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Session 1: Word List

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym : ferocious, convulsive, forceful

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

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

warrior

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

synonym : fighter, soldier, combatant

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

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

dwelling

n. a house or place that someone is living in

synonym : habitat, residence, home

(1) blood- **dwelling** parasitic animal, (2) the **dwelling** place of demons

They found a new species of water- **dwelling** insect.

striking

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

synonym : arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence

The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

mighty

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

synonym : potent, powerful, robust

(1) **mighty** works, (2) struck a **mighty** blow

Only the **mighty** God has the power to brighten this dark land.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

antiquity

n. the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization

synonym : ancientness, oldness, hoariness

(1) remote **antiquity**, (2) unrecorded **antiquity**

The study of **antiquity** is important for understanding the history, culture, and civilization of the past and their influence on the present.

exploit

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

synonym : use, abuse, control

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

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

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym : narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with

him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

epic

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

synonym: legendary, mythical, classical

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

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

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym: versifier, rhymmer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

legendary

adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

synonym: mythical, fabled, storied

(1) **legendary** actor, (2) achieve a **legendary** status

The **legendary** stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing

against something solid or rigid

synonym : coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

arrow

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

synonym : shaft, dart, projectile

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

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

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym : daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

champion

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

synonym : victor, winner, fighter

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

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

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

courage

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

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

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

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

decor

n. the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic

synonym: ornamentation, embellishment, adornment

(1) tropical **decor**, (2) **decor** styles

The **decor** of the restaurant gave it a cozy and inviting feel.

statue

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

synonym: sculpture, figurine, monument

(1) a beautiful **statue**, (2) the ancient Egyptian **statues**

The **statue** of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

adorn

v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

synonym: decorate, beautify, embellish

(1) **adorn** a bride, (2) **adorn** the table with flowers

The architect **adorned** the interior with great artworks and frescoes.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

vase

n. a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects

synonym: urn, jug, pot

(1) a ceramic **vase**, (2) **vase** pottery

The exquisite **vase** was filled with a bouquet of flowers.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

desirable

adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

synonym: appealing, attractive, advisable

(1) **desirable** effect, (2) **desirable** result

The beachfront property had a **desirable** location with stunning ocean views.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable

to prevent it.

hero

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

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

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

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

mere

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

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

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.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

cyclops

n. in mythology, a giant mythical creature with a single eye in the middle of its forehead; a person or thing that has only one eye or a single central focus point

synonym: one-eyed giant, monster

(1) the lighthouse, a **cyclops** of the sea, (2) mythical **cyclops**

The artist's sculpture was a modern take on the ancient **cyclops** myth.

centaur

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

synonym : half-human, half-horse

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

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

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

platonic

adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

synonym : nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love

His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

locate

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

synonym: discover, find, place

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

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

homeland

n. a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs

synonym: motherland, native country, fatherland

(1) beloved **homeland**, (2) **homeland** pride

I miss my **homeland** and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

immense

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : enormous, giant, huge

(1) **immense** amount, (2) **immense** pressure

He left his wife an **immense** fortune.

nomadic

adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

synonym : mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym : family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

archery

n. the sport or practice of using a bow and arrows to shoot at a target

synonym : bow and arrow, marksmanship

(1) practice **archery**, (2) **archery** equipment

The **archery** tournament attracted contestants from all over the country.

warfare

n. the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

synonym : combat, fighting, conflict

(1) **warfare** aircraft, (2) spiritual **warfare**

The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern **warfare** tactics.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

synonym : hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

bow

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

synonym : bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave

She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.

mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

synonym: climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

archer

n. a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

synonym: Bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

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.

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.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

restricted

adj. limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.

synonym: limited, determinate, fixed

(1) **restricted** area, (2) lactose **restricted** diet

The country has designated our products as **restricted** import goods.

indoor

adj. located, happened, or used inside a building

(1) an **indoor** pool, (2) designed for **indoor** use

Table tennis is an **indoor** sport.

exaggerate

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

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

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

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

rumor

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

portrayal

n. a representation or depiction of someone or something, especially in art, literature, or drama

synonym: depiction, representation, characterization

(1) **portrayal** representation, (2) accurate **portrayal**

Critics praised her **portrayal** of the character.

realistic

adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

synonym : practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a **realistic** goal, (2) a **realistic** goal

That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym : delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

wield

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

synonym : exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence

They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

axis

n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

synonym : central, core, pole

(1) vertical **axis**, (2) a coordinate **axis**

The earth's **axis** of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

trousers

n. a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

synonym : pants, slacks, jeans

(1) work **trousers**, (2) denim **trousers**

He wore black **trousers** and a white shirt to the job interview.

characteristic

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

synonym : feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

nomad

n. a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode

synonym: wanderer, traveler, rover

(1) **nomad** worker, (2) **nomad** culture

The **nomad** tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

ample

adj. enough or more than enough; having plenty of something

synonym: plentiful, rich, sufficient

(1) **ample** opportunities, (2) **ample** evidence

We have **ample** time to finish the project before the deadline.

burial

n. the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave

synonym: interment, funeral, entombment

(1) **burial** at sea, (2) a round **burial** mound

The **burial** ceremony was a somber reminder of his passing.

mound

n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

synonym: hill, knoll, rise

(1) **mound** of dirt, (2) burial **mound**

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

excavate

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

synonym : dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

skeleton

n. the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

synonym : bones, frame, structure

(1) the steel **skeleton** of a building, (2) **skeleton** hand

Scientists studied the ancient **skeleton** to learn more about the creature's anatomy.

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.

modern

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

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym : explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our

mistake.

rev *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym : revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

bury *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym : entomb, sink, forget
(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion
There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

injury *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
synonym : wound, damage, hurt
(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**
My accidental **injury** got better right away.

rib *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
synonym : costa
(1) brake a **rib**, (2) **rib** cage
The accident caused a cracked **rib**.

slash *v.* to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement
synonym : cut, gash
(1) **slash** a person with a knife, (2) price **slash**
The government had to **slash** national defense spending due to the recession.

skull

n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

synonym : cranium, scalp, brain

(1) **skull** fracture, (2) have a thick **skull**

Archaeologists found a Neanderthal **skull** at that historic site.

bash

v. to strike or hit hard, often with a blunt object or a fist; to criticize harshly or with force; to hold a social gathering or party, often involving loud music or revelry; (noun) a lively, informal party or gathering, often characterized by loud music, dancing, and socializing

synonym : strike, hit, pound

(1) **bash** the door, (2) beach **bash**

I accidentally **bashed** my elbow on the door frame while walking through.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym : ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

fearsome

adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable

synonym : terrifying, alarming, intimidating

(1) **fearsome** creature, (2) **fearsome** reputation

The dragon's **fearsome** roar echoed through the valley.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym : depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym : courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

glory

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

synonym : acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**

It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

arouse

v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

synonym : excite, stimulate, stir

(1) **arouse** desire, (2) **arouse** suspicion

The rousing speech by the politician **aroused** the audience to action.

egalitarian

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

synonym : equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

realm

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

synonym: domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym: canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

companion

n. a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel

synonym: affiliate, fellow, mate

(1) a working **companion**, (2) drinking **companions**

Her dog is her excellent **companion**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. designed for in___r use | <i>adj.</i> located, happened, or used inside a building |
| 2. po_____al representation | <i>n.</i> a representation or depiction of someone or something, especially in art, literature, or drama |
| 3. be___g to a group | <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 |
| 4. b__y emotion | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 5. im_____ry number | <i>adj.</i> existing only in someone's mind |
| 6. the grand ch_____on | <i>n.</i> someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief |
| 7. exa_____te story | <i>v.</i> to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is |
| 8. a p__t of sorts | <i>n.</i> a person who writes poetry |
| 9. achieve the hi_____ic feat | <i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so |
| 10. tropical de__r | <i>n.</i> the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic |
| 11. v__t desert | <i>adj.</i> enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity |

ANSWERS: 1. indoor, 2. portrayal, 3. belong, 4. bury, 5. imaginary, 6. champion, 7. exaggerate, 8. poet, 9. historic, 10. decor, 11. vast

12. the ancient Egyptian st___es *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
13. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
14. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
15. the dw____ng place of demons *n.* a house or place that someone is living in
16. have a thick sk__l *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
17. wi__d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
18. stripes cha_____tic of the zebra *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
19. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
20. use of ha__h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
21. ar__w diagram *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
22. ar___r's bow *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

ANSWERS: 12. statue, 13. ancient, 14. rev, 15. dwelling, 16. skull, 17. wield, 18. characteristic, 19. poet, 20. harsh, 21. arrow, 22. archer

23. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
24. mi___y works *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
25. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
26. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
27. b_w and greet *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
28. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
29. vertical a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
30. wa_____r spirit *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
31. a ch_____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

ANSWERS: 23. shore, 24. mighty, 25. clue, 26. bury, 27. bow, 28. doll, 29. axis, 30. warrior, 31. champion

32. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
33. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
34. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
35. ad__n the table with flowers *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
36. a round bu___l mound *n.* the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave
37. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
38. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
39. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
40. ex_____te soil *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
41. pl_____ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
42. 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
43. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

ANSWERS: 32. brave, 33. territory, 34. myth, 35. adorn, 36. burial, 37. vast, 38. doom, 39. analyze, 40. excavate, 41. platonic, 42. assume, 43. dominate

44. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
45. remote an____ty *n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
46. st____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
47. sk__l fracture *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
48. exa____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
49. no__d culture *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
50. for____le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
51. do____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
52. beloved ho____nd *n.* a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
53. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
54. burial mo__d *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

ANSWERS: 44. hunt, 45. antiquity, 46. stretch, 47. skull, 48. exaggerate, 49. nomad, 50. formidable, 51. dominate, 52. homeland, 53. discovery, 54. mound

55. r_b cage *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
56. struck a mi___y blow *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
57. no__d worker *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
58. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
59. de_____le result *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
60. a sandy sh__e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
61. ega_____an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
62. ad__n a bride *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
63. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
64. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

ANSWERS: 55. rib, 56. mighty, 57. nomad, 58. doubt, 59. desirable, 60. shore, 61. egalitarian, 62. adorn, 63. exploit, 64. doom

65. ar____y equipment *n.* the sport or practice of using a bow and arrows to shoot at a target
66. sk____on hand *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
67. res____ed area *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
68. make a da____g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
69. am__e opportunities *adj.* enough or more than enough; having plenty of something
70. st____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
71. fl____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
72. mo__t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
73. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
74. a peaceful la____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 65. archery, 66. skeleton, 67. restricted, 68. daring, 69. ample, 70. stretch, 71. flourish, 72. mount, 73. doll, 74. landscape

75. a beautiful st___e *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
76. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
77. no____c life *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
78. ega_____an principles *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
79. ex_____te a deep hole *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
80. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
81. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
82. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
83. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
84. the steel sk_____on of a building *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

ANSWERS: 75. statue, 76. doubt, 77. nomadic, 78. egalitarian, 79. excavate, 80. locate, 81. portray, 82. hunt, 83. exploit, 84. skeleton

94. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
95. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
96. lactose res_____ed diet *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
97. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
98. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
99. a false ru__r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
100. without in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
101. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
102. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
103. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
104. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 94. temple, 95. archaeology, 96. restricted, 97. flourish, 98. depict, 99. rumor, 100. injury, 101. hero, 102. amaze, 103. modern, 104. feat

105. am__e evidence *adj.* enough or more than enough; having plenty of something
106. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
107. brake a r_b *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
108. ho_____nd pride *n.* a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
109. a fatal in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
110. practice ar_____y *n.* the sport or practice of using a bow and arrows to shoot at a target
111. armored wa_____r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
112. pl_____ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
113. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
114. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
115. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

ANSWERS: 105. ample, 106. representation, 107. rib, 108. homeland, 109. injury, 110. archery, 111. warrior, 112. platonic, 113. heroic, 114. writ, 115. epic

116. a working co_____on *n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
117. ar___e desire *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
118. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
119. b__h the door *v.* to strike or hit hard, often with a blunt object or a fist; to criticize harshly or with force; to hold a social gathering or party, often involving loud music or revelry; (noun) a lively, informal party or gathering, often characterized by loud music, dancing, and socializing
120. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
121. ce_____r imagery *n.* a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse
122. st_____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
123. accurate po_____al *n.* a representation or depiction of someone or something, especially in art, literature, or drama
124. de__r styles *n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic

ANSWERS: 116. companion, 117. arouse, 118. empire, 119. bash, 120. analyze, 121. centaur, 122. striking, 123. portrayal, 124. decor

125. mythical cy____s *n.* in mythology, a giant mythical creature with a single eye in the middle of its forehead; a person or thing that has only one eye or a single central focus point
126. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
127. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
128. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
129. fi___e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
130. fe_____me reputation *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
131. ce_____r costume *n.* a mythological creature with the upper body of a human and the lower body (including legs and tail) of a horse
132. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
133. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
134. a fi___e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
135. mountain tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

ANSWERS: 125. cyclops, 126. rev, 127. grand, 128. invention, 129. fierce, 130. fearsome, 131. centaur, 132. terrifying, 133. terrifying, 134. fierce, 135. tribe

136. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
137. 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
138. am___e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
139. re____t a conversation with him *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
140. da___g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
141. im____e amount *adj.* extremely large or great
142. mo__t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
143. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
144. im____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
145. ha__h climate *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
146. no____c herdsmen *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
147. wi__d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

ANSWERS: 136. ancestor, 137. assume, 138. amaze, 139. recount, 140. daring, 141. immense, 142. mount, 143. modern, 144. imaginary, 145. harsh, 146. nomadic, 147. wield

148. sl__h a person with a knife *v.* to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement
149. mo__d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
150. a coordinate a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
151. e__c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
152. ar__w pointing *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
153. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
154. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
155. ar___e suspicion *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
156. ru__r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

ANSWERS: 148. slash, 149. mound, 150. axis, 151. epic, 152. arrow, 153. courage, 154. hero, 155. arouse, 156. rumor

157. denim tr____rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
158. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
159. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
160. re_____t the adventure *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
161. price sl__h *v.* to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement
162. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
163. a ceramic v__e *n.* a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects
164. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
165. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
166. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
167. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 157. trousers, 158. belong, 159. mere, 160. recount, 161. slash, 162. ancestor, 163. vase, 164. invade, 165. writ, 166. curve, 167. feat

168. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
169. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
170. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
171. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
172. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
173. skilled ar___r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
174. im_____e pressure *adj.* extremely large or great
175. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
176. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
177. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
178. de_____le effect *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

ANSWERS: 168. historic, 169. myth, 170. archaeology, 171. invade, 172. mere, 173. archer, 174. immense, 175. curve, 176. territory, 177. temple, 178. desirable

179. fe_____me creature *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
180. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
181. an in___r pool *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
182. public re__m *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
183. a b_w wave *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
184. for_____le challenge *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
185. spiritual wa_____e *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
186. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
187. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
188. he___c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

ANSWERS: 179. fearsome, 180. empire, 181. indoor, 182. realm, 183. bow, 184. formidable, 185. warfare, 186. tale, 187. courage, 188. heroic

189. po____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
190. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
191. wa_____e aircraft *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
192. a re_____ic goal *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
193. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
194. work tr_____rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
195. former gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
196. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
197. v__e pottery *n.* a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects
198. beyond the re__m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
199. drinking co_____ons *n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
200. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

ANSWERS: 189. portray, 190. grand, 191. warfare, 192. realistic, 193. tale, 194. trousers, 195. glory, 196. embedded, 197. vase, 198. realm, 199. companion, 200. locate

201. bu___l at sea *n.* the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave
202. unrecorded an_____ty *n.* the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization
203. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
204. em_____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
205. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
206. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
207. a c___e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
208. the lighthouse, a cy_____s of the sea *n.* in mythology, a giant mythical creature with a single eye in the middle of its forehead; a person or thing that has only one eye or a single central focus point
209. greatest gl___y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
210. achieve a le_____ry status *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

ANSWERS: 201. burial, 202. antiquity, 203. discovery, 204. embedded, 205. depict, 206. ancient, 207. clue, 208. cyclops, 209. glory, 210. legendary

211. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
212. aboriginal tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
213. blood-dw_____ng parasitic animal *n.* a house or place that someone is living in

ANSWERS: 211. representation, 212. tribe, 213. dwelling

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.
n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

2. He left his wife an _____ fortune.
adj. extremely large or great

3. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

4. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.
n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

5. That story was so _____ and it was scary.
adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

6. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

7. The architect _____ the interior with great artworks and frescoes.
v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

8. Her dog is her excellent _____.
n. a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel

ANSWERS: 1. tribe, 2. immense, 3. flourished, 4. curve, 5. realistic, 6. territory, 7. adorned, 8. companion

9. We have _____ time to finish the project before the deadline.

adj. enough or more than enough; having plenty of something

10. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

11. I accidentally _____ my elbow on the door frame while walking through.

v. to strike or hit hard, often with a blunt object or a fist; to criticize harshly or with force; to hold a social gathering or party, often involving loud music or revelry; (noun) a lively, informal party or gathering, often characterized by loud music, dancing, and socializing

12. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

13. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

14. The team discovered a hidden _____ in the desert.

n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

15. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

ANSWERS: 9. ample, 10. portray, 11. bashed, 12. mounted, 13. feat, 14. mound, 15. tales

16. I miss my _____ and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.
n. a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
17. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.
n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
18. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
19. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.
n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
20. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
21. The _____ tournament attracted contestants from all over the country.
n. the sport or practice of using a bow and arrows to shoot at a target
22. The _____ tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.
n. a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
23. They _____ events that have already occurred.
v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story
24. Bananas have their _____ taste and odor.
n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

ANSWERS: 16. homeland, 17. rumor, 18. stretch, 19. warrior, 20. writ, 21. archery, 22. nomad, 23. recount, 24. characteristic

25. The archer aimed his _____ carefully at the target.

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

26. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.

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

27. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.

- v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

28. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.

- n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

29. Her research team made an important _____.

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

30. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

31. Necessity is the mother of _____.

- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

32. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

- adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

33. Archaeologists found a Neanderthal _____ at that historic site.

- n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

ANSWERS: 25. arrow, 26. fierce, 27. invade, 28. realm, 29. discovery, 30. vast, 31. invention, 32. brave, 33. skull

34. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
35. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
n. a person who writes poetry
36. Critics praised her _____ of the character.
n. a representation or depiction of someone or something, especially in art, literature, or drama
37. This dessert is the territory of _____ tribes.
adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
38. 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
39. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
40. The accident caused a cracked _____.
n. each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
41. The _____ stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.
adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

ANSWERS: 34. dominates, 35. poet, 36. portrayal, 37. nomadic, 38. assumes, 39. Doubt, 40. rib, 41. legendary

42. They found a new species of water-_____ insect.
n. a house or place that someone is living in
43. The _____ aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.
n. a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
44. Scientists studied the ancient _____ to learn more about the creature's anatomy.
n. the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
45. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
46. The _____ ceremony was a somber reminder of his passing.
n. the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave
47. The waves are beating against the _____.
n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water;
(verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
48. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
49. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
50. The rousing speech by the politician _____ the audience to action.
v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

ANSWERS: 42. dwelling, 43. archer's, 44. skeleton, 45. amazed, 46. burial, 47. shore, 48. bury, 49. depicted, 50. aroused

51. She _____ to the audience after her performance.

- v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

52. The _____ of the restaurant gave it a cozy and inviting feel.

- n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic

53. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

- adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

54. My accidental _____ got better right away.

- n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

55. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

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

56. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.

- n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

57. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

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

58. The _____ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

- n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

ANSWERS: 51. bowed, 52. decor, 53. heroic, 54. injury, 55. champion, 56. thrill, 57. locate, 58. statue

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

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

60. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

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

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

62. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

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

63. Her choices become increasingly _____ and creative.

adj. brave and taking risks

64. The beachfront property had a _____ location with stunning ocean views.

adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

65. The earth's _____ of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

66. The company prides itself on being an _____ workplace with equal employment opportunities.

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

ANSWERS: 59. exaggerated, 60. temple, 61. courage, 62. rev, 63. daring, 64. desirable, 65. axis, 66. egalitarian

67. The study of _____ is important for understanding the history, culture, and civilization of the past and their influence on the present.

n. the ancient past, especially the period of classical civilization

68. His relationship with her was completely _____.

adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

69. The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern _____ tactics.

n. the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

70. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

71. The two plays have many _____ parallels.

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

72. 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

73. He wore black _____ and a white shirt to the job interview.

n. a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

74. The artist's sculpture was a modern take on the ancient _____ myth.

n. in mythology, a giant mythical creature with a single eye in the middle of its forehead; a person or thing that has only one eye or a single central focus point

ANSWERS: 67. antiquity, 68. platonic, 69. warfare, 70. modern, 71. striking, 72. hunt, 73. trousers, 74. cyclops

75. The country has designated our products as _____ import goods.

adj. limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.

76. The mountain range was a _____ obstacle for the hikers.

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

77. Only the _____ God has the power to brighten this dark land.

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

78. The archaeologists _____ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

79. 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

80. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

81. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

82. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.

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

ANSWERS: 75. restricted, 76. formidable, 77. mighty, 78. excavated, 79. belong, 80. embedded, 81. grand, 82. harsh

83. He lost the election by _____ votes.

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

84. The exquisite _____ was filled with a bouquet of flowers.

n. a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects

85. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

86. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

87. Table tennis is an _____ sport.

adj. located, happened, or used inside a building

88. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.

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

89. There are various theories about the origin of the _____ myth.

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

90. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

ANSWERS: 83. mere, 84. vase, 85. analyze, 86. ancient, 87. indoor, 88. hero, 89. centaur, 90. myth

91. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.
n. great honor or success won by notable achievements
92. They _____ enormous power and influence.
v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
93. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
94. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.
n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
95. She teaches _____ at the local university.
n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
96. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.
n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
97. The dragon's _____ roar echoed through the valley.
adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
98. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
99. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 91. glory, 92. wielded, 93. terrifying, 94. clue, 95. archaeology, 96. epic, 97. fearsome, 98. exploit, 99. historic

100. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
101. The government had to _____ national defense spending due to the recession.
v. to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement
102. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
103. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
104. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
105. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.
n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
106. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.
n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
107. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
adj. existing only in someone's mind

ANSWERS: 100. ancestor, 101. slash, 102. empire, 103. doom, 104. landscape, 105. representation, 106. doll, 107. imaginary