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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

belong

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

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

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

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

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

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.

priceless

adj. extremely valuable or important

synonym: invaluable, incalculable, precious

(1) **priceless** work of art, (2) **priceless** opportunity

Investigators discovered **priceless** documents throughout the house.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

twang

v. to produce a sharp, ringing sound, usually by striking, plucking, or vibrating a stringed instrument or vocal cords; to speak or utter in a nasal, high-pitched voice

synonym : resonate, vibrate

(1) **twang** guitar, (2) **twang** accents

The guitarist's fingers **twanged** the guitar strings, creating a unique sound.

native

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

synonym : endemic, domestic, aboriginal

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

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

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym : lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

locate

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

synonym : discover, find, place

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

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

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.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

shiny

adj. reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface
synonym : polished, glossy, lustrous

(1) **shiny** surface, (2) **shiny** object

The **shiny** new car drew everyone's attention as it drove by.

visage

n. the face or facial expression of a person
synonym : countenance, expression, aspect

(1) a stern **visage**, (2) a **visage** of grim assurance

Her noble **visage** was calm and composed, even in danger.

fable

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

synonym : fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym : non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

gender

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

synonym : sexuality

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

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

neutral

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

synonym : impartial, uninvolved, halfhearted

(1) permanently **neutral** country, (2) **neutral** colors

A legislative speaker should always be **neutral**.

approximate

adj. nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so

synonym : rough, close, near

(1) linear **approximate** equation, (2) **approximate** time

The **approximate** cost of the project was estimated to be around \$500,000.

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym : affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

superstar

n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete

synonym : celebrity, icon, megastar

(1) **superstar** athlete, (2) jazz **superstar**

She is a **superstar** in the music industry.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

qualify

v. to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege

synonym : permit, authorize, allow

(1) **qualify** as a candidate, (2) **qualify** for membership

The top three teams in this tournament **qualify** for the Olympics.

mainstream

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

synonym : prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs

His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

whitewash

n. a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events

synonym : cover-up, mask, camouflage

(1) **whitewash** paint, (2) academic **whitewash**

The politician was accused of attempting to **whitewash** his involvement in the controversial project.

digest

v. to transform food into absorbable substances; break down

synonym : absorb, condense

(1) **digest** information, (2) help **digest** food

Most babies can readily **digest** a wide variety of foods.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

frolic

v. to play and move around happily and energetically
synonym : play, romp, gambol

(1) **frolic** underwater, (2) **frolic** with friends

Children **frolicked** in the park on a sunny day.

incidental

adj. happening or likely to happen in the course of events, without being planned or intended; minor or peripheral

synonym : minor, supplementary, peripheral

(1) **incidental** to my story, (2) **incidental** damage

The broken vase was just an **incidental** expense.

railway

n. a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances

synonym : train line, rail line, track

(1) a private **railway**, (2) **railway** station

The **railway** system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.

settlement

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

synonym : agreement, accommodation, colonization

(1) the **settlement** of a dispute, (2) **settlement** in a new house

Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful **settlement**.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

synonym : gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

clad

adj. dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance

synonym : dressed, covered, attired

(1) **clad** completely in black, (2) **clad** in armor

The athlete was **clad** in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.

kneel

v. to rest on someone's knee or knees

synonym: genuflect, crouch, bend

(1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest

The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.

wax

n. a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (*verb*) to become large

(1) **wax** finish, (2) **wax** and wane

He sealed the letter with a **wax** seal.

polish

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

synonym: shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**

I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

shin

n. the front part of the leg below the knee

synonym: tibia, lower leg, front leg

(1) **shin** guard, (2) **shin** injury

The pain in his **shin** made it hard for him to walk.

dusk

n. the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight

synonym: twilight, gloaming, sundown

(1) **dusk** sky, (2) **dusk** falls

The sky turned a beautiful orange hue at **dusk**.

sup

v. to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (*noun*) a small drink of something

(1) **sup** together, (2) **sup** a drink

I'm going to **sup** with my friends tonight at the pub.

paraffin

n. a waxy substance derived from petroleum or coal, often used in candles, wax coatings, or as a moisturizing treatment for the skin

synonym: wax, fuel, oil

(1) **paraffin** candle, (2) **paraffin-based** product

She dipped her hands in warm **paraffin** for a luxurious hand treatment.

hide-and-seek

n. a popular children's game in which one player closes their eyes for a brief period of time while the other players hide

(1) enjoy a game of **hide-and-seek**, (2) **hide-and-seek** champion

We played **hide-and-seek** in the park until it got too dark.

centipede

n. a long, many-legged arthropod of a group of species that are mostly nocturnal predators and typically feed on insects

synonym: hundred-legger, myriapod, arthropod

(1) the venom of a **centipede**, (2) tropical **centipede**

I saw a **centipede** crawling across my bedroom floor, which gave me chills.

owl

n. a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call

synonym: raptor, bird of prey, nocturnal bird

(1) a night **owl**, (2) an **owl** hooted

The snowy **owl** is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

indigenize

v. to make something indigenous or native to a particular place or culture; to adapt or modify something to suit a particular cultural context or environment

synonym: localize, nativize

(1) **indigenize** education, (2) **indigenize** language

The community center seeks to **indigenize** its programs and services to serve Indigenous peoples better.

strip

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

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

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

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

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym: resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

erase

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

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

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

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

caftan

n. (also "kaftan") a loose-fitting, long, and flowing garment, typically made of lightweight fabric with wide sleeves, worn by both men and women, often associated with Middle Eastern or North African traditional dress

(1) flowy **caftan**, (2) silk **caftan**

She wore a beautiful **caftan** for the beach party, reflecting her vibrant personality.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

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

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

default

- v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym : fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

shrug

- v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

(1) **shrug** off the importance, (2) **shrug** his shoulders sadly
I respect her ability to **shrug** off harsh criticism.

wealth

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

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

pride

- n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym : vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

traipse

- v. to walk or move casually or without urgency; to wander aimlessly or leisurely; to go on foot with little purpose or direction

synonym : wander, roam, meander

(1) **traipse** around town, (2) **traipse** through the woods

I decided to **traipse** through the muddy field to get a better

view of the sunset.

reflection

n. the act of thinking deeply about something, or the ability to think deeply; the image of something that is seen in a mirror or other reflective surface

synonym: contemplation, meditation, consideration

(1) **reflection** question, (2) photon **reflection**

The teacher asked the students to write a **reflection** on the book they had just read.

contort

v. to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape

synonym: deform, disfigure, distort

(1) **contort** my limbs, (2) **contort** the face

He **contorted** his smile with anger coming from his gut.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

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.

exotic

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

synonym: foreign, alien, unfamiliar

(1) **exotic** species, (2) **exotic** vacation

I love trying **exotic** foods from different cultures.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car
There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

cattle

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

synonym : cows, herd, oxen

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

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

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym : cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

firewood

n. wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes

synonym : fire logs, fire sticks, kindling

(1) chop **firewood**, (2) stacks of **firewood**

My neighbor gave me some extra **firewood** from their own supply.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym : relative

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

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

accustomed

adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

synonym : familiar, customary, habitual

(1) **accustomed** routine, (2) **accustomed** to complaints

I am **accustomed** to waking up early for work.

rooftop

n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

synonym : roof, terrace, deck

(1) **rooftop** live, (2) **rooftop** deck

They held the dinner party on the **rooftop** terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

shindig

n. an informal social gathering or party, often characterized by lively dancing, music, and entertainment

synonym : party, bash, gathering

(1) casual **shindig**, (2) attend a **shindig**

We're throwing a big **shindig** to celebrate our anniversary.

lounge

n. a waiting room as in a hotel or airport

synonym : lobby, saloon, club

(1) departure **lounge**, (2) conversation **lounge**

We will go to the VIP **lounge** at the airport till departure.

etch

v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

synonym : engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

donkey

n. a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person

synonym : horse, burro, mule

(1) male **donkey**, (2) **donkey** ride

The little boy rode the **donkey** at the county fair.

blanket

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

synonym : cover, coverlet, bedspread

(1) **blanket** authority, (2) **blanket** scarf

The electric **blanket** keeps me warm on cold nights.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

indelible

adj. cannot be removed, erased, or forgot

synonym: enduring, lasting, unforgettable

(1) an **indelible** ink, (2) an **indelible** disgrace

She left an **indelible** mark on our country's literature.

Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1. w_x finish | <i>n.</i> a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large |
| 2. qu____y for membership | <i>v.</i> to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege |
| 3. chop fi____od | <i>n.</i> wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes |
| 4. inc____al damage | <i>adj.</i> happening or likely to happen in the course of events, without being planned or intended; minor or peripheral |
| 5. re__r to a book | <i>v.</i> to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support |
| 6. majority of his we____h | <i>n.</i> a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns |
| 7. an in____le disgrace | <i>adj.</i> cannot be removed, erased, or forgot |
| 8. help di____t food | <i>v.</i> to transform food into absorbable substances; break down |
| 9. su____ar athlete | <i>n.</i> a very famous and successful performer or athlete |

ANSWERS: 1. wax, 2. qualify, 3. firewood, 4. incidental, 5. refer, 6. wealth, 7. indelible, 8. digest, 9. superstar

10. set_____nt in a new house *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
11. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
12. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
13. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
14. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
15. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
16. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
17. s__n injury *n.* the front part of the leg below the knee
18. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
19. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

ANSWERS: 10. settlement, 11. branch, 12. transition, 13. rural, 14. absolutely, 15. decide, 16. function, 17. shin, 18. defend, 19. erase

20. permanently ne____l country *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
21. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
22. c__d completely in black *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
23. co_____t the face *v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape
24. tr_____e through the woods *v.* to walk or move casually or without urgency; to wander aimlessly or leisurely; to go on foot with little purpose or direction
25. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
26. bl_____t authority *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
27. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

ANSWERS: 20. neutral, 21. locate, 22. clad, 23. contort, 24. traipse, 25. function, 26. blanket, 27. degree

28. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
29. ro_____p deck *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
30. linear app_____te equation *adj.* nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so
31. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
32. a stern vi___e *n.* the face or facial expression of a person
33. fr___c with friends *v.* to play and move around happily and energetically
34. a vi___e of grim assurance *n.* the face or facial expression of a person
35. enjoy a game of hid_____eek *n.* a popular children's game in which one player closes their eyes for a brief period of time while the other players hide
36. pr_____ss opportunity *adj.* extremely valuable or important
37. d__k sky *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
38. kn__l down and worship *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
39. pa_____in candle *n.* a waxy substance derived from petroleum or coal, often used in candles, wax coatings, or as a moisturizing treatment for the skin

ANSWERS: 28. translate, 29. rooftop, 30. approximate, 31. brand, 32. visage, 33. frolic, 34. visage, 35. hide-and-seek, 36. priceless, 37. dusk, 38. kneel, 39. paraffin

40. er__e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
41. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
42. s__n guard *n.* the front part of the leg below the knee
43. pa_____in-based product *n.* a waxy substance derived from petroleum or coal, often used in candles, wax coatings, or as a moisturizing treatment for the skin
44. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
45. academic wh_____sh *n.* a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events
46. de_____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
47. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

ANSWERS: 40. erase, 41. transition, 42. shin, 43. paraffin, 44. fashion, 45. whitewash, 46. default, 47. association

48. po___h finishing *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
49. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
50. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
51. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
52. ca___e barn *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
53. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
54. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
55. moralize a fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
56. pr_____ss work of art *adj.* extremely valuable or important
57. silk ca___n *n.* (also "kaftan") a loose-fitting, long, and flowing garment, typically made of lightweight fabric with wide sleeves, worn by both men and women, often associated with Middle Eastern or North African traditional dress

ANSWERS: 48. polish, 49. intrigue, 50. brand, 51. cousin, 52. cattle, 53. romantic, 54. wealth, 55. fable, 56. priceless, 57. caftan

58. ind_____ze language *v.* to make something indigenous or native to a particular place or culture; to adapt or modify something to suit a particular cultural context or environment
59. tropical ce_____de *n.* a long, many-legged arthropod of a group of species that are mostly nocturnal predators and typically feed on insects
60. bl_____t scarf *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
61. ex___c vacation *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
62. sh__y object *adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface
63. sh__y surface *adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface
64. departure lo___e *n.* a waiting room as in a hotel or airport
65. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
66. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
67. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 58. indigenize, 59. centipede, 60. blanket, 61. exotic, 62. shiny, 63. shiny, 64. lounge, 65. invite, 66. struggle, 67. romantic

68. sh__g his shoulders sadly *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
69. de____t on the mortgage *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
70. ri____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
71. ha____ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
72. di____t information *v.* to transform food into absorbable substances; break down
73. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
74. c__d in armor *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance

ANSWERS: 68. shrug, 69. default, 70. ridicule, 71. handle, 72. digest, 73. strip, 74. clad

75. ca___e hide *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
76. surface po___h *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
77. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
78. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
79. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
80. hid_____eek champion *n.* a popular children's game in which one player closes their eyes for a brief period of time while the other players hide
81. ra_____y station *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
82. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
83. the venom of a ce_____de *n.* a long, many-legged arthropod of a group of species that are mostly nocturnal predators and typically feed on insects

ANSWERS: 75. cattle, 76. polish, 77. absolutely, 78. native, 79. invite, 80. hide-and-seeK, 81. railway, 82. tongue, 83. centipede

84. native to___e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
85. cross-co___n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
86. photon ref_____on *n.* the act of thinking deeply about something, or the ability to think deeply; the image of something that is seen in a mirror or other reflective surface
87. qu_____y as a candidate *v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege
88. acquire a vi___e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
89. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
90. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
91. ro_____p live *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
92. inc_____al to my story *adj.* happening or likely to happen in the course of events, without being planned or intended; minor or peripheral
93. join the mai_____am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

ANSWERS: 84. tongue, 85. cousin, 86. reflection, 87. qualify, 88. virtue, 89. nation, 90. native, 91. rooftop, 92. incidental, 93. mainstream

94. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
95. casual sh____g *n.* an informal social gathering or party, often characterized by lively dancing, music, and entertainment
96. jazz su____ar *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
97. d__k falls *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
98. tw__g accents *v.* to produce a sharp, ringing sound, usually by striking, plucking, or vibrating a stringed instrument or vocal cords; to speak or utter in a nasal, high-pitched voice
99. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
100. ex___c species *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
101. acc_____ed to complaints *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
102. the set_____nt of a dispute *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

ANSWERS: 94. pride, 95. shindig, 96. superstar, 97. dusk, 98. twang, 99. strip, 100. exotic, 101. accustomed, 102. settlement

103. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
104. an o_l hooted *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
105. do___y ride *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
106. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
107. mai_____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
108. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
109. fr___c underwater *v.* to play and move around happily and energetically
110. tra_____er rights *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
111. public ri_____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

ANSWERS: 103. gender, 104. owl, 105. donkey, 106. pride, 107. mainstream, 108.

refer, 109. frolic, 110. transgender, 111. ridicule

112. in_____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
113. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
114. sh___g off the importance *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
115. ref_____on question *n.* the act of thinking deeply about something, or the ability to think deeply; the image of something that is seen in a mirror or other reflective surface
116. adamantly d___y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
117. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
118. ind_____ze education *v.* to make something indigenous or native to a particular place or culture; to adapt or modify something to suit a particular cultural context or environment
119. c___p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
120. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
121. a s___m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 112. intrigue, 113. fashion, 114. shrug, 115. reflection, 116. deny, 117. handle, 118. indigenize, 119. chop, 120. struggle, 121. sham

122. vi____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
123. flowy ca____n *n.* (also "kaftan") a loose-fitting, long, and flowing garment, typically made of lightweight fabric with wide sleeves, worn by both men and women, often associated with Middle Eastern or North African traditional dress
124. vi____e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
125. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
126. local vi____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
127. stacks of fi____od *n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
128. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
129. c__p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
130. a night o_l *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
131. classic fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

ANSWERS: 122. villager, 123. caftan, 124. virtue, 125. nation, 126. villager, 127. firewood, 128. sham, 129. chop, 130. owl, 131. fable

132. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
133. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
134. acc_____ed routine *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
135. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
136. e__h a metal plate *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
137. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
138. kn___l in protest *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
139. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
140. male do___y *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person

ANSWERS: 132. branch, 133. defend, 134. accustomed, 135. belong, 136. etch, 137. degree, 138. kneel, 139. association, 140. donkey

141. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
142. people in ru___l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
143. attend a sh____g *n.* an informal social gathering or party, often characterized by lively dancing, music, and entertainment
144. co____t my limbs *v.* to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape
145. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
146. tr____e around town *v.* to walk or move casually or without urgency; to wander aimlessly or leisurely; to go on foot with little purpose or direction
147. w_x and wane *n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large
148. ne____l colors *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
149. conversation lo___e *n.* a waiting room as in a hotel or airport
150. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

ANSWERS: 141. gender, 142. rural, 143. shindig, 144. contort, 145. grid, 146. traipse, 147. wax, 148. neutral, 149. lounge, 150. grid

151. s_p a drink *v.* to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (noun) a small drink of something
152. app_____te time *adj.* nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so
153. an in_____le ink *adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
154. a private ra_____y *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
155. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
156. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
157. s_p together *v.* to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (noun) a small drink of something
158. wh_____sh paint *n.* a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events
159. tw__g guitar *v.* to produce a sharp, ringing sound, usually by striking, plucking, or vibrating a stringed instrument or vocal cords; to speak or utter in a nasal, high-pitched voice

ANSWERS: 151. sup, 152. approximate, 153. indelible, 154. railway, 155. belong, 156. deny, 157. sup, 158. whitewash, 159. twang

160. e__h a design into wood *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
161. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
162. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
163. tra_____er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
164. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

ANSWERS: 160. etch, 161. translate, 162. decide, 163. transgender, 164. locate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.
n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

2. A legislative speaker should always be _____.
adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

3. The little boy rode the _____ at the county fair.
n. a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person

4. He _____ his smile with anger coming from his gut.
v. to (cause something to) twist and press out of its natural or normal shape

5. He used a sharp tool to _____ his initials onto the metal.
v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

6. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

7. In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known _____.
n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

8. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

ANSWERS: 1. mainstream, 2. neutral, 3. donkey, 4. contorted, 5. etch, 6. locate, 7. fable, 8. handle

9. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
10. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.
- v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
11. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.
- n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
12. That style is no longer in _____.
- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
13. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.
- n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
14. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
15. Investigators discovered _____ documents throughout the house.
- adj.* extremely valuable or important
16. I decided to _____ through the muddy field to get a better view of the sunset.
- v.* to walk or move casually or without urgency; to wander aimlessly or leisurely; to go on foot with little purpose or direction

ANSWERS: 9. gender, 10. intrigues, 11. tongue, 12. fashion, 13. association, 14. absolutely, 15. priceless, 16. traipse

17. The _____ new car drew everyone's attention as it drove by.

adj. reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface

18. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

19. I respect her ability to _____ off harsh criticism.

v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

20. They held the dinner party on the _____ terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

21. The snowy ____ is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.

n. a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call

22. I am _____ to waking up early for work.

adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

23. We played _____ in the park until it got too dark.

n. a popular children's game in which one player closes their eyes for a brief period of time while the other players hide

ANSWERS: 17. shiny, 18. default, 19. shrug, 20. rooftop, 21. owl, 22. accustomed, 23. hide-and-seek

24. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
25. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
- n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
26. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.
- v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
27. Children _____ in the park on a sunny day.
- v. to play and move around happily and energetically
28. The top three teams in this tournament _____ for the Olympics.
- v. to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege
29. She had many good _____ and few faults.
- n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
30. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
31. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 24. invite, 25. function, 26. strip, 27. frolicked, 28. qualify, 29. virtues, 30. refer, 31. defend

32. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
33. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.
adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
34. The electric _____ keeps me warm on cold nights.
n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
35. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.
v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
36. The community center seeks to _____ its programs and services to serve Indigenous peoples better.
v. to make something indigenous or native to a particular place or culture; to adapt or modify something to suit a particular cultural context or environment
37. The sky turned a beautiful orange hue at _____.
n. the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
38. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.
n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
39. The _____ system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.
n. a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances

ANSWERS: 32. Translate, 33. native, 34. blanket, 35. erase, 36. indigenize, 37. dusk, 38. Grid, 39. railway

40. The guitarist's fingers _____ the guitar strings, creating a unique sound.
v. to produce a sharp, ringing sound, usually by striking, plucking, or vibrating a stringed instrument or vocal cords; to speak or utter in a nasal, high-pitched voice
41. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.
n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
42. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside
43. My neighbor gave me some extra _____ from their own supply.
n. wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
44. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.
n. the child of your aunt or uncle
45. The teacher asked the students to write a _____ on the book they had just read.
n. the act of thinking deeply about something, or the ability to think deeply; the image of something that is seen in a mirror or other reflective surface
46. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
47. She is a _____ in the music industry.
n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete

ANSWERS: 40. twanged, 41. pride, 42. rural, 43. firewood, 44. cousins, 45. reflection, 46. struggle, 47. superstar

48. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
49. She wore a beautiful _____ for the beach party, reflecting her vibrant personality.
- n.* (also "kaftan") a loose-fitting, long, and flowing garment, typically made of lightweight fabric with wide sleeves, worn by both men and women, often associated with Middle Eastern or North African traditional dress
50. He sealed the letter with a _____ seal.
- n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large
51. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
52. The _____ are on the grassland and grazing.
- n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
53. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.
- v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
54. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 48. nation, 49. caftan, 50. wax, 51. belong, 52. cattle, 53. chopped, 54. decide

55. The pain in his _____ made it hard for him to walk.

n. the front part of the leg below the knee

56. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

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

57. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

58. I used a special _____ to make my car's paint shine.

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

59. Her noble _____ was calm and composed, even in danger.

n. the face or facial expression of a person

60. I love trying _____ foods from different cultures.

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

61. The _____ cost of the project was estimated to be around \$500,000.

adj. nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so

62. I'm going to _____ with my friends tonight at the pub.

v. to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (noun) a small drink of something

ANSWERS: 55. shin, 56. wealth, 57. degree, 58. polish, 59. visage, 60. exotic, 61. approximate, 62. sup

63. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
- n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
64. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
- n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
65. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.
- adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
66. The data he prepared was completely _____.
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
67. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
- n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
68. We will go to the VIP _____ at the airport till departure.
- n.* a waiting room as in a hotel or airport
69. We're throwing a big _____ to celebrate our anniversary.
- n.* an informal social gathering or party, often characterized by lively dancing, music, and entertainment

ANSWERS: 63. brand, 64. ridicule, 65. transgender, 66. sham, 67. transition, 68. lounge, 69. shindig

70. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.
- n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
71. The players are _____ during the national anthem.
- v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
72. I saw a _____ crawling across my bedroom floor, which gave me chills.
- n.* a long, many-legged arthropod of a group of species that are mostly nocturnal predators and typically feed on insects
73. Most babies can readily _____ a wide variety of foods.
- v.* to transform food into absorbable substances; break down
74. It was his first _____ love.
- adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
75. The athlete was _____ in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.
- adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
76. She dipped her hands in warm _____ for a luxurious hand treatment.
- n.* a waxy substance derived from petroleum or coal, often used in candles, wax coatings, or as a moisturizing treatment for the skin
77. The politician was accused of attempting to _____ his involvement in the controversial project.
- n.* a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events

ANSWERS: 70. villagers, 71. kneeling, 72. centipede, 73. digest, 74. romantic, 75. clad, 76. paraffin, 77. whitewash

78. The broken vase was just an _____ expense.

adj. happening or likely to happen in the course of events, without being planned or intended; minor or peripheral

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

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

80. She left an _____ mark on our country's literature.

adj. cannot be removed, erased, or forgot

81. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

82. Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful _____.

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

ANSWERS: 78. incidental, 79. denying, 80. indelible, 81. branch, 82. settlement