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Session 1: Word List

discretion

n. the quality of behaving with caution and good judgment; the ability to keep confidential information confidential; freedom to make responsible decisions based on one's judgment

synonym: caution, prudence, tact

(1) dietary **discretion**, (2) maintain **discretion**

It's important to use **discretion** when sharing sensitive information.

president

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

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

elect

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

synonym: select, choose, prefer

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

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

invitation

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

synonym:

request, asking, proposal

(1) a letter of **invitation**, (2) **invitation** of foreign investment
I will be very happy to accept your **invitation**.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal
The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

uncivil

adj. rude or impolite; lacking in courtesy or consideration for others; violating commonly accepted social norms or expectations

synonym: rude, impolite, discourteous

(1) **uncivil** political climate, (2) **uncivil** remark
Her **uncivil** behavior at the meeting caused much tension among the group.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

religion

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

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**
Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

tolerance

n. the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

synonym: acceptance, patience, forbearance

(1) religious **tolerance**, (2) **tolerance** for risk

The school's diversity program aimed to promote **tolerance** and understanding among the students.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym: integrity, probity, goodness

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

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

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

tolerant

adj. accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference

synonym: forgiving, lenient, permissive

(1) a **tolerant** teacher, (2) **tolerant** of his failure

She was known for her **tolerant** attitude toward different cultures.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

disagreeable

adj. unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament

synonym: unpleasant, objectionable, offensive

(1) **disagreeable** smell, (2) **disagreeable** temper

The **disagreeable** coworker always found fault with everyone else's work.

synonym

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

synonym: equivalent, substitute, parallel

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

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

unpleasant

adj. not enjoyable or comfortable

synonym: disagreeable, displeasing, distasteful

(1) **unpleasant** behavior, (2) with **unpleasant** body odor
It is **unpleasant** to see criminal behavior even though it is minor.

philosophy

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

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident
He lost the election by **mere** votes.

offensive

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

synonym: disrespectful, abusive, attacking

(1) assume the **offensive**, (2) an **offensive** smell
His **offensive** philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

conclude

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

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym: belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

bigot

n. a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people

synonym: sectarian, dogmatizer, intolerant

(1) **bigot** mentality, (2) religious **bigot**

His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded **bigot**.

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym: crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

implicit

adj. suggested but not directly expressed

synonym: implied, unstated, hinted

(1) **implicit** bias, (2) give **implicit** consent

The **implicit** meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect;
(verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

synonym: affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

stake

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

synonym: share, interest, post

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

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

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

opponent

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

synonym: adversary, competitor, enemy

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

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

controversy

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

synonym: disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse **controversy**

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

statistics

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

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

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

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

tolerate

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

synonym: endure, put up with, bear

(1) **tolerate** his disrespectful behavior, (2) **tolerate** ambiguity

I can't **tolerate** spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym: scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym: shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

contempt

n. the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn

synonym: scorn, disdain, disrespect

(1) display **contempt**, (2) below **contempt**

The defendant's **contempt** for the court and its authority was evident in his behavior.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

coexist

v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

synonym: cohabit, accompany, synchronize

(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity

The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

tolerable

adj. capable of being endured or tolerated; not too unpleasant, painful, or difficult

synonym: enduring, acceptable, bearable

(1) **tolerable** conditions, (2) **tolerable** level of risk

His new job offered a **tolerable** work environment but was not his dream job.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

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**.

disengage

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

synonym: withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially

He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

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

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

incivility

n. a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others

synonym: rudeness, impoliteness, disrespect

(1) **incivility** in politics, (2) online **incivility**

The **incivility** between the two politicians during the debate was disappointing.

sin

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

synonym: misdeed, guilt, wrong

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

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

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

onset

n. the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack

synonym: beginning, attack, commencement

(1) at the first **onset**, (2) the **onset** of spring

This medicine works best when taken at the **onset** of a cold.

amnesia

n. a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

synonym: forgetfulness, blackout, memory loss

(1) childhood **amnesia**, (2) **amnesia** by trauma

The accident caused her to suffer from temporary **amnesia**, and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

destroy

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

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

convenient

adj. useful, helpful, or quick to do

synonym: timely, fortunate, suitable

(1) **convenient** way, (2) **convenient** location

The airport offers five **convenient** access routes.

vague

adj. not clearly expressed or understood

synonym: ambiguous, imprecise, dim

(1) **vague** idea, (2) make a **vague** answer

The **vague** rumor turned out to be false.

fuzzy

adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

synonym: hazy, blurry, indistinct

(1) **fuzzy** logic, (2) **fuzzy** memory

The picture was **fuzzy** because it was taken with an old camera.

entail

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

synonym: involve, necessitate, require

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

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

polite

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

synonym: courteous, civil, respectful

(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone

It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

impolite

adj. lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs

synonym: impudent, rude, discourteous

(1) **impolite** behavior, (2) an **impolite** comment

It is **impolite** to talk with your mouth full at the dinner table.

intolerable

adj. incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable

synonym: agonizing, insufferable, unbearable

(1) **intolerable** situation, (2) the heat is **intolerable**

Chronic pain from the side effects of treatment made her life **intolerable**.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

pale

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

synonym: sallow, faint, ashen

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

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

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym: alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym: adored, cherished, valued

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

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

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym: periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

civility

n. polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette

synonym: politeness, courtesy, gentility

(1) **civility** in politics, (2) practice **civility**

A culture of **civility** promotes respectful discourse and constructive conflict resolution.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

awkward

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

synonym: embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

politician

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

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

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

intellect

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

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

warn

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

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

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

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

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

cable

- n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

synonym: wire, cord, rope

- (1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

argue

- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

- (1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

theology

- n.* the study of the nature of God and religious belief

synonym: divinity, religion, faith

- (1) **theology** student, (2) a college of **theology**

The professor specialized in the **theology** of the early church.

advantage

- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

- (1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

advancement

- n.* the development, improvement, or progress of something

synonym: progression, breakthrough, improvement

- (1) **advancement** of knowledge, (2) career **advancement**

Competition between countries resulted in fast technological **advancement**.

papal

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

synonym: pontifical, papistic, apostolical

(1) **papal** authority, (2) **papal** visit

The **papal** palace was a grand and imposing structure.

antichrist

n. (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him

(1) self-proclaimed **antichrist**, (2) **antichrist** prophecy

The totalitarian government was often called an **antichrist** power due to its oppressive and harmful policies.

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym: unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

protestant

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

synonym: reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

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

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

reform

- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

troll

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

synonym: provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

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

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

exaggerate

- v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

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.

pray

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

synonym: implore, supplicate, entreat

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

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

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.

Christ

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

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

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

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

clutch

v. to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

synonym: grip, hold, grab

(1) **clutch** at any straw, (2) **clutched** her daughter to her breast

The boy **clutched** his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

pearl

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

synonym: bead, gem, nacre

(1) a cultured **pearl**, (2) **pearl** beyond price

She wore a **pearl** necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

slur

- v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

synonym: defame, slander, denigrate

- (1) **slur** a drink, (2) **slur** his reputation

He shouldn't be allowed to **slur** people based on race or sexuality.

heretic

- n.* a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community

synonym: dissenter, nonconformist, dissident

- (1) **heretic** beliefs, (2) labeled a **heretic**

The philosopher was accused of being a **heretic** for his controversial ideas.

moral

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

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

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

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

decorum

- n.* behavior that is in keeping with good taste and propriety; polite or appropriate conduct or behavior

synonym: propriety, manners, etiquette

- (1) **decorum** rules, (2) **decorum** violation

The wedding reception had an air of **decorum** and elegance.

subtly

adv. in a way that is so small or delicate as to be difficult to notice or describe

synonym: elegantly, exquisitely, finely

(1) **subtly** change, (2) **subtly** point out

Government policy has already been revised **subtly**.

stigmatize

v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

synonym: brand, mark, denounce

(1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him as a swindler

She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

temerity

n. excessive confidence or boldness; audacity; the willingness to take bold risks despite potential negative consequences

synonym: audacity, nerve, recklessness

(1) reckless **temerity**, (2) **temerity** to act

The student had the **temerity** to argue with the teacher in front of the class.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

suppress

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

synonym: subdue, bury, stifle

(1) **suppress** a yawn, (2) **suppress** a revolt

The doctor prescribed medication to **suppress** the patient's appetite.

exclude

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

synonym: expel, ban, bar

(1) **exclude** a newcomer, (2) **exclude** all other possibilities

The cost for the trip **excludes** food and beverages.

dissenter

n. someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint

synonym: protester, nonconformist, heretic

(1) political **dissenter**, (2) radical **dissenter**

The university welcomed and encouraged **dissenters** to challenge traditional ways of thinking.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warrant

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

discourse

n. any form of communication in speech or writing

synonym: discussion, dialogue, communication

(1) hold **discourse** with him, (2) a **discourse** about art

Sweet **discourse** makes short days and nights.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym: gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently

Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

quake

v. to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time

synonym: shake, trembler, tremor

(1) **quake** in his boots, (2) **quake** with cold

The earth began to **quake**, and he knew he had to leave the building immediately.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

doff

v. to remove a hat or other head covering as a sign of respect or greeting; to take off or remove clothing or a garment

synonym: remove, take off, discard

(1) **doff** his shoes, (2) **doff** my coat

When entering a church, I always **doff** my hat as a sign of respect.

uncouth

adj. lacking in refinement or manners; awkward or clumsy in behavior or appearance; ungraceful; crude or vulgar in language or speech

synonym: awkward, clumsy, uncivilized

(1) **uncouth** language, (2) **uncouth** manners

The **uncouth** behavior of the party guests was unacceptable and offensive to others.

accusation

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

synonym: charge, indictment, imputation

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

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

pretext

n. a false reason or excuse that is given to justify an action or decision, often used to hide one's true motives or intentions

synonym: excuse, pretense, cover-up

(1) flimsy **pretext**, (2) under the **pretext** of illness

He used the **pretext** of going to the gym to sneak out of work early.

persecution

n. the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief

synonym: oppression, discrimination, harassment

(1) **persecution** of minorities, (2) suffer **persecution**

The religious minority faced **persecution** from the dominant group.

protest

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

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

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

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

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

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

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

antiquated

adj. outdated or old-fashioned

synonym: old-fashioned, outdated, obsolete

(1) **antiquated** system, (2) have an **antiquated** custom

The factory was forced to shut down due to its **antiquated** equipment.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

skeptic

n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

synonym: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

healing

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

synonym: recovery, recuperation, convalescence

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

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

division

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

synonym: branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

superior

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

synonym: better, greater, exceptional

(1) **superior** performance, (2) provide **superior** customer service

The new smartphone model is **superior** to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

forgiveness

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

synonym: pardon, amnesty, compassion

(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**

He gained debt **forgiveness**.

assume

- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

perspective

- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

aspire

- v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

aspiration

- n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

confrontational

- adj.* characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground

synonym: antagonistic, combative, bellicose

(1) **confrontational** approach, (2) **confrontational** personality

Her **confrontational** attitude caused tension in the workplace.

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

spouse

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

synonym: partner, mate, wife

(1) **spouse** tax deduction, (2) **spouse** visa

The **spouse** of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

grudgingly

adv. in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent

synonym: reluctantly, unwillingly, begrudgingly

(1) assume **grudgingly**, (2) **grudgingly** apologize

He **grudgingly** agreed to help his neighbor move her furniture.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

punch

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

synonym: hit, strike, slap

(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket
He **punched** the wall in anger.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations
He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

isolate

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

synonym: separate, sequester, insulate

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

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

agreeable

adj. pleasant and enjoyable

synonym: affable, amiable, cooperative

(1) **agreeable** weather, (2) **agreeable** to the plan

We spent a most **agreeable** couple of days.

like-minded

adj. having the same ideas or interests

synonym: simpatico, kindred-spirited, compatible

(1) find a **like-minded** friend, (2) **like-minded** group

They formed a group of **like-minded** individuals who shared a common goal.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. small ch___h | <i>n.</i> a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination |
| 2. th_____gy student | <i>n.</i> the study of the nature of God and religious belief |
| 3. r__l down his cheeks | <i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side |
| 4. hard-line Pro_____nt | <i>adj.</i> a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers |
| 5. ca___e television | <i>n.</i> a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire |
| 6. is_____e a patient | <i>v.</i> to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things |
| 7. sti_____ze the deviant as criminal | <i>v.</i> to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect |
| 8. di_____ee with a plan | <i>v.</i> to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc. |
| 9. w__ned me of the plan | <i>v.</i> to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future |

ANSWERS: 1. church, 2. theology, 3. roll, 4. protestant, 5. cable, 6. isolate, 7. stigmatize, 8. disagree, 9. warn

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| 10. before Ch___t | <i>n.</i> the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity |
| 11. am____a by trauma | <i>n.</i> a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness |
| 12. qu__e with cold | <i>v.</i> to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time |
| 13. Mi_____er for Education | <i>n.</i> a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department |
| 14. de_____m violation | <i>n.</i> behavior that is in keeping with good taste and propriety; polite or appropriate conduct or behavior |
| 15. d__y the allegations | <i>v.</i> to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something |
| 16. sta_____cs for cancer | <i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data |
| 17. pe__l beyond price | <i>n.</i> a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem |
| 18. increase sl_____ly | <i>adv.</i> in a small degree or extent; a little |
| 19. hold di_____se with him | <i>n.</i> any form of communication in speech or writing |
| 20. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist | <i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals |

ANSWERS: 10. Christ, 11. amnesia, 12. quake, 13. minister, 14. decorum, 15. deny, 16. statistics, 17. pearl, 18. slightly, 19. discourse, 20. communicate

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| 21. vice-pr_____nt for finance | <i>n.</i> the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc. |
| 22. exa_____te in degree | <i>v.</i> to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is |
| 23. a scientific di_____ry | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 24. ina_____tly deleted | <i>adv.</i> unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent |
| 25. call and co_____in frequently | <i>v.</i> to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody |
| 26. hi_____ic accomplishment | <i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so |
| 27. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl | <i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly |
| 28. official sta_____cs | <i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data |
| 29. un_____l remark | <i>adj.</i> rude or impolite; lacking in courtesy or consideration for others; violating commonly accepted social norms or expectations |
| 30. ch____h bell | <i>n.</i> a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination |

ANSWERS: 21. president, 22. exaggerate, 23. discovery, 24. inadvertently, 25. complain, 26. historic, 27. absolutely, 28. statistics, 29. uncivil, 30. church

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| 31. me____n in a report | <i>v.</i> to speak or write about something or someone briefly |
| 32. s__r his reputation | <i>v.</i> to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements |
| 33. climate sk____c | <i>n.</i> a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural |
| 34. below co____pt | <i>n.</i> the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn |
| 35. fa__h in government | <i>n.</i> complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc. |
| 36. military st____gy | <i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal. |
| 37. financial cr____s | <i>n.</i> a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken |
| 38. su____y change | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is so small or delicate as to be difficult to notice or describe |
| 39. co____al swimming pool | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 40. to____ce for risk | <i>n.</i> the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant |

ANSWERS: 31. mention, 32. slur, 33. skeptic, 34. contempt, 35. faith, 36. strategy, 37. crisis, 38. subtly, 39. communal, 40. tolerance

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| 41. bi__t mentality | <i>n.</i> a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people |
| 42. pos_____ty for growth | <i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true |
| 43. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss | <i>v.</i> to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance |
| 44. la___h a big attack | <i>v.</i> to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time |
| 45. te_____ty to act | <i>n.</i> excessive confidence or boldness; audacity; the willingness to take bold risks despite potential negative consequences |
| 46. p__y for rain | <i>v.</i> to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request |
| 47. en___l risks | <i>v.</i> to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something |
| 48. im_____it bias | <i>adj.</i> suggested but not directly expressed |

ANSWERS: 41. bigot, 42. possibility, 43. assume, 44. launch, 45. temerity, 46. pray, 47. entail, 48. implicit

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| 49. as___e to greatness | <i>v.</i> to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great |
| 50. en____ng story | <i>adj.</i> attracting, pleasant, or charming |
| 51. de____p a strategy | <i>v.</i> to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created |
| 52. con____sy among researchers | <i>n.</i> a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval |
| 53. a silent pr____t | <i>n.</i> a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition |
| 54. labeled a he____c | <i>n.</i> a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community |
| 55. an im____te comment | <i>adj.</i> lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs |
| 56. s_n of omission | <i>n.</i> the offense against a religious or moral law or against God |
| 57. flimsy pr____t | <i>n.</i> a false reason or excuse that is given to justify an action or decision, often used to hide one's true motives or intentions |

ANSWERS: 49. aspire, 50. engaging, 51. develop, 52. controversy, 53. protest, 54. heretic, 55. impolite, 56. sin, 57. pretext

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| 58. childhood am____a | <i>n.</i> a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness |
| 59. dis_____ble temper | <i>adj.</i> unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament |
| 60. occ_____lly dine with friends | <i>adv.</i> now and then; sometimes but not often |
| 61. s__r a drink | <i>v.</i> to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements |
| 62. mu___l efforts | <i>adj.</i> common to or shared by two or more parties |
| 63. si___t reading | <i>adj.</i> without any or little sound |
| 64. status q_o politician | <i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue |
| 65. an aw____d expression | <i>adj.</i> making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty |
| 66. qu__e in his boots | <i>v.</i> to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time |
| 67. int_____le situation | <i>adj.</i> incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable |
| 68. gru_____ly apologize | <i>adv.</i> in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent |

ANSWERS: 58. amnesia, 59. disagreeable, 60. occasionally, 61. slur, 62. mutual, 63. silent, 64. quo, 65. awkward, 66. quake, 67. intolerable, 68. grudgingly

69. pr____e analyses	<i>adj.</i> sharply exact or accurate or delimited
70. com_____te well with my advisor	<i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
71. take ad_____ge of his weak points	<i>n.</i> a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
72. share of a mu____l fund	<i>adj.</i> common to or shared by two or more parties
73. cr____s management	<i>n.</i> a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
74. co_____ed criminal	<i>adj.</i> completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
75. buy the company's st__e	<i>n.</i> a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
76. pre-mo____n agricultural society	<i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times
77. id____ty as an individual	<i>n.</i> the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
78. ag_____le to the plan	<i>adj.</i> pleasant and enjoyable

ANSWERS: 69. precise, 70. communicate, 71. advantage, 72. mutual, 73. crisis, 74. convinced, 75. stake, 76. modern, 77. identity, 78. agreeable

79. radical di_____er	<i>n.</i> someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint
80. give im_____it consent	<i>adj.</i> suggested but not directly expressed
81. pr_____e changes	<i>v.</i> to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
82. criminal acc_____on	<i>n.</i> a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
83. few cu___e words	<i>n.</i> a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
84. mo____n poetry	<i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times
85. a per_____ve view	<i>n.</i> a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
86. human in_____ct	<i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
87. de_____e my love	<i>v.</i> to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
88. an en_____ng smile	<i>adj.</i> attracting, pleasant, or charming
89. ar___e a case	<i>v.</i> to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 79. dissenter, 80. implicit, 81. propose, 82. accusation, 83. curse, 84. modern, 85. perspective, 86. intellect, 87. declare, 88. engaging, 89. argue

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| 90. ac___e his rudeness | <i>v.</i> to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing |
| 91. a p___e complexion | <i>adj.</i> having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness |
| 92. the great di_____ry of the century | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 93. arouse con_____sy | <i>n.</i> a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval |
| 94. pa__l visit | <i>adj.</i> relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church |
| 95. no asp_____on for fame | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath |
| 96. ag_____le weather | <i>adj.</i> pleasant and enjoyable |
| 97. coaxial ca___e | <i>n.</i> a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire |
| 98. con_____nal approach | <i>adj.</i> characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground |
| 99. at the first on__t | <i>n.</i> the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack |

ANSWERS: 90. accuse, 91. pale, 92. discovery, 93. controversy, 94. papal, 95. aspiration, 96. agreeable, 97. cable, 98. confrontational, 99. onset

100. religious bi__t	<i>n.</i> a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
101. fu__y memory	<i>adj.</i> having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
102. sp___e visa	<i>n.</i> a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
103. pr_____nt emeritus	<i>n.</i> the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
104. the on__t of spring	<i>n.</i> the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack
105. is_____e a compound	<i>v.</i> to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
106. a pol_____an in the ruling party	<i>n.</i> a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
107. teaching of Ch___t	<i>n.</i> the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
108. re___e a message	<i>v.</i> to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 100. bigot, 101. fuzzy, 102. spouse, 103. president, 104. onset, 105. isolate, 106. politician, 107. Christ, 108. relate

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| 109. th____en a healthy relationship | <i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone |
| 110. mo__l burden | <i>adj.</i> concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc. |
| 111. enrich my in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 112. a college of th_____gy | <i>n.</i> the study of the nature of God and religious belief |
| 113. inc_____ty in politics | <i>n.</i> a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others |
| 114. dietary dis_____on | <i>n.</i> the quality of behaving with caution and good judgment; the ability to keep confidential information confidential; freedom to make responsible decisions based on one's judgment |
| 115. self-proclaimed ant_____st | <i>n.</i> (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him |
| 116. give si___t consent | <i>adj.</i> without any or little sound |
| 117. an of_____ve smell | <i>adj.</i> rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense |
| 118. de___e a word | <i>v.</i> to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something |

ANSWERS: 109. threaten, 110. moral, 111. intellect, 112. theology, 113. incivility, 114. discretion, 115. antichrist, 116. silent, 117. offensive, 118. define

119. pr_____e the amendment	<i>v.</i> to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
120. co_____t with diversity	<i>v.</i> to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
121. abs_____ly against	<i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
122. co_____al combination of funds	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
123. ai__e seat	<i>n.</i> a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
124. a di_____se about art	<i>n.</i> any form of communication in speech or writing
125. pos_____ty of a major earthquake	<i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true
126. re_____on of inclusion	<i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
127. pro_____nt theology	<i>adj.</i> a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
128. tec_____cal policy	<i>adj.</i> based on scientific and industrial progress
129. make a va__e answer	<i>adj.</i> not clearly expressed or understood
130. under the pr_____t of illness	<i>n.</i> a false reason or excuse that is given to justify an action or decision, often used to hide one's true motives or intentions

ANSWERS: 119. propose, 120. coexist, 121. absolutely, 122. communal, 123. aisle, 124. discourse, 125. possibility, 126. relation, 127. protestant, 128. technological, 129. vague, 130. pretext

131. a corrupt pol_____an	<i>n.</i> a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
132. in_____e a feeling of curiosity	<i>v.</i> to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
133. to_____te his disrespectful behavior	<i>v.</i> to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
134. fu__y logic	<i>adj.</i> having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
135. di_____ge socially	<i>v.</i> to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
136. su_____ss a yawn	<i>v.</i> to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
137. inv_____on of foreign investment	<i>n.</i> a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
138. po___e manners	<i>adj.</i> showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
139. pu__h a ticket	<i>v.</i> to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
140. under a cu___e	<i>n.</i> a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
141. exa_____te story	<i>v.</i> to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

ANSWERS: 131. politician, 132. inspire, 133. tolerate, 134. fuzzy, 135. disengage, 136. suppress, 137. invitation, 138. polite, 139. punch, 140. curse, 141. exaggerate

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| 142. la___h a spaceship into orbit | <i>v.</i> to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time |
| 143. tec_____cal advancement | <i>adj.</i> based on scientific and industrial progress |
| 144. to_____le conditions | <i>adj.</i> capable of being endured or tolerated; not too unpleasant, painful, or difficult |
| 145. de_____p a skill | <i>v.</i> to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created |
| 146. display co_____pt | <i>n.</i> the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn |
| 147. for_____ss of liabilities | <i>n.</i> the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion |
| 148. at_____t community | <i>n.</i> a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities |
| 149. con_____nal personality | <i>adj.</i> characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground |
| 150. re_____on between cause and effect | <i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another |

ANSWERS: 142. launch, 143. technological, 144. tolerable, 145. develop, 146. contempt, 147. forgiveness, 148. atheist, 149. confrontational, 150. relation

151. w__n a reckless driver	<i>v.</i> to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
152. execution by burning at a st__e	<i>n.</i> a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
153. fr__k and open discussion	<i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
154. find a lik_____ed friend	<i>adj.</i> having the same ideas or interests
155. vi___e of frugality	<i>n.</i> high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
156. ina_____tly omitted	<i>adv.</i> unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
157. the Ca_____ic Church	<i>adj.</i> universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
158. es_____al amino acid	<i>adj.</i> indispensable; fundamental
159. adv_____nt of knowledge	<i>n.</i> the development, improvement, or progress of something
160. pa__l authority	<i>adj.</i> relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
161. computer op_____nt	<i>n.</i> a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
162. the di_____ty policy of the university	<i>n.</i> the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

ANSWERS: 151. warn, 152. stake, 153. frank, 154. like-minded, 155. virtue, 156. inadvertently, 157. Catholic, 158. essential, 159. advancement, 160. papal, 161. opponent, 162. diversity

163. dis_____ble smell	<i>adj.</i> unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament
164. r__l a ball	<i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
165. sti_____ze him as a swindler	<i>v.</i> to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
166. religious to_____ce	<i>n.</i> the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
167. po___e tone	<i>adj.</i> showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
168. attempted mu___r	<i>n.</i> the crime of killing somebody intentionally
169. mistaken id_____ty	<i>n.</i> the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
170. m__e acquaintance	<i>adj.</i> used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
171. a blazing ar_____nt	<i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
172. mo__l hazard	<i>adj.</i> concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

ANSWERS: 163. disagreeable, 164. roll, 165. stigmatize, 166. tolerance, 167. polite, 168. murder, 169. identity, 170. mere, 171. argument, 172. moral

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| 173. hold a pr____t | <i>n.</i> a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition |
| 174. an ingrained sk____c | <i>n.</i> a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural |
| 175. en____e in environmental protection activities | <i>v.</i> to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something |
| 176. rough sy____m | <i>n.</i> a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language |
| 177. forgive a s_n | <i>n.</i> the offense against a religious or moral law or against God |
| 178. eve_____ly become obsolete | <i>adv.</i> finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on |
| 179. sl_____ly alkaline soils | <i>adv.</i> in a small degree or extent; a little |
| 180. feed a tr__l | <i>n.</i> a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat |
| 181. per_____on of minorities | <i>n.</i> the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief |
| 182. political di_____er | <i>n.</i> someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint |

ANSWERS: 173. protest, 174. skeptic, 175. engage, 176. synonym, 177. sin, 178. eventually, 179. slightly, 180. troll, 181. persecution, 182. dissenter

183. pr____us information	<i>adj.</i> uncommon and extremely valuable
184. ca____ic in his tastes	<i>adj.</i> universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
185. a tr_____on of a culture	<i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
186. di____on chief	<i>n.</i> the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
187. face inc_____gly complicated challenges	<i>adv.</i> more and more
188. re___e the company	<i>v.</i> to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
189. cl___h at any straw	<i>v.</i> to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
190. ant_____ed system	<i>adj.</i> outdated or old-fashioned
191. occ_____lly change the routine	<i>adv.</i> now and then; sometimes but not often
192. de____m rules	<i>n.</i> behavior that is in keeping with good taste and propriety; polite or appropriate conduct or behavior
193. cl___hed her daughter to her breast	<i>v.</i> to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
194. fun_____al rights	<i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 183. precious, 184. Catholic, 185. tradition, 186. division, 187. increasingly, 188. refuse, 189. clutch, 190. antiquated, 191. occasionally, 192. decorum, 193. clutch, 194. fundamental

195. practice ci____ty	<i>n.</i> polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette
196. me____n name	<i>v.</i> to speak or write about something or someone briefly
197. sp____e tax deduction	<i>n.</i> a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
198. es____al commodities of life	<i>adj.</i> indispensable; fundamental
199. as____e an important role	<i>v.</i> to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
200. reckless te____ty	<i>n.</i> excessive confidence or boldness; audacity; the willingness to take bold risks despite potential negative consequences
201. he____c beliefs	<i>n.</i> a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community
202. an in____e scheme	<i>adj.</i> extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
203. co____ed of the idea	<i>adj.</i> completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
204. cellular di____on	<i>n.</i> the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

ANSWERS: 195. civility, 196. mention, 197. spouse, 198. essential, 199. assume, 200. temerity, 201. heretic, 202. insane, 203. convinced, 204. division

205. eve_____ly succeed	<i>adv.</i> finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
206. d__f his shoes	<i>v.</i> to remove a hat or other head covering as a sign of respect or greeting; to take off or remove clothing or a garment
207. death-penalty op_____nt	<i>n.</i> a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
208. mu___r in the second degree	<i>n.</i> the crime of killing somebody intentionally
209. an aw_____d date	<i>adj.</i> making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
210. inc_____gly become common	<i>adv.</i> more and more
211. un_____l political climate	<i>adj.</i> rude or impolite; lacking in courtesy or consideration for others; violating commonly accepted social norms or expectations
212. va___e idea	<i>adj.</i> not clearly expressed or understood
213. make a fr__k apology	<i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
214. im_____te behavior	<i>adj.</i> lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs
215. western phi_____hy	<i>n.</i> the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 205. eventually, 206. doff, 207. opponent, 208. murder, 209. awkward, 210. increasingly, 211. uncivil, 212. vague, 213. frank, 214. impolite, 215. philosophy

216. adamantly d__y killing	<i>v.</i> to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
217. co____t with nature	<i>v.</i> to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
218. co____de that he is healthy	<i>v.</i> to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
219. q_o warranto	<i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
220. de____e independence	<i>v.</i> to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
221. d__f my coat	<i>v.</i> to remove a hat or other head covering as a sign of respect or greeting; to take off or remove clothing or a garment
222. p__e pink	<i>adj.</i> having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
223. suffer per____on	<i>n.</i> the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief
224. lik____ed group	<i>adj.</i> having the same ideas or interests
225. lingual di____ty	<i>n.</i> the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
226. si____ly situated	<i>adv.</i> in almost the same way
227. fun____al education	<i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 216. deny, 217. coexist, 218. conclude, 219. quo, 220. declare, 221. doff, 222. pale, 223. persecution, 224. like-minded, 225. diversity, 226. similarly, 227. fundamental

228. re___e a request	<i>v.</i> to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
229. a to_____nt teacher	<i>adj.</i> accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
230. con_____ion in English	<i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
231. ex_____e a newcomer	<i>v.</i> to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
232. in_____e him to write a novel	<i>v.</i> to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
233. bl__e the lack of knowledge	<i>v.</i> to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
234. religious fa__h	<i>n.</i> complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
235. beg for for_____ss	<i>n.</i> the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
236. inspire co_____e	<i>n.</i> the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
237. el__t the school board	<i>v.</i> to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 228. refuse, 229. tolerant, 230. conversation, 231. exclude, 232. inspire, 233. blame, 234. faith, 235. forgiveness, 236. courage, 237. elect

238. online inc_____ty	<i>n.</i> a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others
239. co_____de a meeting	<i>v.</i> to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
240. de_____y the ecosystem	<i>v.</i> to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
241. field of artificial int_____nce	<i>n.</i> the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
242. pu__h out numbers	<i>v.</i> to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
243. an int_____nce test	<i>n.</i> the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
244. su_____ss a revolt	<i>v.</i> to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
245. a cultured pe__l	<i>n.</i> a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
246. at_____t belief	<i>n.</i> a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
247. su_____or performance	<i>adj.</i> better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
248. asp_____on into the lungs	<i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
249. assume gru_____ly	<i>adv.</i> in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent

ANSWERS: 238. incivility, 239. conclude, 240. destroy, 241. intelligence, 242. punch, 243. intelligence, 244. suppress, 245. pearl, 246. atheist, 247. superior, 248. aspiration, 249. grudgingly

250. r_b shoulders	<i>v.</i>	to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
251. score an ad_____ge	<i>n.</i>	a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
252. an intentional in____t	<i>n.</i>	a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
253. re____e a story	<i>v.</i>	to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
254. ant_____st prophecy	<i>n.</i>	(of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him
255. el__t death	<i>v.</i>	to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
256. re_____on sociology	<i>n.</i>	a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
257. un_____h language	<i>adj.</i>	lacking in refinement or manners; awkward or clumsy in behavior or appearance; ungraceful; crude or vulgar in language or speech
258. ci_____ty in politics	<i>n.</i>	polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette

ANSWERS: 250. rub, 251. advantage, 252. insult, 253. relate, 254. antichrist, 255. elect, 256. religion, 257. uncouth, 258. civility

259. the per_____ve of the battle	<i>n.</i> a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
260. assume the of_____ve	<i>adj.</i> rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
261. ac___e each other	<i>v.</i> to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
262. di_____ge the clutch	<i>v.</i> to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
263. part of the he_____g process	<i>n.</i> the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
264. un_____h manners	<i>adj.</i> lacking in refinement or manners; awkward or clumsy in behavior or appearance; ungraceful; crude or vulgar in language or speech
265. en___l legal consequences	<i>v.</i> to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
266. the ar_____nt against capital punishment	<i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
267. the center ai___e of a church	<i>n.</i> a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

ANSWERS: 259. perspective, 260. offensive, 261. accuse, 262. disengage, 263. healing, 264. uncouth, 265. entail, 266. argument, 267. aisle

268. price of pr____us metals	<i>adj.</i> uncommon and extremely valuable
269. to____le level of risk	<i>adj.</i> capable of being endured or tolerated; not too unpleasant, painful, or difficult
270. phi____hy of education	<i>n.</i> the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
271. di____s options	<i>v.</i> to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
272. th____en national security	<i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
273. an app____te time	<i>adj.</i> suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
274. con____nt location	<i>adj.</i> useful, helpful, or quick to do
275. unp____nt behavior	<i>adj.</i> not enjoyable or comfortable
276. the wo____ew of the ancient civilization	<i>n.</i> a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
277. acquire a vi____e	<i>n.</i> high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
278. m__e incident	<i>adj.</i> used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
279. de____yed evidence	<i>v.</i> to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 268. precious, 269. tolerable, 270. philosophy, 271. discuss, 272. threaten, 273. appropriate, 274. convenient, 275. unpleasant, 276. worldview, 277. virtue, 278. mere, 279. destroy

280. ex____e all other possibilities	<i>v.</i> to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
281. de___e my position	<i>v.</i> to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
282. develop a st____gy	<i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
283. a letter of inv____on	<i>n.</i> a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
284. as___e after perfection	<i>v.</i> to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
285. mental co____e	<i>n.</i> the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
286. con____nt way	<i>adj.</i> useful, helpful, or quick to do
287. have si____ly great abilities	<i>adv.</i> in almost the same way
288. estimate pr____e costs	<i>adj.</i> sharply exact or accurate or delimited
289. bl__e circumstances for the failure	<i>v.</i> to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
290. mainstream wo____ew	<i>n.</i> a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
291. false acc____on	<i>n.</i> a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

ANSWERS: 280. exclude, 281. define, 282. strategy, 283. invitation, 284. aspire, 285. courage, 286. convenient, 287. similarly, 288. precise, 289. blame, 290. worldview, 291. accusation

292. have an ant_____ed custom	<i>adj.</i> outdated or old-fashioned
293. achieve the hi_____ic feat	<i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so
294. in____t each other	<i>n.</i> a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
295. co_____in about a job	<i>v.</i> to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
296. career adv_____nt	<i>n.</i> the development, improvement, or progress of something
297. with unp_____nt body odor	<i>adj.</i> not enjoyable or comfortable
298. freedom of re_____on	<i>n.</i> a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
299. against tr_____on	<i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
300. maintain dis_____on	<i>n.</i> the quality of behaving with caution and good judgment; the ability to keep confidential information confidential; freedom to make responsible decisions based on one's judgment
301. sy_____m retrieval	<i>n.</i> a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language
302. a friendly con_____ion	<i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 292. antiquated, 293. historic, 294. insult, 295. complain, 296. advancement, 297. unpleasant, 298. religion, 299. tradition, 300. discretion, 301. synonym, 302. conversation

303. to_____nt of his failure	<i>adj.</i> accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
304. app_____te behavior	<i>adj.</i> suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
305. en___e a new employee	<i>v.</i> to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
306. natural he_____g ability	<i>n.</i> the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
307. re___m movement	<i>n.</i> the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
308. p___y devoutly	<i>v.</i> to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
309. deputy prime mi_____er	<i>n.</i> a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
310. di_____s solutions	<i>v.</i> to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
311. provide su_____or customer service	<i>adj.</i> better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
312. to_____te ambiguity	<i>v.</i> to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
313. copyright tr___l	<i>n.</i> a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

ANSWERS: 303. tolerant, 304. appropriate, 305. engage, 306. healing, 307. reform, 308. pray, 309. minister, 310. discuss, 311. superior, 312. tolerate, 313. troll

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| 314. economic re___m | <i>n.</i> the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem |
| 315. di_____ee about a particular issue | <i>v.</i> to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc. |
| 316. r_b a glass window | <i>v.</i> to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure |
| 317. ar__e passionately | <i>v.</i> to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others |
| 318. go in___e with pleasure | <i>adj.</i> extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill |
| 319. the heat is int_____le | <i>adj.</i> incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable |
| 320. su___y point out | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is so small or delicate as to be difficult to notice or describe |

ANSWERS: 314. reform, 315. disagree, 316. rub, 317. argue, 318. insane, 319. intolerable, 320. subtly

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her excessive demands drove me _____.
adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
2. We spent a most _____ couple of days.
adj. pleasant and enjoyable
3. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
4. This system uses submarine _____ to exchange information between continents.
n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
5. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
6. She was _____ by society because she had a child out of wedlock.
v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
7. The student had the _____ to argue with the teacher in front of the class.
n. excessive confidence or boldness; audacity; the willingness to take bold risks despite potential negative consequences
8. My initial reaction was to _____.
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 1. insane, 2. agreeable, 3. warn, 4. cables, 5. destroyed, 6. stigmatized, 7. temerity, 8. refuse

9. The new smartphone model is _____ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

10. The different species can _____ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

11. It's important to be _____ even when you disagree with someone.

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

12. Ethics is a branch of _____.

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

13. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.

adv. in almost the same way

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

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

15. The airport offers five _____ access routes.

adj. useful, helpful, or quick to do

16. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

ANSWERS: 9. superior, 10. coexist, 11. polite, 12. philosophy, 13. similarly, 14. Protestant, 15. convenient, 16. appropriate

17. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

18. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

19. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

20. This medicine works best when taken at the _____ of a cold.

n. the beginning or early stages of unpleasant something; a military attack

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

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

22. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

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

23. Competition between countries resulted in fast technological _____.

n. the development, improvement, or progress of something

24. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

ANSWERS: 17. exaggerated, 18. occasionally, 19. intelligence, 20. onset, 21. tradition, 22. president, 23. advancement, 24. complaining

25. He _____ from the conversation and walked away.

- v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

26. The _____ of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

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

27. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.

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

28. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

29. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.

- v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

30. Each ancient tribe has its _____ traditions.

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

31. The professor specialized in the _____ of the early church.

- n.* the study of the nature of God and religious belief

32. Which _____ of the company do you work in?

- n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

ANSWERS: 25. disengaged, 26. accusation, 27. declared, 28. argue, 29. accused, 30. healing, 31. theology, 32. division

33. They formed a group of _____ individuals who shared a common goal.
adj. having the same ideas or interests
34. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
35. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
36. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
37. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.
v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
38. The content is _____ and informative for me.
adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited
39. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
40. They entered into _____ with the member of the ruling party.
n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
41. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 33. like-minded, 34. religion, 35. propose, 36. define, 37. rubbed, 38. precise, 39. statistics, 40. controversy, 41. possibility

42. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

43. He gained debt _____.

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

44. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

45. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

46. He _____ agreed to help his neighbor move her furniture.

adv. in a manner that shows reluctance or unwillingness; with resentment or discontent

47. The _____ rumor turned out to be false.

adj. not clearly expressed or understood

48. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

49. A culture of _____ promotes respectful discourse and constructive conflict resolution.

n. polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette

ANSWERS: 42. inadvertently, 43. forgiveness, 44. essential, 45. precious, 46. grudgingly, 47. vague, 48. diversity, 49. civility

50. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

51. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.

- adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

52. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

53. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.

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

54. The totalitarian government was often called an _____ power due to its oppressive and harmful policies.

- n.* (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him

55. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

56. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.

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

57. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 50. courage, 51. awkward, 52. strategy, 53. troll, 54. antichrist, 55. absolutely, 56. prayed, 57. crisis

58. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide ____.

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

59. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

60. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

61. It is _____ to talk with your mouth full at the dinner table.

adj. lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs

62. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

63. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

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

64. I _____ for reasons already stated above.

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

65. When entering a church, I always _____ my hat as a sign of respect.

v. to remove a hat or other head covering as a sign of respect or greeting; to take off or remove clothing or a garment

ANSWERS: 58. sins, 59. Technological, 60. relate, 61. impolite, 62. frank, 63. elected, 64. disagree, 65. doff

66. She was known for her _____ attitude toward different cultures.
adj. accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
67. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.
adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
68. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
69. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
70. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
71. The _____ of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.
n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
72. She was searching for a _____ for 'happiness' in the thesaurus.
n. a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or expression in the same language
73. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.
adj. common to or shared by two or more parties
74. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 66. tolerant, 67. catholic, 68. rolled, 69. discuss, 70. communicate, 71. spouse, 72. synonym, 73. mutual, 74. relations

75. The _____ coworker always found fault with everyone else's work.

adj. unpleasant or unpleasant to deal with; not likely to agree or comply with something or someone; having an unpleasant or negative temperament

76. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

77. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

78. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

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

79. Her _____ attitude caused tension in the workplace.

adj. characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground

80. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

81. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

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

82. The wedding reception had an air of _____ and elegance.

n. behavior that is in keeping with good taste and propriety; polite or appropriate conduct or behavior

ANSWERS: 75. disagreeable, 76. denying, 77. launch, 78. Christmas, 79. confrontational, 80. worldviews, 81. stake, 82. decorum

83. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
84. He shouldn't be allowed to _____ people based on race or sexuality.
v. to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
85. She turned _____ when she heard the news.
adj. having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
86. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.
n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
87. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
88. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
89. The earth began to _____ and he knew he had to leave the building immediately.
v. to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time
90. His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded _____.
n. a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people

ANSWERS: 83. intellect, 84. slur, 85. pale, 86. insult, 87. perspective, 88. advantages, 89. quake, 90. bigot

91. He has an _____ to become a doctor.

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

92. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

93. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

94. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

95. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

96. The _____ palace was a grand and imposing structure.

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

97. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

98. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

ANSWERS: 91. aspiration, 92. convinced, 93. aisle, 94. develop, 95. engaging, 96. papal, 97. threatening, 98. modern

99. It is _____ to see criminal behavior even though it is minor.

adj. not enjoyable or comfortable

100. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

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

101. The cost for the trip _____ food and beverages.

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

102. The factory was forced to shut down due to its _____ equipment.

adj. outdated or old-fashioned

103. He was attempting to confuse his _____.

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

104. The _____ meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.

adj. suggested but not directly expressed

105. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

106. You should not _____ them from the community.

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

107. He used the _____ of going to the gym to sneak out of work early.

n. a false reason or excuse that is given to justify an action or decision, often used to hide one's true motives or intentions

ANSWERS: 99. unpleasant, 100. politician, 101. excludes, 102. antiquated, 103. opponent, 104. implicit, 105. Communal, 106. isolate, 107. pretext

108. Chronic pain from the side effects of treatment made her life _____.

adj. incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable

109. He _____ the wall in anger.

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

110. The defendant's _____ for the court and its authority was evident in his behavior.

n. the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn

111. He lost the election by _____ votes.

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

112. The school's diversity program aimed to promote _____ and understanding among the students.

n. the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

113. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

114. The picture was _____ because it was taken with an old camera.

adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

115. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 108. intolerable, 109. punched, 110. contempt, 111. mere, 112. tolerance, 113. mentioned, 114. fuzzy, 115. inspired

116. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

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

117. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

118. The philosopher was accused of being a _____ for his controversial ideas.

n. a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community

119. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

120. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

121. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

122. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

123. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 116. moral, 117. church, 118. heretic, 119. atheist, 120. minister, 121. slightly, 122. quo, 123. eventually

124. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

- n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

125. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

- n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

126. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

- adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

127. The boy _____ his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

- v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

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

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

129. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

130. I will be very happy to accept your _____.

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

131. The job offer _____ a lot of responsibility and hard work.

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

132. It's important to use _____ when sharing sensitive information.

- n.* the quality of behaving with caution and good judgment; the ability to keep confidential information confidential; freedom to make responsible decisions based on one's judgment

ANSWERS: 124. faith, 125. murder, 126. offensive, 127. clutched, 128. protest, 129. concluded, 130. invitation, 131. entails, 132. discretion

133. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

134. The _____ between the two politicians during the debate was disappointing.

- n.* a lack of civility, courtesy, or politeness; rude or disrespectful behavior toward others

135. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

- adv.* more and more

136. He was a _____ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

- n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

137. Her _____ behavior at the meeting caused much tension among the group.

- adj.* rude or impolite; lacking in courtesy or consideration for others; violating commonly accepted social norms or expectations

138. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

139. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

140. 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

ANSWERS: 133. conversation, 134. incivility, 135. increasingly, 136. skeptic, 137. uncivil, 138. reform, 139. historic, 140. curse

141. Sweet _____ makes short days and nights.

n. any form of communication in speech or writing

142. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

143. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

144. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

145. Her research team made an important _____.

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

146. I can't _____ spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

147. She wore a _____ necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

148. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

ANSWERS: 141. discourse, 142. identity, 143. silent, 144. argument, 145. discovery, 146. tolerate, 147. pearl, 148. blamed

149. The university welcomed and encouraged _____ to challenge traditional ways of thinking.

- n.* someone who disagrees with or challenges the beliefs, opinions, or policies of a group or authority; one who speaks out or protests against a dominant ideology or viewpoint

150. The doctor prescribed medication to _____ the patient's appetite.

- v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

151. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

152. Government policy has already been revised _____.

- adv.* in a way that is so small or delicate as to be difficult to notice or describe

153. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

- v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

154. The _____ behavior of the party guests was unacceptable and offensive to others.

- adj.* lacking in refinement or manners; awkward or clumsy in behavior or appearance; ungraceful; crude or vulgar in language or speech

155. She had many good _____ and few faults.

- n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

156. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.

- v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

ANSWERS: 149. dissenters, 150. suppress, 151. fundamental, 152. subtly, 153. engaged, 154. uncouth, 155. virtues, 156. aspired

157. His new job offered a _____ work environment but was not his dream job.
adj. capable of being endured or tolerated; not too unpleasant, painful, or difficult
158. The religious minority faced _____ from the dominant group.
n. the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief
159. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
160. The accident caused her to suffer from temporary _____ and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.
n. a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

ANSWERS: 157. tolerable, 158. persecution, 159. assumes, 160. amnesia,