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Session 1: Word List

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

squad

n. a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team

synonym: team, unit, group

(1) a bomb-disposal **squad**, (2) anti-riot **squad**

The police department assembled a special **squad** to handle the situation.

scare

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

synonym: frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

indifference

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

synonym: apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**
I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

monstrous

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

synonym: grotesque, huge, deformed

(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior
The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small boat.

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.

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.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a

star

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym: penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

snub

v. to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting

synonym: ignore, reject, slight

(1) **snub** a request, (2) **snub** a celebrity

He decided to **snub** his former friend after a major disagreement.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym : decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym : merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym : offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

manslaughter

n. the killing of a person by another person, but without the intent to cause death, often resulting from reckless or negligent behavior or actions

synonym : unintentional homicide, accidental killing

(1) **manslaughter** charge, (2) involuntary **manslaughter**

The lawyer argued that his client's actions didn't constitute murder but were a case of **manslaughter** due to lack of intent.

conviction

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

synonym : belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder

She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

forensic

adj. relating to the use of scientific methods and techniques to investigate and solve crimes or legal disputes; pertaining to or involved in legal or criminal proceedings; using scientific evidence to support a claim or argument in a court of law or other formal settings

synonym: legal, juridical, judicial

(1) find **forensic** evidence, (2) **forensic** team

Forensic scientists analyzed the DNA evidence to solve the crime.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

eyewitness

n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened

synonym: observer, spectator, witness

(1) a memory of an **eyewitness**, (2) **eyewitness** report

The **eyewitness** testimony was crucial in solving the case.

testimony

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

synonym: affirmant, evidence, proof

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

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

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym: dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

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.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

overturn

v. to turn something upside down; to upset

synonym: flip over, upset, topple

(1) **overturn** a decision, (2) **overturn** a table

The court **overturned** the original verdict.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym: charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

unrelated

adj. having no connection; not belonging to the kinship

synonym : irrelevant, unconnected, independent

(1) statistically **unrelated**, (2) an **unrelated** position

Excuse me if my question is **unrelated** to the topic.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym : depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym : robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh

three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym: assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

bail

n. the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court

(1) accept **bail**, (2) he was released on **bail**

The judge set **bail** at \$20,000.

plea

n. an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

synonym: petition, appeal, entreaty

(1) **plea** bargaining, (2) emotional **plea**

The defendant entered a **plea** of not guilty during his trial.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university

or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym : event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym : originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

judicial

adj. of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

synonym : legal, juridical, judicatory

(1) **judicial** review, (2) **judicial** police

The **judicial** system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

bogey

n. a spectral or mythological being, often portrayed as a malevolent or mischievous spirit; an undesirable or unpleasant object or entity, often used in a children's game where the object is to avoid it; (of golf) a score of one over par for a given hole

synonym : specter, apparition

(1) **bogey** man, (2) double **bogey**

Her main academic **bogey** was mathematics, and she had difficulty understanding abstract concepts.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

synonym: excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

uncommon

adj. not occurring or seen very often; rare

synonym: rare, scarce, unusual

(1) **uncommon** occurrence, (2) **uncommon** talents

It was **uncommon** for the store to have such a big sale.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym: base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life
He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

inmate

n. a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility

synonym: prisoner, convict, detainee

(1) **inmate** population, (2) **inmate** rights

The prison implemented a new educational program for **inmates** to learn skills and prepare for life after release.

maintain

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

synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain

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

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

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

promenade

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with

shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

synonym: stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

vent

n. a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion

synonym: duct, outlet, venthole

(1) volcanic **vent**, (2) **vent** tube

He gave **vent** to his anger by playing the guitar.

geek

n. a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed

synonym: nerd, dork, enthusiast

(1) airplane **geek**, (2) **geek** enthusiast

He was a computer **geek** and spent all his free time coding.

sophomore

n. a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field

synonym: second-year student, junior, apprentice

(1) **sophomore** in high school, (2) **sophomore** slump

The university student was now a **sophomore**, having completed their first year of studies.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym: insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

frame

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

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

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

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

prop

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

synonym: support, buttress, column

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

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

lofty

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

synonym: high, elevated, grand

(1) a **lofty** peak, (2) **lofty** ambitions

His **lofty** goals were admirable but unrealistic.

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held

synonym: law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym: air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

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.

municipal

adj. of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town

synonym: civic, city, urban

(1) **municipal** bond, (2) the **municipal** authorities

The **municipal** government is responsible for maintaining the roads and public transportation in the city.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

troupe

n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production

synonym: company, ensemble, group

(1) **troupe** rehearsal, (2) circus **troupe**

The theater **troupe** is performing Hamlet this weekend.

choreograph

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

hood

n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

synonym : hoodie, cowl, cloak

(1) **hood** ornament, (2) a silk **hood**

He pulled his waterproof **hood** up to protect himself from the rain.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

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.

thug

n. a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang

synonym: gangster, hooligan, criminal

(1) local **thug**, (2) notorious **thug**

The police arrested the **thug** who robbed the convenience store.

gang

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

synonym: crew, posse, group

(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member

The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

folk

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

synonym: community, family, person

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

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

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.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

synagogue

n. a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices

synonym: temple, shul, tabernacle

(1) reconstructed **synagogue**, (2) historical **synagogue**

We attended services at the local **synagogue** during the High Holidays.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

congregate

v. to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area

synonym: assemble, converge, gather

(1) **congregate** at the park, (2) **congregate** in a mosque

The protesters plan to **congregate** in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.

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.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym: disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

hunt

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

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

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

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

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

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.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym: instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

congregation

n. a group of people assembled, typically in a church or synagogue, for religious worship or other communal purposes; a gathering or collection of people or things in a specific location or context

synonym: assembly, gathering, collection

(1) speak before a **congregation**, (2) religious **congregation**

The church's youth group organized a retreat for the whole **congregation**.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym: amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

pronoun

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**

In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

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**.

legislator

n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

synonym: lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent **legislator**

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym: culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

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.

label

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

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

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

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

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym : uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

harsh

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

synonym : brutal, severe, backbreaking

(1) **harsh** climate, (2) use of **harsh** chemicals

The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym : act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

allocate

v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

synonym : apportion, assign, distribute

(1) **allocate** resource, (2) **allocate** budgets

The company **allocated** a portion of its profits to developing new products.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

committed

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

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

swift

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

synonym : quick, speedy, brisk

(1) take **swift** action, (2) a **swift** current of a river

Her voice was **swift**, yet even the last words fell lingeringly.

retribution

n. punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing

synonym : punishment, revenge, recompense

(1) divine **retribution**, (2) seek **retribution**

He faced **retribution** for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.

culprit

n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : criminal, felon, fugitive

(1) the **culprit** of global warming, (2) the arrest of the **culprit**

They finally found the **culprit** of the bug after a long time.

adequate

adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

synonym : enough, acceptable, able

(1) **adequate** parking facilities, (2) provide **adequate** funding

This argument is still not **adequate**.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym : behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

thorough

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

synonym: complete, comprehensive, meticulous

(1) **thorough** investigation, (2) provide **thorough** analysis

A **thorough** brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

investigation

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

synonym: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an **investigation**

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym: rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

scrutiny

n. careful and detailed examination

synonym: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) additional **scrutiny**, (2) public **scrutiny**

All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous **scrutiny**.

prosecutor

n. a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government

synonym: district attorney, state attorney

(1) a public **prosecutor**, (2) deputy **prosecutor**

The **prosecutor's** opening statement set the tone for the entire trial.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

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

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

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

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.

defendant

n. a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law

synonym: accused, prisoner, litigant

(1) **defendant** in court, (2) the **defendant's** testimony

The **defendant's** lawyer argued that his client was not responsible for the crime.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym: freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

blindfold

n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

symbolize

v. to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something

synonym: represent, signify, emblemize

(1) **symbolize** hope, (2) **symbolize** freedom

In many cultures, the color white **symbolizes** purity and innocence.

balance

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

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

represent

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

synonym : depict, express, describe

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

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

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym : designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

caseload

n. the number of cases or clients that a particular professional or organization is responsible for managing or dealing with, particularly in the legal or medical field

synonym : workload, throughput, casework

(1) heavy **caseload**, (2) **caseload** capacity

The lawyer was overwhelmed with her **caseload** of difficult cases.

outnumber

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

synonym: surpass, exceed

(1) **outnumber** our opponents, (2) **outnumber** males

The number of tourists in the city now **outnumbers** the locals.

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.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym: advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

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.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or

objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. additional sc____ny | <i>n.</i> careful and detailed examination |
| 2. environmental det____nt | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 3. development of the ne____s system | <i>adj.</i> worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves |
| 4. lo__y ambitions | <i>adj.</i> elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language |
| 5. de___e a question | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 6. a scholarship ass____on | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 7. de___e on a course of action | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 8. be___g to different species | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 9. co____om trial | <i>n.</i> a room in which a court of law is held |
| 10. co___t mistakes | <i>v.</i> to do something illegal or wrong |

ANSWERS: 1. scrutiny, 2. determinant, 3. nervous, 4. lofty, 5. decide, 6. association, 7. decide, 8. belong, 9. courtroom, 10. commit

11. reconstructed sy_____ue *n.* a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
12. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
13. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
14. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
15. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
16. p__a bargaining *n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication
17. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
18. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
19. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
20. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 11. synagogue, 12. immediately, 13. prosecute, 14. educate, 15. represent, 16. plea, 17. judge, 18. confuse, 19. immediately, 20. accord

21. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
22. improved student ou____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
23. find fo____ic evidence *adj.* relating to the use of scientific methods and techniques to investigate and solve crimes or legal disputes; pertaining to or involved in legal or criminal proceedings; using scientific evidence to support a claim or argument in a court of law or other formal settings
24. moral con_____on *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
25. evening pr_____de *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
26. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
27. pr_____n usage *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

ANSWERS: 21. violent, 22. outcome, 23. forensic, 24. conviction, 25. promenade, 26. frame, 27. pronoun

28. bl_____ld game *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
29. pun_____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
30. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
31. sy_____ze hope *v.* to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something
32. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *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
33. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
34. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
35. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

ANSWERS: 28. blindfold, 29. punishment, 30. initially, 31. symbolize, 32. assume, 33. innocent, 34. commit, 35. foundation

36. ep_____e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
37. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
38. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
39. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
40. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
41. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
42. a memory of an eye_____ss *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
43. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
44. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
45. seek ret_____on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
46. man_____ter charge *n.* the killing of a person by another person, but without the intent to cause death, often resulting from reckless or negligent behavior or actions

ANSWERS: 36. episode, 37. enormous, 38. incarcerate, 39. government, 40. nervous, 41. legislation, 42. eyewitness, 43. roughly, 44. conduct, 45. retribution, 46. manslaughter

47. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
48. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
49. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
50. ov_____rn a decision *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
51. g__k enthusiast *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
52. a leg_____or appointed by the party *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
53. ap_____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
54. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
55. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 47. defend, 48. recommend, 49. AI, 50. overturn, 51. geek, 52. legislator, 53. appoint, 54. label, 55. threaten

56. divine ret_____on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
57. cho_____ph a stage performance *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
58. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
59. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
60. ca_____ad capacity *n.* the number of cases or clients that a particular professional or organization is responsible for managing or dealing with, particularly in the legal or medical field
61. con_____te in a mosque *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
62. so_____re slump *n.* a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field
63. ar_____t the thief *v.* to take into custody
64. ju_____al police *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
65. ap_____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

ANSWERS: 56. retribution, 57. choreograph, 58. threaten, 59. maintain, 60. caseload, 61. congregate, 62. sophomore, 63. arrest, 64. judicial, 65. appoint

66. a preliminary inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
67. dis_____ely affected *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
68. co_____om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
69. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
70. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
71. provide ad_____te funding *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
72. con_____te at the park *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
73. the de_____nt's testimony *n.* a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law
74. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
75. antiriot sq__d *n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team

ANSWERS: 66. investigation, 67. disproportionately, 68. courtroom, 69. puzzle, 70. district, 71. adequate, 72. congregate, 73. defendant, 74. gang, 75. squad

76. an un_____ed position *adj.* having no connection; not belonging to the kinship
77. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
78. em____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
79. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
80. pr_____e innocence *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
81. fo_____ic team *adj.* relating to the use of scientific methods and techniques to investigate and solve crimes or legal disputes; pertaining to or involved in legal or criminal proceedings; using scientific evidence to support a claim or argument in a court of law or other formal settings
82. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

ANSWERS: 76. unrelated, 77. process, 78. employ, 79. label, 80. presume, 81. forensic, 82. scare

83. asset on the company's ba____e sheet
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
84. possessive pr____n
n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
85. Je____h culture
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
86. al____te budgets
v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
87. gov____nt bureaucracy
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
88. h__t a job
v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
89. the t_p of a paintbrush
n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
90. as____e an important role
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
91. p__p stick
n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 83. balance, 84. pronoun, 85. Jewish, 86. allocate, 87. government, 88. hunt, 89. tip, 90. assume, 91. prop

92. apply AI technology to art
n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
93. em___y a new method
v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
94. co_____al swimming pool
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
95. critical m___s
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
96. pr_____e analyses
adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited
97. economic th___t
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
98. feel a bit gu___y
adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
99. co_____t in a jail
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
100. be in j___l
n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

ANSWERS: 92. AI, 93. employ, 94. communal, 95. mass, 96. precise, 97. threat, 98. guilty, 99. convict, 100. jail

101. co____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
102. co____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
103. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
104. al____te resource *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
105. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
106. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
107. re____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
108. es____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
109. di____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

ANSWERS: 101. conclude, 102. convict, 103. sect, 104. allocate, 105. sect, 106. stick, 107. reliable, 108. estimate, 109. dismiss

110. st___t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
111. eye_____ss report *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
112. ed_____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
113. circus tr___e *n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
114. volcanic v__t *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
115. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
116. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
117. bl_____ld challenge *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

ANSWERS: 110. strict, 111. eyewitness, 112. educate, 113. troupe, 114. vent, 115. grade, 116. determinant, 117. blindfold

118. mu_____al bond *adj.* of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town
119. s__b a celebrity *v.* to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting
120. li_____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
121. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
122. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
123. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
124. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
125. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
126. hold your br___h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

ANSWERS: 118. municipal, 119. snub, 120. liberty, 121. weigh, 122. tuck, 123. conduct, 124. obvious, 125. strict, 126. breath

127. es____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
128. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
129. in____e rights *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
130. un____d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
131. give his te____ny *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
132. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
133. involuntary man____ter *n.* the killing of a person by another person, but without the intent to cause death, often resulting from reckless or negligent behavior or actions
134. sc__e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
135. humiliating pun____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 127. estimate, 128. planet, 129. inmate, 130. unfold, 131. testimony, 132. frame, 133. manslaughter, 134. scare, 135. punishment

136. a silk h__d *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
137. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
138. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
139. a sw__t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
140. ar___t the progress *v.* to take into custody
141. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
142. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
143. gu___y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
144. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
145. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
146. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 136. hood, 137. bond, 138. unfortunately, 139. swift, 140. arrest, 141. weigh, 142. statistics, 143. guilty, 144. crucial, 145. folk, 146. process

147. br___h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
148. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
149. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
150. provide th____gh analysis *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
151. incumbent leg____or *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
152. mass inc_____ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
153. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
154. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
155. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
156. certain ex___t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
157. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
158. wanted cr____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
159. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

ANSWERS: 147. breath, 148. nation, 149. gang, 150. thorough, 151. legislator, 152. incarceration, 153. extent, 154. accord, 155. enormous, 156. extent, 157. basis, 158. criminal, 159. graduate

160. airplane g__k *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
161. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
162. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
163. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
164. th_____gh investigation *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
165. midst of ch__s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
166. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
167. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
168. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
169. double bo__y *n.* a spectral or mythological being, often portrayed as a malevolent or mischievous spirit; an undesirable or unpleasant object or entity, often used in a children's game where the object is to avoid it; (of golf) a score of one over par for a given hole

ANSWERS: 160. geek, 161. represent, 162. conclude, 163. precise, 164. thorough, 165. chaos, 166. basis, 167. encouraging, 168. recommend, 169. bogey

170. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
171. the arrest of the cu____t *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
172. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
173. historical sy_____ue *n.* a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
174. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
175. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
176. mo_____us behavior *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
177. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
178. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
179. mathematical pu____e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 170. tip, 171. culprit, 172. responsible, 173. synagogue, 174. crucial, 175. district, 176. monstrous, 177. critic, 178. planet, 179. puzzle

180. in___e population *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
181. de_____nt in court *n.* a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law
182. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
183. ha__h climate *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
184. so_____re in high school *n.* a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field
185. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
186. personal li____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
187. end of the first ep_____e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
188. sy_____ze freedom *v.* to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something
189. the scope of an inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

ANSWERS: 180. inmate, 181. defendant, 182. critic, 183. harsh, 184. sophomore, 185. unfortunately, 186. liberty, 187. episode, 188. symbolize, 189. investigation

190. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
191. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
192. anti-terrorist leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
193. religious con_____ion *n.* a group of people assembled, typically in a church or synagogue, for religious worship or other communal purposes; a gathering or collection of people or things in a specific location or context
194. heavy ca_____ad *n.* the number of cases or clients that a particular professional or organization is responsible for managing or dealing with, particularly in the legal or medical field
195. accept b___l *n.* the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court
196. ou_____er males *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
197. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
198. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

ANSWERS: 190. reliable, 191. criminal, 192. legislation, 193. congregation, 194. caseload, 195. bail, 196. outnumber, 197. stick, 198. dismiss

199. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
200. ov_____rn a table *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
201. public sc_____ny *n.* careful and detailed examination
202. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
203. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
204. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
205. un_____on occurrence *adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare
206. 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
207. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
208. ch__s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
209. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 199. incarceration, 200. overturn, 201. scrutiny, 202. prop, 203. initially, 204. tuck, 205. uncommon, 206. belong, 207. committed, 208. chaos, 209. politician

210. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
211. a mo_____us iceberg *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
212. local t__g *n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
213. a bomb-disposal sq__d *n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
214. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
215. ou_____er our opponents *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
216. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
217. dis_____ely high *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
218. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
219. the mu_____al authorities *adj.* of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town

ANSWERS: 210. judge, 211. monstrous, 212. thug, 213. squad, 214. roughly, 215. outnumber, 216. encouraging, 217. disproportionately, 218. mass, 219. municipal

220. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
221. pr_____te criminal *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
222. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
223. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
224. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
225. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
226. ju_____al review *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
227. v__t tube *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
228. take sw__t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
229. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

ANSWERS: 220. defend, 221. prosecute, 222. folk, 223. jail, 224. council, 225. council, 226. judicial, 227. vent, 228. swift, 229. indifference

230. con_____on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
231. s__b a request *v.* to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting
232. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
233. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
234. ad_____te parking facilities *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
235. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
236. he was released on b__l *n.* the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court
237. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
238. un___d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 230. conviction, 231. snub, 232. property, 233. incarcerate, 234. adequate, 235. balance, 236. bail, 237. obvious, 238. unfold

239. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
240. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
241. use of ha__h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
242. 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
243. h__d ornament *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
244. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
245. tr___e rehearsal *n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
246. speak before a con_____ion *n.* a group of people assembled, typically in a church or synagogue, for religious worship or other communal purposes; a gathering or collection of people or things in a specific location or context

ANSWERS: 239. threat, 240. innocent, 241. harsh, 242. association, 243. hood, 244. foundation, 245. troupe, 246. congregation

247. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
248. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
249. te_____ny before Congress *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
250. deputy pro_____or *n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
251. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
252. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
253. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
254. the cu_____t of global warming *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
255. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
256. bo__y man *n.* a spectral or mythological being, often portrayed as a malevolent or mischievous spirit; an undesirable or unpleasant object or entity, often used in a children's game where the object is to avoid it; (of golf) a score of one over par for a given hole

ANSWERS: 247. maintain, 248. responsible, 249. testimony, 250. prosecutor, 251. elect, 252. confuse, 253. elect, 254. culprit, 255. violent, 256. bogey

257. pr_____de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
258. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
259. emotional p__a *n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication
260. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
261. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
262. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
263. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
264. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
265. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
266. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 257. promenade, 258. hunt, 259. plea, 260. communal, 261. nation, 262. committed, 263. politician, 264. grade, 265. outcome, 266. statistics

267. a lo__y peak *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
268. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
269. statistically un_____ed *adj.* having no connection; not belonging to the kinship
270. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
271. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
272. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
273. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
274. notorious t__g *n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
275. a public pro_____or *n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
276. pr_____e on his tolerance *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

ANSWERS: 267. lofty, 268. Jewish, 269. unrelated, 270. bond, 271. graduate, 272. corruption, 273. property, 274. thug, 275. prosecutor, 276. presume

277. un_____on talents *adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare
278. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
279. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
280. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
281. exquisitely cho_____phed *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
282. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

ANSWERS: 277. uncommon, 278. indifference, 279. deserve, 280. corruption, 281. choreograph, 282. deserve

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.
n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

2. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.
n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

3. The judge set _____ at \$20,000.
n. the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court

4. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

5. Corporate executives and _____ are still overwhelmingly men.
n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

6. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. extent, 2. breath, 3. bail, 4. process, 5. legislators, 6. district, 7. assumes

8. 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
9. 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
10. My husband was found _____ of any crime.
- adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
11. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
- n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
12. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.
- adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
13. Witness _____ backed up the defendant's claims.
- n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
14. The content is _____ and informative for me.
- adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
15. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.
- adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
16. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.
- n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

ANSWERS: 8. belong, 9. association, 10. innocent, 11. grade, 12. encouraging, 13. testimony, 14. precise, 15. nervous, 16. investigation

17. The defendant entered a _____ of not guilty during his trial.
n. an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication
18. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
19. His _____ goals were admirable but unrealistic.
adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
20. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
21. The _____ opening statement set the tone for the entire trial.
n. a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
22. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
n. a thing or things that belong to someone
23. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
24. We _____ a cease-fire.
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 17. plea, 18. council, 19. lofty, 20. employ, 21. prosecutor's, 22. property, 23. label, 24. concluded

25. 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.
26. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
- v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
27. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
28. The _____ testimony was crucial in solving the case.
- n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
29. He had _____ the dance in this play himself.
- v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
30. I _____ you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.
- v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
31. A _____ brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.
- adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate
32. The police arrested the _____ who robbed the convenience store.
- n. a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang

ANSWERS: 25. defend, 26. hunt, 27. sect, 28. eyewitness, 29. choreographed, 30. presume, 31. thorough, 32. thug

33. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
34. We attended services at the local _____ during the High Holidays.
n. a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
35. The _____ system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.
adj. of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
36. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
n. a person who has committed a crime
37. They finally found the _____ of the bug after a long time.
n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
38. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.
n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
39. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.
v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
40. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
41. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.
adv. at the beginning; at first

ANSWERS: 33. folk, 34. synagogue, 35. judicial, 36. criminal, 37. culprit, 38. jail, 39. tuck, 40. estimated, 41. initially

42. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
43. He faced _____ for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.
n. punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
44. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.
adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
45. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
46. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
47. The attorney decided to _____ the suspect for stealing from the store.
v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
48. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.
n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
49. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.
v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

ANSWERS: 42. government, 43. retribution, 44. guilty, 45. unfolded, 46. planet, 47. prosecute, 48. corruption, 49. dismiss

50. I tried to assume an air of _____.

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

51. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

52. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

53. The police department assembled a special _____ to handle the situation.

n. a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team

54. 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

55. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

56. The giant wave was _____ and destroyed the small boat.

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

57. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

58. The rich can often _____ benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

ANSWERS: 50. indifference, 51. reliable, 52. confused, 53. squad, 54. nation, 55. determinant, 56. monstrous, 57. conduct, 58. disproportionately

59. The theater _____ is performing Hamlet this weekend.

- n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production

60. The doctor administered a _____ test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

- n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

61. They had formed a friendship _____.

- n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

62. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.

- v.* to take into custody

63. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.

- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

64. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

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

65. The number of tourists in the city now _____ the locals.

- v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

ANSWERS: 59. troupe, 60. blindfold, 61. bond, 62. arrest, 63. tips, 64. frame, 65. outnumber

66. He was a computer _____ and spent all his free time coding.
- n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
67. Her main academic _____ was mathematics, and she had difficulty understanding abstract concepts.
- n.* a spectral or mythological being, often portrayed as a malevolent or mischievous spirit; an undesirable or unpleasant object or entity, often used in a children's game where the object is to avoid it; (of golf) a score of one over par for a given hole
68. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
69. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
- v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
70. The church's youth group organized a retreat for the whole _____.
- n.* a group of people assembled, typically in a church or synagogue, for religious worship or other communal purposes; a gathering or collection of people or things in a specific location or context
71. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
- adv.* now or without delay
72. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
- n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 66. geek, 67. bogey, 68. maintain, 69. convicted, 70. congregation, 71. immediately, 72. judge

73. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.
n. the state of being confined in prison or jail
74. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
75. The eyewitness took the stand in the _____ and gave testimony crucial to the case.
n. a room in which a court of law is held
76. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.
v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
77. The company _____ a portion of its profits to developing new products.
v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
78. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.
n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
79. 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
80. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 73. incarceration, 74. strict, 75. courtroom, 76. scare, 77. allocated, 78. foundation, 79. decide, 80. puzzle

81. The protesters plan to _____ in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.
- v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
82. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.
- adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
83. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.
- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
84. The prison implemented a new educational program for _____ to learn skills and prepare for life after release.
- n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
85. The lawyer was overwhelmed with her _____ of difficult cases.
- n.* the number of cases or clients that a particular professional or organization is responsible for managing or dealing with, particularly in the legal or medical field
86. 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.
87. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 81. congregate, 82. harsh, 83. basis, 84. inmates, 85. caseload, 86. politician, 87. stick

88. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

89. This argument is still not _____.

adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

90. The _____ lawyer argued that his client was not responsible for the crime.

n. a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law

91. He decided to ____ his former friend after a major disagreement.

v. to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting

92. He gave ____ to his anger by playing the guitar.

n. a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion

93. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

94. It was _____ for the store to have such a big sale.

adj. not occurring or seen very often; rare

95. The court _____ the original verdict.

v. to turn something upside down; to upset

ANSWERS: 88. Communal, 89. adequate, 90. defendant's, 91. snub, 92. vent, 93. liberty, 94. uncommon, 95. overturned

96. _____ scientists analyzed the DNA evidence to solve the crime.
adj. relating to the use of scientific methods and techniques to investigate and solve crimes or legal disputes; pertaining to or involved in legal or criminal proceedings; using scientific evidence to support a claim or argument in a court of law or other formal settings
97. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
adj. extremely vital or necessary
98. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
99. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
100. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
101. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
102. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.
n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
103. He pulled his waterproof _____ up to protect himself from the rain.
n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

ANSWERS: 96. Forensic, 97. crucial, 98. roughly, 99. mass, 100. obvious, 101. deserved, 102. episode, 103. hood

104. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
105. In English, personal _____ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.
- n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
106. The street _____ was known for its violent behavior.
- n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
107. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
- adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
108. The _____ government is responsible for maintaining the roads and public transportation in the city.
- adj.* of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town
109. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
- v.* to do something illegal or wrong
110. Excuse me if my question is _____ to the topic.
- adj.* having no connection; not belonging to the kinship
111. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.
- n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 104. threat, 105. pronouns, 106. gang, 107. committed, 108. municipal, 109. committed, 110. unrelated, 111. punishment

112. She spoke with _____ about the importance of education.

- n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

113. The university student was now a _____ having completed their first year of studies.

- n.* a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field

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

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

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

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

116. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.

- n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

117. He was _____ for the duration of the war.

- v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

118. We have finally lost our last _____.

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

ANSWERS: 112. conviction, 113. sophomore, 114. responsible, 115. represent, 116. chaos, 117. incarcerated, 118. prop

119. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

- v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

120. Her voice was _____ yet even the last words fell lingeringly.

- adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

121. The organization finally signed a peace _____.

- n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
- (verb) allow to have

122. In many cultures, the color white _____ purity and innocence.

- v. to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something

123. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

124. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

- adj. extremely large or great

125. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.

- v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

126. We _____ taking media training every six months.

- v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

ANSWERS: 119. weighs, 120. swift, 121. accord, 122. symbolizes, 123. critics, 124. enormous, 125. educate, 126. recommend

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

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

128. The lawyer argued that his client's actions didn't constitute murder but were a case of _____ due to lack of intent.

n. the killing of a person by another person, but without the intent to cause death, often resulting from reckless or negligent behavior or actions

129. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

130. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

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

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

132. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

133. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

134. The court _____ a guardian for the child.

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

ANSWERS: 127. violent, 128. manslaughter, 129. statistics, 130. unfortunately, 131. balance, 132. threatening, 133. legislation, 134. appointed

135. All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous _____.

n. careful and detailed examination

136. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful _____ for tourists and locals alike.

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

137. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

138. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

139. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

140. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of ____.

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

141. 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

ANSWERS: 135. scrutiny, 136. promenade, 137. Jewish, 138. graduate, 139. outcome, 140. AI, 141. elected