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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### herculean

*adj.* requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules

*synonym*: challenging, formidable, strenuous

(1) **herculean** effort, (2) make **herculean** progress

Completing this project in such a short amount of time will be a **herculean** task.

### Zeus

*n.* the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus

*synonym*: king of gods, god of thunder, ruler of olympus

(1) **Zeus** statue, (2) greek mythology **Zeus**

The temple of **Zeus** at Olympia was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

### champion

*n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

*synonym*: victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

## humankind

*n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth  
*synonym* : humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**  
On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

## gaze

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

*synonym* : stare, gawk, look

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

## horror

*n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

*synonym* : fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look  
The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

## committed

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

*synonym* : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff  
Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

## unspeakable

*adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about  
*synonym* : unspeakably horrible, indescribable, unutterable

(1) **unspeakable** crime, (2) **unspeakable** pain  
The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the **unspeakable** horror of the experience.

## imaginable

*adj.* capable of being imagined

*synonym* : conceivable, plausible, possible

(1) easily **imaginable**, (2) worst **imaginable** case

This is the only **imaginable** strategy.

## goddess

*n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

*synonym*: deity, divinity, idol

(1) a **goddess** of beauty, (2) winged **goddess** of victory

The festival was held in honor of the harvest **goddess**.

## adultery

*n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse

*synonym*: infidelity, cheating, unfaithfulness

(1) commit **adultery**, (2) **adultery** scandal

She knew that having an affair with her neighbor would be considered **adultery** and could end her marriage.

## strike

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

*synonym*: hit, impact, influence

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

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

## temporary

*adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long

*synonym*: provisional, short-term, interim

(1) a **temporary** permit, (2) **temporary** housing

He managed to get **temporary** jobs during the recession.

## curse

*n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

*synonym*: condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

## mad

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

*synonym*: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily  
He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

## casualty

*n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

*synonym*: victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

## 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.

## grief

*n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

*synonym*: anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**

Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

## oracle

*n.* a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise significance

*synonym*: prophet, seer, diviner

(1) **oracle** predictions, (2) ancient **oracle**

The company's CEO was considered the **oracle** of strategic decision-making, with a track record of successful business moves.

## atonement

*n.* the act or process of making amends for wrongdoing or mistake, often by making restitution or providing compensation; reconciliation or the restoration of harmony between individuals or groups who were previously in conflict

*synonym*: penance, redemption, expiation

(1) **atonement** process, (2) **atonement** for his deeds  
He sought **atonement** for his past mistakes by volunteering at a homeless shelter.

## cousin

*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

*synonym*: relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

## humiliate

*v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

*synonym*: shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

## pit

*n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

*synonym*: hole, depression, indentation

(1) the bottomless **pit**, (2) the **pit** of the stomach

The **pit** of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

## invincible

*adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable

*synonym*: unassailable, unbeatable, indomitable

(1) **invincible** army, (2) **invincible** will

The team felt **invincible** after their winning streak.

## monster

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

*synonym*: giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film  
This car has a **monster** engine.

## fathomable

*adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth

*synonym*: understandable, comprehensible, intelligible

(1) **fathomable** explanation, (2) **fathomable** solution

The scientific theories presented in the book were **fathomable** even to non-experts.

## epic

*n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

*synonym*: legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

## adventure

*n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

*synonym*: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

## labor

*n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

*synonym*: toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

## slay

*v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon

*synonym*: kill, murder, eliminate

(1) **slay** a dragon, (2) **slay** civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and

amazing performance.

## **kidnapping**

*n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

*synonym*: abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

## **devour**

*v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

*synonym*: consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

## **warrior**

*n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

*synonym*: fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

## **fur**

*n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

*synonym*: hair, coat, pelt

(1) an artificial **fur**, (2) **fur** coat

The **fur** of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.

## **impervious**

*adj.* unable to be affected by something; not allowing something to pass through, especially fluid; unresponsive or indifferent to criticism or persuasion

*synonym*: impregnable, invulnerable, indestructible

(1) **impervious** to criticism, (2) **impervious** material

The jacket is **impervious** to water and will keep you dry in the rain.

## **arrow**

*n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

*synonym* : shaft, dart, projectile

(1) **arrow** pointing, (2) **arrow** diagram

The archer aimed his **arrow** carefully at the target.

## cave

*n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

*synonym* : cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**

Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

## stun

*v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

*synonym* : shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

## strangle

*v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

*synonym* : choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

## claw

*n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

*synonym* : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

## frightening

*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

*synonym* : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the



fragility of human health.

## jar

*n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

*synonym*: container, vessel, pot

(1) a **jar** of jam, (2) a water **jar**

He placed the coins in a **jar** to save for a trip.

## trophy

*n.* an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest

*synonym*: prize, award, accolade

(1) **trophy** case, (2) **trophy** room

The soccer team won the **trophy** after a hard-fought competition.

## distance

*n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

*synonym*: space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

## hydra

*n.* a freshwater polyp with a tubular body and several tentacles; (of mythology) a serpentine monster with many heads that regrow when cut off; a problem or a situation that is difficult to overcome because it multiplies or gets worse as soon as one aspect of it is solved or eliminated

*synonym*: monster, serpent

(1) **hydra-headed** problem, (2) antibacterial **hydra**

The new software system was a **hydra** of complications, with one problem leading to another.

## **giant**

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

*synonym* : big, gigantic, huge

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

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

## **serpent**

*n.* a large snake

*synonym* : snake, viper, reptile

(1) the feathered **serpent** god, (2) **Serpent** Bearer

That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a **serpent's** tail.

## **fierce**

*adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening

*synonym* : ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

## **hopeless**

*adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

*synonym* : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

## **nephew**

*n.* a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

## **cauterize**

*v.* to burn or sear tissue, especially for medical purposes, to stop bleeding, or remove abnormal tissue

*synonym* : burn, sear, singe

(1) **cauterize** the skin with moxa, (2) **cauterize** a problem

The surgical team had to **cauterize** the bleeding vessels to save the patient's life.

## regrow

*v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

*synonym* : regenerate

(1) **regrow** hair, (2) **regrow** vegetation

Lizards can **regrow** their tails if they are cut off.

## constellation

*n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

*synonym* : asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

## hind

*adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

*synonym* : back, rear, posterior

(1) **hind** toe, (2) **hind** paw

The farmer noticed a **hind** leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.

## outrun

*v.* to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit

*synonym* : outpace, outrank, outdistance

(1) **outrun** competitors, (2) **outrun** the cops

I'll need to **outrun** the rainstorm to make it home without getting soaked.

## trap

*n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

*synonym* : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

## sacred

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

*synonym* : holy, inviolable, hallowed

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

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

## 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.

## swear

*v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

*synonym* : declare, assert, curse

(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak

I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.

## mistress

*n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others

*synonym* : ladylove, paramour, paramour

(1) a **mistress** of comedy, (2) keep a **mistress**

She used to be his **mistress** before the death of his first wife.

## 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.

## boar

*n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

*synonym* : wild pig, sow, hog

(1) wild **boar**, (2) **boar's** head

The hunter tracked the **boar** through the forest for a good

shot.

## ravage

*v.* to cause damage to something badly

*synonym* : devastate, ruin, destroy

(1) **ravage** a country, (2) **ravage** the brain

A large fire **ravaged** the forest.

## centaur

*n.* a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse

*synonym* : half-human, half-horse

(1) **centaur** costume, (2) **centaur** imagery

There are various theories about the origin of the **centaur** myth.

## chase

*v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

*synonym* : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

## leftover

*adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something

*synonym* : extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods

The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

## stable

*adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

*synonym* : sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

## divine

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

*synonym* : godly, holy, sacred

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

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

## cattle

*n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

*synonym* : cows, herd, oxen

(1) **cattle** barn, (2) **cattle** hide

The **cattle** are on the grassland and grazing.

## maintain

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

*synonym* : preserve, uphold, sustain

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

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

## livestock

*n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens

*synonym* : cattle, oxen, herd

(1) **livestock** agriculture, (2) **livestock** industry

**Livestock** feed is made from fodder crops.

## hero

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

*synonym* : champion, protagonist, savior

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

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

## massive

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

*synonym* : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

## trench

*n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

*synonym* : aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea **trench**, (2) **trench** excavator

A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

## reroute

*v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something

*synonym* : redirect, divert, detour

(1) **reroute** traffic, (2) **reroute** path

Due to the traffic, the delivery truck had to **reroute** to avoid the congested roads.

## spotless

*adj.* perfectly clean and free of any blemish, defect, or dirt; impeccably neat and tidy

*synonym* : immaculate, pristine, pure

(1) **spotless** room, (2) **spotless** reputation

The car dealership advertised **spotless** cars that looked brand new.

## foe

*n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another

*synonym* : enemy, adversary, opponent

(1) a political **foe**, (2) bitter **foe**

The superhero's arch- **foe** was an evil mastermind who always got away.

## strategy

*n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

*synonym* : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

## defeat

*v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt  
*synonym* : conquer, beat, overpower

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

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

## carnivorous

*adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals

*synonym* : meat-eating, predatory, flesh-eating

(1) **carnivorous** cell, (2) aquatic **carnivorous** mammal

The **carnivorous** dinosaur preyed on other animals.

## nest

*n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

*synonym* : roost, perch, burrow

(1) bird's **nest**, (2) a **nest** of thieves

The female birds build a **nest** and lay their eggs in May.

## impenetrable

*adj.* not able to be passed through, entered, or understood

*synonym* : impassable, insurmountable, impregnable

(1) **impenetrable** fortress, (2) through an **impenetrable** fog

The jungle was so dense and **impenetrable** that it was almost impossible to find a way through.

## swamp

*n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

*synonym* : marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

## rattle

*v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds

*synonym* : jolt, shake, babble

(1) **rattle** along a road, (2) **rattle** and bang at the door

The vast earthquake caused the house to **rattle**.



## mortal

*adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

*synonym* : deathly, perishable, non-eternal

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

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

## bull

*n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

*synonym* : bovine, cattle, bruiser

(1) **bull** market, (2) **bull** fighter

The farmer raised a **bull** on his ranch for breeding purposes.

## rampage

*n.* a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior

*synonym* : storm, binge, destruction

(1) killing **rampage**, (2) an outrageous **rampage**

The crowd went on a **rampage** after their team lost the championship game.

## chokehold

*n.* a wrestling or martial arts hold in which the arms are used to exert pressure on an opponent's neck, cutting off their air supply and temporarily incapacitating them

*synonym* : stranglehold, grip, lock

(1) **chokehold** technique, (2) police **chokehold**

The wrestler put his opponent in a **chokehold** and won the match.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym* : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## wrestling

*n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

*synonym* : grappling, fighting, brawling

(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**

He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

## ensue

*v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

*synonym*: follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**

A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

## feast

*n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

*synonym*: banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

## calm

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

*synonym*: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

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

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

## bind

*v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

*synonym*: tie, stick to, adhere

(1) **bind** the man's hands, (2) **bind** old letters into a bundle

The company's rules **bind** the employee's working hours.

## involve

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

*synonym*: implicate, include, engage

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

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and

is expected to take several months.

## retrieve

v. to find or get something back

*synonym*: recover, fetch, regain

(1) **retrieve** the lost wallet, (2) send and **retrieve** e-mail  
She **retrieved** the book from the shelf.

## belt

v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

*synonym*: sing, hit hard, (noun) strap

(1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**

The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.

## impressive

*adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

*synonym*: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

## exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

*synonym*: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

## willingness

*n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something

*synonym*: readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to change

Her **willingness** to help others earned her many friends.

**herd**

*n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock

*synonym* : flock, brood, horde

(1) **herd** of cattle, (2) the common **herd**

He was riding **herd** on the sheep during the day.

**magical**

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

*synonym* : enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

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

**annoy**

*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

*synonym* : aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

**desert**

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

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

This region is predominantly **desert**.

**admire**

*v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

*synonym* : esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

**strength**

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

*synonym* : resilience, power, muscles

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

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

- chariot** *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing  
(1) **chariot** builder, (2) **chariot** race  
The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating **chariot** races.
- herdsman** *n.* a person who manages or cares for a herd of livestock, typically cattle, sheep, or goats  
*synonym* : shepherd, grazier, rancher  
(1) nomadic **herdsman**, (2) livestock **herdsman**  
In rural areas, the role of a sheep **herdsman** is vital for managing and caring for the flock.
- announce** *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something  
*synonym* : disclose, declare, broadcast  
(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners  
The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.
- obtain** *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort  
*synonym* : accept, acquire, receive  
(1) **obtain** a license, (2) **obtain** a bid  
Where can I **obtain** the application form?
- nymph** *n.* (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform  
*synonym* : sprite, fairy, pixie  
(1) **nymph** of the woods, (2) water **nymph**  
The sea **nymphs** were said to lure sailors with their seductive voices.
- shape-shifter** *n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures  
*synonym* : changer, transformer  
(1) **shape-shifter** creature, (2) mythological **shape-shifter**  
The **shape-shifter's** ability to transform into different

creatures was fascinating and terrifying.

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

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

**locate** *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

*synonym*: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

**atlas** *n.* a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders

*synonym*: map, chart, gazetteer

(1) **atlas** map, (2) **atlas** of anatomy

The world **atlas** showed me the locations of all the countries.

**heaven** *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

*synonym*: paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

**eager** *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

*synonym*: keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

## comply

*v.* to obey an order, set of rules, or request

*synonym*: follow, abide by, adhere to

(1) **comply** with a code, (2) fully **comply** with all laws

The public schools **comply** with federal standards.

## hound

*v.* to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way;  
(noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity

*synonym*: chase, badger, annoy

(1) beagle **hound**, (2) **hound** him for payment

The paparazzi constantly **hound** celebrities for a photo or a story.

## underworld

*n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

*synonym*: hell, netherworld, underworld

(1) god of the **underworld**, (2) criminal **underworld**

The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the **underworld**, where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

## descend

*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

*synonym*: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

## lord

*n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

*synonym*: master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

## achieve

*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or

accomplish something that one has set out to do

*synonym*: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

## 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?

## horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

*synonym*: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

## declare

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

*synonym*: announce, state, affirm

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

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

## toil

v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

*synonym*: struggle, labor, work hard

(1) **toil** to make a living, (2) **toil** up the mountain

The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

## redeem

v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

*synonym*: rescue, save, recover



(1) **redeem** a coupon, (2) **redeem** a government bond  
He tried to **redeem** himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.

## tragic

*adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate  
*synonym*: calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

## pantheon

*n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important

*synonym*: temple, shrine, sanctuary

(1) **pantheon** of products, (2) ancient **pantheon**

The **pantheon** of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.

## victory

*n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

*synonym*: win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

## importance

*n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

*synonym*: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

## overcome

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

*synonym*: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

## chaotic

*adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

*synonym* : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

## monstrous

*adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

*synonym* : grotesque, huge, deformed

(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior

The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small boat.

## sweep

*v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

*synonym* : clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance

The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

## titanic

*adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

*synonym* : colossal, massive, immense

(1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound

The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.

## primordial

*adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

*synonym* : ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

## 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.

## thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress  
*synonym*: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure  
Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

## tame

v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

*synonym*: domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

## atone

v. to make amends or reparations for wrongdoing or an offense

*synonym*: repent, reconcile, make amends

(1) **atone** for your sins, (2) **atone** for wrongdoing

He tried to **atone** for his mistake by apologizing and making it right.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ca\_\_\_\_e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
2. ho\_\_\_\_r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
3. ho\_\_d him for payment *v.* to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way; (noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity
4. ch\_\_\_\_t builder *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
5. s\_\_y civilians *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
6. ca\_\_\_\_\_ze a problem *v.* to burn or sear tissue, especially for medical purposes, to stop bleeding, or remove abnormal tissue
7. a te\_\_\_\_\_ry permit *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
8. a political f\_e *n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
9. the ch\_\_\_\_c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
10. st\_\_\_e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 1. capture, 2. horror, 3. hound, 4. chariot, 5. slay, 6. cauterize, 7. temporary, 8. foe, 9. chaotic, 10. strike

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| 11. the mouth of the c__e      | <i>n.</i> | a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground   |
| 12. in____e a lot of paperwork | <i>v.</i> | to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else  |
| 13. b__l market                | <i>n.</i> | a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing     |
| 14. sw__p a room with a glance | <i>v.</i> | to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly   |
| 15. t__l to make a living      | <i>v.</i> | to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time                                |
| 16. heroic e__c                | <i>n.</i> | a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive   |
| 17. the common h__d            | <i>n.</i> | a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock  |
| 18. at__s map                  | <i>n.</i> | a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders  |
| 19. leather b__t               | <i>v.</i> | to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body |

ANSWERS: 11. cave, 12. involve, 13. bull, 14. sweep, 15. toil, 16. epic, 17. herd, 18. atlas, 19. belt

20. a young l\_\_d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
21. b\_\_d old letters into a bundle *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
22. gi\_\_t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
23. in\_\_\_\_e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
24. s\_\_n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
25. uns\_\_\_\_le pain *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
26. a m\_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
27. cast fri\_\_\_\_ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
28. armored wa\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
29. horde of mo\_\_\_\_rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

ANSWERS: 20. lord, 21. bind, 22. giant, 23. involve, 24. stun, 25. unspeakable, 26. mad, 27. frightening, 28. warrior, 29. monster

30. ar\_\_w diagram *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
31. ma\_\_\_\_\_l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
32. lo\_\_\_e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
33. ho\_\_\_r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
34. st\_\_\_\_\_le economic growth *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
35. mass kid\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
36. li\_\_\_\_\_ck industry *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
37. h\_\_d of cattle *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
38. re\_\_\_\_\_e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
39. fri\_\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
40. st\_\_\_\_\_th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
41. f\_r coat *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

ANSWERS: 30. arrow, 31. magical, 32. locate, 33. horror, 34. strangle, 35. kidnapping, 36. livestock, 37. herd, 38. reshape, 39. frightening, 40. strength, 41. fur

42. local h\_\_o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
43. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
44. winged go\_\_\_\_s of victory *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
45. de\_\_\_t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
46. livestock he\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who manages or cares for a herd of livestock, typically cattle, sheep, or goats
47. di\_\_\_e grace *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
48. de\_\_\_r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
49. or\_\_\_e predictions *n.* a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise significance
50. have gr\_\_f and sorrow *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

ANSWERS: 42. hero, 43. rev, 44. goddess, 45. defeat, 46. herdsman, 47. divine, 48. devour, 49. oracle, 50. grief



51. th\_\_\_e in a society      *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
52. ou\_\_\_n the cops      *v.* to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit
53. inv\_\_\_\_\_le will      *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
54. c\_\_m manner      *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
55. make he\_\_\_\_\_an progress      *adj.* requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules
56. th\_\_\_e on pressure      *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
57. ov\_\_\_\_\_me all difficulties      *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
58. ny\_\_h of the woods      *n.* (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform
59. the stars of the Scorpion  
con\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

ANSWERS: 51. thrive, 52. outrun, 53. invincible, 54. calm, 55. herculean, 56. thrive, 57. overcome, 58. nymph, 59. constellation

60. le\_\_\_\_\_er from a party      *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
61. criminal und\_\_\_\_\_ld      *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
62. tr\_\_\_\_h excavator      *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
63. st\_\_\_\_e up a conversation      *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
64. de\_\_\_\_r my way      *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
65. hy\_\_a-headed problem      *n.* a freshwater polyp with a tubular body and several tentacles; (of mythology) a serpentine monster with many heads that regrow when cut off; a problem or a situation that is difficult to overcome because it multiplies or gets worse as soon as one aspect of it is solved or eliminated
66. ch\_\_\_\_\_c theory      *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
67. wa\_\_\_\_\_r spirit      *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

ANSWERS: 60. leftover, 61. underworld, 62. trench, 63. strike, 64. devour, 65. hydra, 66. chaotic, 67. warrior





89. god of the und\_\_\_\_\_ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
90. cross-co\_\_\_n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
91. ad\_\_\_\_\_re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
92. ce\_\_\_\_\_r costume *n.* a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse
93. ca\_\_\_e barn *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
94. at\_\_\_\_\_nt for his deeds *n.* the act or process of making amends for wrongdoing or mistake, often by making restitution or providing compensation; reconciliation or the restoration of harmony between individuals or groups who were previously in conflict
95. ma\_\_\_\_\_l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
96. a mo\_\_\_l combat *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
97. an\_\_\_\_\_ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
98. with ea\_\_r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
99. ad\_\_\_e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

ANSWERS: 89. underworld, 90. cousin, 91. adventure, 92. centaur, 93. cattle, 94. atonement, 95. magical, 96. mortal, 97. announce, 98. eager, 99. admire

100. st\_\_\_\_le a cry                    *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
101. an\_\_y everyone else            *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
102. military st\_\_\_\_gy                *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
103. inv\_\_\_\_le army                    *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
104. a man of imp\_\_\_\_ce                *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
105. b\_\_r's head                        *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
106. g\_\_b an audience                 *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
107. e\_\_c battle                        *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
108. g\_\_b an opportunity               *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
109. the grand ch\_\_\_\_on                *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
110. low-r\_v engine                    *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 100. strangle, 101. annoy, 102. strategy, 103. invincible, 104. importance, 105. boar, 106. grab, 107. epic, 108. grab, 109. champion, 110. rev

111. ob\_\_\_n a bid                    *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
112. co\_\_\_\_\_e electricity                    *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
113. a fe\_\_t for the eyes                    *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
114. three-year-old ne\_\_\_w                    *n.* a son of your brother or sister
115. beagle ho\_\_d                    *v.* to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way; (noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity
116. ti\_\_\_\_\_c battle                    *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
117. tr\_\_\_c love stories                    *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
118. ancient pa\_\_\_\_\_on                    *n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
119. de\_\_\_\_\_e independence                    *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
120. at\_\_\_\_\_nt process                    *n.* the act or process of making amends for wrongdoing or mistake, often by making restitution or providing compensation; reconciliation or the restoration of harmony between individuals or groups who were previously in conflict

ANSWERS: 111. obtain, 112. consume, 113. feast, 114. nephew, 115. hound, 116. titanic, 117. tragic, 118. pantheon, 119. declare, 120. atonement

121. police ch\_\_\_\_\_ld *n.* a wrestling or martial arts hold in which the arms are used to exert pressure on an opponent's neck, cutting off their air supply and temporarily incapacitating them
122. ov\_\_\_\_\_me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
123. at\_\_e for your sins *v.* to make amends or reparations for wrongdoing or an offense
124. b\_\_l fighter *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
125. gastronomic ad\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
126. killing ra\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior
127. uns\_\_\_\_\_le crime *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
128. ar\_\_w pointing *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
129. ex\_\_\_\_\_t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
130. sp\_\_\_\_\_ss room *adj.* perfectly clean and free of any blemish, defect, or dirt; impeccably neat and tidy

ANSWERS: 121. chokehold, 122. overcome, 123. atone, 124. bull, 125. adventure, 126. rampage, 127. unspeakable, 128. arrow, 129. exploit, 130. spotless





141. g\_\_e steadily at his face      *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
142. ma\_\_\_\_\_in order      *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
143. a nightly fe\_\_t      *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
144. ca\_\_\_\_\_e customers' hearts      *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
145. predict what will en\_\_e      *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
146. at\_\_s of anatomy      *n.* a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders
147. li\_\_\_\_\_ck agriculture      *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
148. h\_\_t a job      *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
149. de\_\_\_t basin      *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
150. at\_\_e for wrongdoing      *v.* to make amends or reparations for wrongdoing or an offense
151. wil\_\_\_\_\_ss to help      *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
152. ma\_\_\_\_\_e amounts      *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 141. gaze, 142. maintain, 143. feast, 144. capture, 145. ensue, 146. atlas, 147. livestock, 148. hunt, 149. desert, 150. atone, 151. willingness, 152. massive

153. ra\_\_\_e and bang at the door      *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
154. an artificial f\_r      *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
155. the feathered se\_\_\_\_\_t god      *n.* a large snake
156. tr\_\_\_y room      *n.* an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest
157. re\_\_\_\_\_ve the lost wallet      *v.* to find or get something back
158. imp\_\_\_\_\_us material      *adj.* unable to be affected by something; not allowing something to pass through, especially fluid; unresponsive or indifferent to criticism or persuasion
159. ra\_\_\_e along a road      *v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
160. worst ima\_\_\_\_\_le case      *adj.* capable of being imagined
161. ho\_\_\_\_\_ss situation      *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
162. l\_\_d of castle      *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
163. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry      *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
164. lo\_\_\_e a missing pet      *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
165. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al      *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 153. rattle, 154. fur, 155. serpent, 156. trophy, 157. retrieve, 158. impervious, 159. rattle, 160. imaginable, 161. hopeless, 162. lord, 163. medicinal, 164. locate, 165. medicinal

166. g\_\_e absently out a window      *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
167. pri\_\_\_\_\_al gas      *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
168. ac\_\_\_\_\_e success      *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
169. c\_\_w marks      *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
170. re\_\_\_m a government bond      *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
171. wild b\_\_r      *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
172. a water j\_r      *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

ANSWERS: 166. gaze, 167. primordial, 168. achieve, 169. claw, 170. redeem, 171. boar, 172. jar

173. the halo of a sa\_\_\_d image      *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
174. through an imp\_\_\_\_\_ble fog      *adj.* not able to be passed through, entered, or understood
175. this mo\_\_\_l life      *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
176. ea\_\_r anticipation      *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
177. ca\_\_\_\_\_ze the skin with moxa      *v.* to burn or sear tissue, especially for medical purposes, to stop bleeding, or remove abnormal tissue
178. the p\_t of the stomach      *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
179. hu\_\_\_\_\_te the heckler in the audience      *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
180. antibacterial hy\_\_a      *n.* a freshwater polyp with a tubular body and several tentacles; (of mythology) a serpentine monster with many heads that regrow when cut off; a problem or a situation that is difficult to overcome because it multiplies or gets worse as soon as one aspect of it is solved or eliminated
181. sw\_\_r an oath      *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

ANSWERS: 173. sacred, 174. impenetrable, 175. mortal, 176. eager, 177. cauterize, 178. pit, 179. humiliate, 180. hydra, 181. swear

182. ch\_\_\_\_t race *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
183. en\_\_e within a few years *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
184. a go\_\_\_\_s of beauty *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
185. ad\_\_\_\_ry scandal *n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse
186. sw\_\_p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
187. b\_\_d the man's hands *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
188. gets m\_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
189. fat\_\_\_\_le solution *adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
190. c\_\_w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

ANSWERS: 182. chariot, 183. ensue, 184. goddess, 185. adultery, 186. swamp, 187. bind, 188. mad, 189. fathomable, 190. claw

191. ho\_\_\_\_y audience                    *v.*    to shock or disgust greatly
192. he\_\_\_\_n on earth                    *n.*    (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
193. under a cu\_\_e                        *n.*    a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
194. t\_\_l up the mountain                *v.*    to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
195. tr\_\_\_\_c death                        *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
196. ce\_\_\_\_r imagery                     *n.*    a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse
197. re\_\_\_\_e path                         *v.*    to redirect or change the course or direction of something
198. mo\_\_\_\_us behavior                  *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
199. an imp\_\_\_\_ve array of facts        *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
200. manual la\_\_r                         *n.*    productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 191. horrify, 192. heaven, 193. curse, 194. toil, 195. tragic, 196. centaur, 197. reroute, 198. monstrous, 199. impressive, 200. labor

201. de___t body odor	<i>v.</i> to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
202. fi___e competition	<i>adj.</i> severe and violent in a way that is frightening
203. wild goose ch___e	<i>v.</i> to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
204. imp_____ve performances	<i>adj.</i> arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
205. ra___e the brain	<i>v.</i> to cause damage to something badly
206. hu_____nd as a species	<i>n.</i> the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
207. pa_____on of products	<i>n.</i> a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
208. oasis in the de___t	<i>n.</i> arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
209. re___w vegetation	<i>v.</i> to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
210. have a st___e job	<i>adj.</i> firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
211. an_____ce candidacy	<i>v.</i> to make something known or officially inform people about something

ANSWERS: 201. defeat, 202. fierce, 203. chase, 204. impressive, 205. ravage, 206. humankind, 207. pantheon, 208. desert, 209. regrow, 210. stable, 211. announce



212. Z\_\_s statue *n.* the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus
213. the bottomless p\_t *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
214. a n\_\_t of thieves *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
215. le\_\_\_\_\_er goods *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
216. co\_\_\_n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
217. a fi\_\_\_e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
218. t\_\_e a wild beast *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
219. tr\_\_\_y case *n.* an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest
220. co\_\_\_y with a code *v.* to obey an order, set of rules, or request
221. in st\_\_\_e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
222. few cu\_\_\_e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

ANSWERS: 212. Zeus, 213. pit, 214. nest, 215. leftover, 216. cousin, 217. fierce, 218. tame, 219. trophy, 220. comply, 221. stable, 222. curse

223. a lot of gr\_\_f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
224. nieces and ne\_\_\_ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
225. ra\_\_\_e a country *v.* to cause damage to something badly
226. imp\_\_\_\_\_us to criticism *adj.* unable to be affected by something; not allowing something to pass through, especially fluid; unresponsive or indifferent to criticism or persuasion
227. muscular st\_\_\_\_\_th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
228. ma\_\_\_\_\_in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
229. a ch\_\_\_\_\_on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
230. mo\_\_\_\_\_r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
231. ascend to he\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
232. de\_\_\_\_\_d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 223. grief, 224. nephew, 225. ravage, 226. impervious, 227. strength, 228. maintain, 229. champion, 230. monster, 231. heaven, 232. descend

233. c\_\_m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
234. fat\_\_\_\_\_le explanation *adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
235. ho\_\_\_\_\_ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
236. h\_\_t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
237. b\_\_t him in the face *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
238. ch\_\_e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
239. nomadic he\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who manages or cares for a herd of livestock, typically cattle, sheep, or goats
240. history of hu\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
241. high imp\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
242. h\_\_d paw *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

ANSWERS: 233. calm, 234. fathomable, 235. hopeless, 236. hunt, 237. belt, 238. chase, 239. herdsman, 240. humankind, 241. importance, 242. hind

243. imp\_\_\_\_\_ble fortress *adj.* not able to be passed through, entered, or understood
244. ca\_\_\_e hide *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
245. hu\_\_\_\_\_te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
246. re\_\_\_\_\_e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
247. sp\_\_\_\_\_ss reputation *adj.* perfectly clean and free of any blemish, defect, or dirt; impeccably neat and tidy
248. ma\_\_\_\_\_e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
249. de\_\_\_\_\_d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
250. unsung h\_\_\_o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
251. seasonal la\_\_r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
252. ac\_\_\_\_\_e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 243. impenetrable, 244. cattle, 245. humiliate, 246. reshape, 247. spotless, 248. massive, 249. descend, 250. hero, 251. labor, 252. achieve

253. mythological sha\_\_\_\_\_ter *n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures
254. arm wr\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
255. fully co\_\_\_y with all laws *v.* to obey an order, set of rules, or request
256. driving di\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
257. ancient or\_\_\_e *n.* a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise significance
258. set a t\_\_p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
259. keep a mi\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
260. easily ima\_\_\_\_\_le *adj.* capable of being imagined

ANSWERS: 253. shape-shifter, 254. wrestling, 255. comply, 256. distance, 257. oracle, 258. trap, 259. mistress, 260. imaginable

261. Se\_\_\_\_\_t Bearer *n.* a large snake
262. bird's n\_\_t *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
263. strong and co\_\_\_\_\_ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
264. pri\_\_\_\_\_al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
265. greek mythology Z\_\_s *n.* the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus
266. develop a st\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
267. ti\_\_\_\_\_c compound *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
268. vi\_\_\_\_\_y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
269. he\_\_\_\_\_an effort *adj.* requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules
270. ch\_\_\_\_\_ld technique *n.* a wrestling or martial arts hold in which the arms are used to exert pressure on an opponent's neck, cutting off their air supply and temporarily incapacitating them

ANSWERS: 261. serpent, 262. nest, 263. committed, 264. primordial, 265. Zeus, 266. strategy, 267. titanic, 268. victory, 269. herculean, 270. chokehold

271. sw\_\_p up dead leaves      *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
272. di\_\_\_e intervention      *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
273. a j\_r of jam      *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
274. t\_\_p an animal      *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
275. ho\_\_\_\_y victims      *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
276. re\_\_\_w hair      *v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
277. water ny\_\_h      *n.* (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform
278. a mi\_\_\_\_ss of comedy      *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
279. in a co\_\_\_\_\_ed relationship      *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 271. sweep, 272. divine, 273. jar, 274. trap, 275. horrify, 276. regrow, 277. nymph, 278. mistress, 279. committed

280. vi\_\_\_\_y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
281. social di\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
282. gi\_\_t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
283. aquatic car\_\_\_\_us mammal *adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals
284. indicate a wil\_\_\_\_ss to change *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something

ANSWERS: 280. victory, 281. distance, 282. giant, 283. carnivorous, 284. willingness



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the \_\_\_\_\_ where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.  
*n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
2. The royal \_\_\_\_\_ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.  
*n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
3. He had always been interested in sumo \_\_\_\_\_ and decided to try it.  
*n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
4. A large fire \_\_\_\_\_ the forest.  
*v.* to cause damage to something badly
5. Each person has a unique \_\_\_\_\_ experience.  
*n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
6. I will work hard to \_\_\_\_\_ my goals and realize my dreams.  
*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
7. The chef will make soup with the \_\_\_\_\_ ham bone.  
*adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ thunders echoed across the plain.  
*adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening

ANSWERS: 1. underworld, 2. feast, 3. wrestling, 4. ravaged, 5. grief, 6. achieve, 7. leftover, 8. fierce

9. The crowd went on a \_\_\_\_\_ after their team lost the championship game.  
*n.* a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.  
*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
11. Many autocratic policies became a \_\_\_\_\_ for that country's economy.  
*n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
12. She \_\_\_\_\_ the book from the shelf.  
*v.* to find or get something back
13. Completing this project in such a short amount of time will be a \_\_\_\_\_ task.  
*adj.* requiring great strength, effort, or endurance; of or relating to the legendary strength of the ancient Greek hero Hercules
14. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ substantial financial deficits at first.  
*v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
15. Bats reside in sheltered \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
16. There are various theories about the origin of the \_\_\_\_\_ myth.  
*n.* a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse

ANSWERS: 9. rampage, 10. medicinal, 11. curse, 12. retrieved, 13. herculean, 14. tame, 15. caves, 16. centaur

17. The enemy fell right into the \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

18. The feudal \_\_\_\_\_ had ruled the land for many years.

- n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

19. When I was a child, my mother often cast \_\_\_\_\_ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

20. The military \_\_\_\_\_ between the two armies was one for the history books.

- n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

21. Lizards can \_\_\_\_\_ their tails if they are cut off.

- v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

22. 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

23. She knew that having an affair with her neighbor would be considered \_\_\_\_\_ and could end her marriage.

- n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse

24. This car has a \_\_\_\_\_ engine.

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

ANSWERS: 17. trap, 18. lord, 19. magical, 20. epic, 21. regrow, 22. capture, 23. adultery, 24. monster

25. A smaller car will \_\_\_\_\_ less fuel.

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

26. The scientific theories presented in the book were \_\_\_\_\_ even to non-experts.

*adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth

27. That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a \_\_\_\_\_ tail.

*n.* a large snake

28. Foreign goods from abroad must be \_\_\_\_\_ to customs when entering a country.

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

29. The hunter tracked the \_\_\_\_\_ through the forest for a good shot.

*n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

30. The children were \_\_\_\_\_ to start the treasure hunt.

*adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

31. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ for his mistake by apologizing and making it right.

*v.* to make amends or reparations for wrongdoing or an offense

32. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

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

33. I \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't mean to break your vase.

*v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

ANSWERS: 25. consume, 26. fathomable, 27. serpent's, 28. declared, 29. boar, 30. eager, 31. atone, 32. maintain, 33. swear

34. The superhero's arch-\_\_\_\_ was an evil mastermind who always got away.
- n.* an enemy or opponent; someone or something that is opposed to or in conflict with another
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ ability to transform into different creatures was fascinating and terrifying.
- n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures
36. Unfortunately, the driver was the only \_\_\_\_\_ in the car accident.
- n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
37. The farmer noticed a \_\_\_\_ leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.
- adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
38. The \_\_\_\_ of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.
- n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
39. \_\_\_\_\_ feed is made from fodder crops.
- n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
40. The police officer \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 34. foe, 35. shape-shifter's, 36. casualty, 37. hind, 38. fur, 39. Livestock, 40. chased

41. The advent of the Internet completely \_\_\_\_\_ the manufacturing industry.  
*v.* to change the form or structure of something
42. The view from the mountaintop was truly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
43. On the geological time scale, \_\_\_\_\_ has existed for a brief moment.  
*n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
44. The marathon runner covered a long \_\_\_\_\_ in a short amount of time.  
*n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
45. The singer \_\_\_\_\_ the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.  
*v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
46. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
47. She used to be his \_\_\_\_\_ before the death of his first wife.  
*n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
48. We are optimistic about our final \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

ANSWERS: 41. reshaped, 42. divine, 43. humankind, 44. distance, 45. slayed, 46. adventures, 47. mistress, 48. victory

49. He managed to get \_\_\_\_\_ jobs during the recession.

*adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long

50. The surgical team had to \_\_\_\_\_ the bleeding vessels to save the patient's life.

*v.* to burn or sear tissue, especially for medical purposes, to stop bleeding, or remove abnormal tissue

51. The giant wave was \_\_\_\_\_ and destroyed the small boat.

*adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

52. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ a bad reputation and win the election.

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

53. Due to the traffic, the delivery truck had to \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid the congested roads.

*v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something

54. The soccer team won the \_\_\_\_\_ after a hard-fought competition.

*n.* an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest

55. She was \_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.

*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

56. The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

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

ANSWERS: 49. temporary, 50. cauterize, 51. monstrous, 52. overcome, 53. reroute, 54. trophy, 55. descended, 56. giant

57. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

58. The wrestler put his opponent in a \_\_\_\_\_ and won the match.

*n.* a wrestling or martial arts hold in which the arms are used to exert pressure on an opponent's neck, cutting off their air supply and temporarily incapacitating them

59. He was \_\_\_ with joy to see the results.

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

60. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.

*n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important

61. The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the \_\_\_\_\_ horror of the experience.

*adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about

62. The news of the pandemic was a \_\_\_\_\_ reminder of the fragility of human health.

*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

63. The recent economic downturn has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ layoffs.

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

64. The archer aimed his \_\_\_\_\_ carefully at the target.

*n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

ANSWERS: 57. warrior, 58. chokehold, 59. mad, 60. pantheon, 61. unspeakable, 62. frightening, 63. massive, 64. arrow



65. All humans are \_\_\_\_\_ and will eventually die.

*adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

66. The vast earthquake caused the house to \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds

67. The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating \_\_\_\_\_ races.

*n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

68. The company's CEO was considered the \_\_\_\_\_ of strategic decision-making, with a track record of successful business moves.

*n.* a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise significance

69. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

70. She \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery novel in one sitting.

*v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

71. After months of job searching, he felt \_\_\_\_\_ and unsure of his future.

*adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

72. The \_\_\_\_\_ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

*n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

ANSWERS: 65. mortal, 66. rattle, 67. chariot, 68. oracle, 69. importance, 70. devoured, 71. hopeless, 72. champion

73. The jacket is \_\_\_\_\_ to water and will keep you dry in the rain.  
*adj.* unable to be affected by something; not allowing something to pass through, especially fluid; unresponsive or indifferent to criticism or persuasion
74. A \_\_\_\_\_ was being dug alongside the road by workers.  
*n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
75. This region is predominantly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
76. The youngster was \_\_\_\_\_ at by the beast.  
*v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
77. The sea \_\_\_\_\_ were said to lure sailors with their seductive voices.  
*n.* (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform
78. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
79. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.  
*v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
80. He placed the coins in a \_\_\_\_ to save for a trip.  
*n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

ANSWERS: 73. impervious, 74. trench, 75. desert, 76. gazed, 77. nymphs, 78. kidnapping, 79. redeem, 80. jar

81. The farmers \_\_\_\_\_ in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.
- v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
82. He sought \_\_\_\_\_ for his past mistakes by volunteering at a homeless shelter.
- n.* the act or process of making amends for wrongdoing or mistake, often by making restitution or providing compensation; reconciliation or the restoration of harmony between individuals or groups who were previously in conflict
83. The world \_\_\_\_\_ showed me the locations of all the countries.
- n.* a book of maps or charts; a figure in Greek mythology who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders
84. This is the only \_\_\_\_\_ strategy.
- adj.* capable of being imagined
85. 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
86. He felt like \_\_\_\_\_ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.
- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
87. The stories of war crimes filled her with \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
88. The bear used its \_\_\_\_\_ to catch a fish in the river.
- n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

ANSWERS: 81. toiled, 82. atonement, 83. atlas, 84. imaginable, 85. hunt, 86. heaven,

87. horror, 88. claw

89. We all \_\_\_\_\_ him because he is a nobleman.

- v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

90. The boss \_\_\_\_\_ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

- v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

91. Health and \_\_\_\_\_ are, above all, gold.

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

92. He was riding \_\_\_\_\_ on the sheep during the day.

- n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock

93. The investigation \_\_\_\_\_ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

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

94. Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ a bite to eat?

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

95. The discovery of the \_\_\_\_\_ soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

- adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

96. The festival was held in honor of the harvest \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

ANSWERS: 89. admire, 90. humiliated, 91. strength, 92. herd, 93. involves, 94. grab, 95. primordial, 96. goddess

97. The band was \_\_\_\_\_ out old songs in response to audience requests.

- v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

98. Our company is strongly \_\_\_\_\_ to meeting customers' needs.

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

99. The \_\_\_\_\_ dinosaur preyed on other animals.

- adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals

100. Navigators still use the Little Bear \_\_\_\_\_ at sea.

- n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

101. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_.

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

102. The third season of the anime show has been \_\_\_\_\_.

- v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something

103. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the embarrassing incident under the rug.

- v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

104. In rural areas, the role of a sheep \_\_\_\_\_ is vital for managing and caring for the flock.

- n.* a person who manages or cares for a herd of livestock, typically cattle, sheep, or goats

ANSWERS: 97. belting, 98. committed, 99. carnivorous, 100. constellation, 101. rev, 102. announced, 103. sweep, 104. herdsman

105. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of \_\_\_\_\_ reform.

*adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

106. The paparazzi constantly \_\_\_\_\_ celebrities for a photo or a story.

*v.* to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way; (noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity

107. The female birds build a \_\_\_\_\_ and lay their eggs in May.

*n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

108. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

*n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

109. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national \_\_\_\_\_.

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

110. The \_\_\_\_\_ events of the war left many families torn apart.

*adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

111. A power outage \_\_\_\_\_ after the storm knocked out the electricity.

*v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

112. The team felt \_\_\_\_\_ after their winning streak.

*adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable

ANSWERS: 105. chaotic, 106. hound, 107. nest, 108. pit, 109. hero, 110. tragic, 111. ensued, 112. invincible

113. This space is a private office \_\_\_\_\_ to the President

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

114. Without investment, a business cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

115. The robot can accurately \_\_\_\_\_ construction material.

*v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

116. The series of terrorist attacks \_\_\_\_\_ the entire nation.

*v.* to shock or disgust greatly

117. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

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

118. The jungle was so dense and \_\_\_\_\_ that it was almost impossible to find a way through.

*adj.* not able to be passed through, entered, or understood

119. Her \_\_\_\_\_ to help others earned her many friends.

*n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something

120. The temple of \_\_\_\_\_ at Olympia was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

*n.* the king of the gods in ancient Greek mythology, who was the god of the sky and thunder, and was the most powerful of the Olympian gods, who resided on Mount Olympus

ANSWERS: 113. sacred, 114. thrive, 115. locate, 116. horrify, 117. strike, 118. impenetrable, 119. willingness, 120. Zeus



121. The budget reduction was an \_\_\_\_\_ feat for our nation.

*adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

122. The public schools \_\_\_\_\_ with federal standards.

*v.* to obey an order, set of rules, or request

123. My \_\_\_\_\_ is eight months old and still being breastfed.

*n.* a son of your brother or sister

124. The farmer raised a \_\_\_\_\_ on his ranch for breeding purposes.

*n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

125. We \_\_\_\_\_ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

*v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

126. The new software system was a \_\_\_\_\_ of complications, with one problem leading to another.

*n.* a freshwater polyp with a tubular body and several tentacles; (of mythology) a serpentine monster with many heads that regrow when cut off; a problem or a situation that is difficult to overcome because it multiplies or gets worse as soon as one aspect of it is solved or eliminated

127. The \_\_\_\_\_ ship sank on its maiden voyage.

*adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

128. In several countries, child \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious social problem.

*n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 121. impressive, 122. comply, 123. nephew, 124. bull, 125. exploit, 126. hydra, 127. titanic, 128. labor

129. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.

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

130. Where can I \_\_\_\_\_ the application form?

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

131. I'll need to \_\_\_\_\_ the rainstorm to make it home without getting soaked.

*v.* to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit

132. The \_\_\_\_\_ are on the grassland and grazing.

*n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

133. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly \_\_\_\_\_ and at peace.

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

134. Relations between the two countries have been relatively \_\_\_\_\_ due to the summit meeting.

*adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

135. The car dealership advertised \_\_\_\_\_ cars that looked brand new.

*adj.* perfectly clean and free of any blemish, defect, or dirt; impeccably neat and tidy

136. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

137. I used to play with my younger male \_\_\_\_\_ when I was a little girl.

*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

ANSWERS: 129. defeat, 130. obtain, 131. outrun, 132. cattle, 133. calm, 134. stable, 135. spotless, 136. strategy, 137. cousins

138. This sprinter \_\_\_\_\_ the world with his speed.

- v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

139. Her constant chatter was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighbors.

- v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

140. The killer used his hands to \_\_\_\_\_ his victim.

- v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

141. The company's rules \_\_\_\_\_ the employee's working hours.

- v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

142. The lowland \_\_\_\_\_ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

- n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

ANSWERS: 138. stunned, 139. annoy, 140. strangle, 141. bind, 142. swamp