_c of a circumference *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
247. l__n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
248. the e_a of the Renaissance *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
249. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
250. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
251. st____te due to problems *v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
252. a star of the first ma____de *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
253. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
254. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
255. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 245. erase, 246. arc, 247. lean, 248. era, 249. lean, 250. frame, 251. stagnate, 252. magnitude, 253. separate, 254. grab, 255. historic

256. victim of sexual as_____t *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
257. co_____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
258. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
259. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
260. di_____it a theory *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
261. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
262. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
263. conservative pu____t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
264. w__e store *n.* goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware
265. pr_____d with caution *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

ANSWERS: 256. assault, 257. confirm, 258. moral, 259. colleague, 260. discredit, 261. recognize, 262. conversation, 263. pundit, 264. ware, 265. proceed

266. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
267. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
268. ins_____ble odds *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
269. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
270. wi__h trial *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
271. vin_____ve comments *adj.* showing or motivated by a desire to seek revenge or cause harm to someone, often in response to perceived wrongdoing or mistreatment
272. respect for human di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
273. im___e a close relationship *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
274. cr_____le source *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
275. nom_____on list *n.* the act or process of formally proposing someone for election or appointment to a position, office, or award; the act of designating or selecting someone for a particular role or purpose
276. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

ANSWERS: 266. reshape, 267. interrupt, 268. insurmountable, 269. grab, 270. witch, 271. vindictive, 272. dignity, 273. impede, 274. credible, 275. nomination, 276. rethink

277. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
278. 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
279. cu_____e an art website *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
280. cha_____ize his work *v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
281. pr_____l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
282. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
283. vi_____nt about hand-washing *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
284. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 277. reshape, 278. process, 279. curate, 280. characterize, 281. propel, 282. separate, 283. vigilant, 284. statistics

285. h__t production *v.* to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating
286. trade im_____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
287. bu___t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
288. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
289. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
290. gr__s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
291. the a_c current *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
292. retain everyone's di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
293. in___t forestland *adj.* undamaged and complete
294. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
295. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
296. vi___y the press *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

ANSWERS: 285. halt, 286. imbalance, 287. bullet, 288. enslave, 289. moral, 290. gross, 291. arc, 292. dignity, 293. intact, 294. advocate, 295. wealth, 296. vilify

297. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
298. as_____t aircraft *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
299. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
300. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
301. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
302. 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
303. run like cl_____rk *n.* a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock
304. st_____te economy *v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
305. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 297. headline, 298. assault, 299. prop, 300. intention, 301. numb, 302. universe, 303. clockwork, 304. stagnate, 305. suddenly

306. a leave of ab____e *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
307. re____r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
308. 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
309. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
310. dawn of a new e_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

ANSWERS: 306. absence, 307. render, 308. plot, 309. critic, 310. era

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

2. The _____ of his appointment as CEO was met with mixed reactions.
n. a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite

3. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.
n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

4. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

5. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

6. You are not _____ in your behavior.
adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

7. The political _____ provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.
n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

8. The guards had to remain _____ to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.
adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

ANSWERS: 1. Empathy, 2. confirmation, 3. sake, 4. intellect, 5. ancestor, 6. consistent, 7. pundit, 8. vigilant

9. 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
10. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
11. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
12. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.
adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
13. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.
n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
14. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
15. She showed great _____ in facing her illness with grace and strength.
n. mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
16. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.
n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

ANSWERS: 9. represent, 10. industrious, 11. elected, 12. moral, 13. troll, 14. constantly, 15. fortitude, 16. survivor

17. Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing _____.
- n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
18. Despite the scandals, his reputation remained _____.
- adj.* undamaged and complete
19. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.
- v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
20. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
21. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
- n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
22. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
23. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
24. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are _____.
- adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
25. The train came to a _____ at the station.
- v.* to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating

ANSWERS: 17. disability, 18. intact, 19. dismantled, 20. rethink, 21. shift, 22. instances, 23. gender, 24. synonymous, 25. halt

26. My left arm became _____.

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

27. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

28. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.

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

29. The traffic jam _____ our progress to reach the destination on time.

v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress

30. The company faced a _____ from customers after the recall.

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

31. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

32. An _____ in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

n. a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

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

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

34. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 26. numb, 27. propel, 28. dignity, 29. impeded, 30. backlash, 31. suddenly, 32. imbalance, 33. separate, 34. folk

35. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
36. Our brand's campaign uses a unique _____ to track engagement and reach.
n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
37. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.
v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
38. Aging _____ up slowly with time.
v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
39. They didn't have any _____ evidence of his innocence.
adj. capable of being trusted or believed
40. We have finally lost our last _____.
n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
41. His car was easily _____ in the parking lot.
adj. easy to become aware of or identify
42. 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

ANSWERS: 35. politician, 36. hashtag, 37. interrupted, 38. creeps, 39. credible, 40. prop, 41. recognizable, 42. process

43. He _____ the state of the world and wished for change.
- v.* to express regret or disappointment about; to lament
44. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.
- n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
45. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.
- v.* to change the form or structure of something
46. 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
47. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
- n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
48. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
49. The company's _____ of its financial records led to a better understanding of its operations.
- n.* the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts
50. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 43. bemoaned, 44. slave, 45. reshaped, 46. claim, 47. quitter, 48. privilege, 49. disclosure, 50. president

51. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's _____ profits.
adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
52. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
53. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
54. The _____ mechanism in the grandfather clock needed to be wound up every week.
n. a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock
55. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
56. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
57. We finally divorced after experiencing a _____ marriage.
n. a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
58. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 51. gross, 52. headline, 53. roared, 54. clockwork, 55. Communal, 56. historic, 57. rollercoaster, 58. individual,

59. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
n. the first existence or beginning of something
60. The _____ of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.
n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
61. 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
62. 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
63. A deep sigh was _____ from his chest.
v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
64. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
65. The _____ runner fell to the ground and gasped.
adj. extremely tired
66. He needed _____ that everything would be alright.
n. the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence

ANSWERS: 59. origin, 60. accusation, 61. movement, 62. plot, 63. wrenched, 64. destroyed, 65. exhausted, 66. reassurance

67. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

68. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

69. The store sells a wide range of porcelain _____ including plates, bowls, and mugs.

n. goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware

70. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

71. Please write to _____ your reservation.

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

72. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar _____.

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

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

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

74. Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate _____ for their country.

n. the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently

ANSWERS: 67. marched, 68. permit, 69. ware, 70. supreme, 71. confirm, 72. era, 73. violent, 74. autonomy

75. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
- v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
76. The _____ of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.
- n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
77. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.
- n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
78. The stray _____ went through the window and hit the wall.
- n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
79. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
80. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
81. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.
- v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

ANSWERS: 75. hunt, 76. magnitude, 77. curate, 78. bullet, 79. frustrate, 80. recognize, 81. examine

82. Her remarks _____ the debate.

- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

83. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's _____.

- n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

84. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.

- n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

85. The _____ of the serial killer shocked the nation.

- n.* moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior

86. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.

- n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

87. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.

- adv.* in a very impressive manner

88. A ball flew in a big _____.

- n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

89. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 82. confused, 83. absence, 84. athlete, 85. depravity, 86. quotation, 87. dramatically, 88. arc, 89. capture

90. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
91. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.
v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
92. You should not _____ them from the community.
v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
93. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
94. _____ of fuel discounts is common practice among many retailers.
n. an amount of something obtained via natural growth or addition
95. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
96. We can now _____ with the next item on our agenda.
v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
97. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
98. 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

ANSWERS: 90. vulnerable, 91. render, 92. isolate, 93. abuse, 94. Accumulation, 95. Advocates, 96. proceed, 97. incredible, 98. universe

99. 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
100. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.
n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
101. The _____ of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.
n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
102. The _____ effects of the policy change are still being felt.
adj. having a wide or significant impact or influence
103. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
104. Their love of discovery and exploration often _____ the adventurous spirit of the explorer.
v. to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
105. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
106. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 99. relations, 100. trauma, 101. configuration, 102. far-reaching, 103. critics, 104. characterizes, 105. possibility, 106. harassed

107. Her beauty _____ me completely.

- v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

108. The _____ of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

- n. the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

109. He cannot _____ a holiday.

- v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

110. The company's unethical practices have _____ its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

- v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

111. This training includes emergency escape drills with _____.

- n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

112. We got caught up in an _____ case.

- n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

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

- adj. relating to people's feelings

114. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

- v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 107. enslaved, 108. enforcement, 109. afford, 110. discredited, 111. parachutes, 112. assault, 113. emotional, 114. grab

115. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
- n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
116. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.
- v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
117. Witness _____ backed up the defendant's claims.
- n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
118. The area's _____ tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.
- n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
119. She didn't _____ in her decision to pursue her dream career, despite the challenges.
- v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
120. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.
- v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
121. The _____ in her heart was filled with the love of her family.
- n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
122. The country's domestic coal consumption has been _____ declining for decades.
- adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

ANSWERS: 115. awareness, 116. heal, 117. testimony, 118. folklore, 119. waver, 120. erase, 121. void, 122. continuously

123. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
124. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
- n.* something you want to do and are going to do
125. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.
- n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
126. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
127. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.
- n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
128. There was a massive police presence at the anti-government _____.
- v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
129. Her _____ attitude towards her ex is causing unnecessary drama.
- adj.* showing or motivated by a desire to seek revenge or cause harm to someone, often in response to perceived wrongdoing or mistreatment
130. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.
- v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

ANSWERS: 123. vision, 124. intentions, 125. pivot, 126. frame, 127. uplift, 128. rally, 129. vindictive, 130. reassure

131. It is _____ that human activities are the cause of global warming.

adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

132. The air _____ was so comfortable I slept like a baby all night.

n. a large rectangular pad filled with soft material, used as a bed or part of a bed

133. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

134. To expand the company, we must _____ new human resources.

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

135. If you don't exercise regularly, your fitness levels may _____.

v. to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement

136. The challenge seemed _____ but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

137. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

138. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 131. unequivocal, 132. mattress, 133. fuel, 134. tap, 135. stagnate, 136. insurmountable, 137. wages, 138. wealth

139. 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
140. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
141. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
- adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
142. The actress received a _____ for her passionate portrayal of a character in the critically-acclaimed film.
- n.* the act or process of formally proposing someone for election or appointment to a position, office, or award; the act of designating or selecting someone for a particular role or purpose
143. _____ management strategies aim to reduce pollution and protect water resources.
- n.* an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins
144. Many of the _____ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.
- n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
145. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

ANSWERS: 139. colleague, 140. statistics, 141. Lean, 142. nomination, 143. Watershed, 144. legends, 145. suspected

146. Many people in the medieval period believed in _____ and their ability to cast spells.

n. a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

147. They saluted in _____ to the captain.

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

148. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

149. His final goal is to sail around the _____.

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

150. The _____ plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

151. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.

v. to think or believe something

152. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

153. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

ANSWERS: 146. witches, 147. unison, 148. contrary, 149. globe, 150. indigenous, 151. reckons, 152. conversation, 153. consume

154. The media has been _____ the politician for his controversial statements.

- v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

155. Each ancient tribe has its _____ traditions.

- n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

ANSWERS: 154. vilifying, 155. healing