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Session 1: Word List

silicon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

Silicon is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by

causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym : iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

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

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

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.

panhandle

v. to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support;
(*noun*) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan

synonym : beg, solicit, plead

(1) **panhandle** for food, (2) the Texas **panhandle**

I must **panhandle** for money if I can't find a job soon.

president

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

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

elect

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

synonym : select, choose, prefer

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

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

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

treadmill

n. a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill

synonym : exercise machine, routine

(1) **treadmill** workout, (2) nonstop **treadmill**

I like to watch TV while running on the **treadmill** to pass the time.

cardiovascular

adj. of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)

(1) **cardiovascular** diseases, (2) **cardiovascular** tissue
Smoking places you at severe risk of **cardiovascular** and respiratory disease.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym: immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

obliterate

v. to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

synonym: destroy, eliminate, erase

(1) **obliterate** all traces, (2) **obliterate** data

The accident at that nuclear power plant **obliterated** the local ecosystem.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

scroll

n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

synonym: manuscript, document, parchment

(1) roll up a **scroll**, (2) **scroll** through a document

The house owner loved the large hanging **scroll** in the guest

room.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

exhibition

n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

synonym: display, show, presentation

(1) a personal **exhibition**, (2) **exhibition** opening

The art museum is hosting an **exhibition** of contemporary paintings next month.

obscure

adj. not well known to many people

synonym: esoteric, vague, unrecognized

(1) **obscure** answer, (2) **obscure** artist

This information was primarily **obscured** in the first release.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

burl

n. a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts

synonym : knob, gnarl, knot

(1) the intricate pattern in the **burl**, (2) **burl** furniture

The **burl** on the tree trunk added character to the table made from it.

inauguration

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

synonym : swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**

The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

umbrella

n. a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun

synonym : parasol, canopy, sunshade

(1) **umbrella** coverage, (2) **umbrella** ban

She opened her **umbrella** to protect herself from the rain.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym: sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

captivate

v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of

synonym: enchant, charm, fascinate

(1) **captivate** public sentiment, (2) **captivate** the mind

The magician **captivated** the audience with his illusions.

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

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.

taunt

v. to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner

synonym: tease, ridicule, jeer

(1) **taunt** him with cowardice, (2) **taunt** the losing team

She **taunted** him with sarcastic comments about his lack of success.

fresco

n. a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image

synonym : mural, painting, wall art

(1) medieval **fresco**, (2) **fresco** secco

The **fresco** paintings in the church were over 500 years old.

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym : massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym : task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym : control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

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.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym: cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

allegory

n. a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

synonym: fable, apologue, parable

(1) political **allegory**, (2) subtle, multivalent **allegory**

By using this **allegory**, we can teach moral lessons.

legitimacy

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

synonym: legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**

I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

republic

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

synonym: democracy, federation, commonwealth

(1) **republic** democracy, (2) the **republic** of art

The United States is a federal presidential constitutional **republic**.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

unrest

n. a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace

synonym : disturbance, agitation, turmoil

(1) **unrest** in the city, (2) cause **unrest**

The recent political **unrest** in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

catalog

n. a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices

synonym : directory, list, register

(1) a classified **catalog**, (2) **catalog** card

She used the online **catalog** to find the perfect pair of earrings for her sister's birthday.

obligation

n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

synonym : burden, commitment, debt

(1) a deep **obligation**, (2) pay an **obligation**

You are under no **obligation** to finish the job.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym : professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

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.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

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

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

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

majestic

adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

synonym: grand, stately, regal

(1) a **majestic** figure, (2) a **majestic** sense of purpose

The **majestic** mountain range was a sight to behold.

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.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym : affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

tyrant

n. a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

synonym : despot, dictator, autocrat

(1) a domestic **tyrant**, (2) **tyrant** regime

The **tyrant's** rule was marked by oppression and fear.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

adviser

n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject

synonym : consultant, guide, expert

(1) a medical **adviser**, (2) chief **adviser**

After retiring, he continued to be an **adviser** to politicians.

justice

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

synonym : fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

enthrone

v. to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority

synonym : crown, inaugurate, dignify

(1) **enthone** a new leader, (2) **enthone** a new technology

The king will **enthroned** his son as the next ruler of the kingdom.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym : sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

concord

n. a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions

synonym : agreement, harmony, unity

(1) **concord** agreement, (2) global **concord**

The negotiation resulted in a peaceful **concord** between the two nations.

harmony

n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

synonym : balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

bind

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

synonym : tie, stick to, adhere

(1) **bind** the man's hands, (2) **bind** old letters into a bundle
The company's rules **bind** the employee's working hours.

compatriot

n. a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values

synonym: fellow citizen, national, associate

(1) **compatriot** soldier, (2) fellow **compatriot**

My soccer team played against my **compatriot's** team in the local tournament.

chill

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

synonym: coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**

His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

bob

v. to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

synonym: bobble, bounce, wag

(1) **bob** a quick curtsy, (2) **bob** on the surface of the water

I need to **bob** my head to the beat of the music.

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym: perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it

has been.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

delicious

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

synonym : appetizing, mouthwatering, delectable

(1) **delicious** breeze, (2) variety of **delicious** foods

We could grill the meat in a **delicious** way.

countryside

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

synonym : rural, rustic, pastoral

(1) **countryside** scenery, (2) **countryside** lifestyle

The small village in the **countryside** was perfect for a quiet getaway.

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.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym : output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym : plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

synonym : collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

plow

n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

synonym : plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

livestock

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

synonym : cattle, oxen, herd

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

Livestock feed is made from fodder crops.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym : building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym : go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

tradesman

n. a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor

synonym: artisan, craftsman, worker

(1) successful **tradesman**, (2) a fellow- **tradesman**

The skilled **tradesman** repaired the broken window with ease.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

security

n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

synonym: safety, protection, stock

(1) national **security**, (2) **security** analyst

The building's **security** system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

banner

n. a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page

synonym: flag, pennant, advertisement

(1) the star-spangled **banner**, (2) **banner** advertising

They unfurled the **banners** in preparation for the ceremony.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

haunting

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

synonym : lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear

The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym : barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

horn

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

synonym : cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

tusk

n. a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

synonym : ivory, tush, horn

(1) **tusk** of an elephant, (2) **tusk-like** tooth

The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal **tusks**.

braid

n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

synonym : plait, twist, weave

(1) **braid** hair, (2) elastic cord **braid**

She always wore her hair in a single **braid** down her back.

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.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym: defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

shackle

n. a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

synonym: chains, fetters, handcuffs

(1) **shackle** chains, (2) metal **shackle**

The prisoner wore heavy **shackles** on his wrists and ankles.

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym: cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

antagonist

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or works against the protagonist, or the main character, in a story or drama; a person or thing that is in direct opposition or conflict with another person or group

synonym: opponent, rival, adversary

(1) arch-nemesis **antagonist**, (2) literary **antagonist**

The **antagonist** in the movie is a corrupt government official who obstructed the protagonist's mission.

- vice** *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
synonym : corruption, depravity, evil
(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee
Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.
- animate** *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
synonym : invigorate, energize, enliven
(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul
The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.
- avarice** *n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
synonym : greed, covetousness, rapacity
(1) unbridled **avarice**, (2) his **avarice** knew no bounds
His **avarice** for money led him to make unethical decisions in business.
- clutch** *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
synonym : grip, hold, grab
(1) **clutch** at any straw, (2) **clutched** her daughter to her breast
The boy **clutched** his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.
- strongbox** *n.* a secure and sturdy box or safe used for storing valuable items, money, or documents, often made of metal and equipped with a lock or combination system
synonym : safe, vault, chest
(1) hidden **strongbox**, (2) secure **strongbox**
He stored his valuable possessions in a sturdy **strongbox** for added security.
- fishery** *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching

and selling fish

synonym : fishing, piscary, angling

(1) **fishery** management, (2) commercial **fishery**

The majority of the people on the island are **fishery** folk.

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym : buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym : wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

vainglory

n. excessive or extravagant pride or vanity, especially in one's achievements or abilities; an excessive display or boasting of oneself

synonym : self-importance, conceit, vanity

(1) **vainglory** of success, (2) **vainglory** in achievements

His unbridled **vainglory** led to his downfall as he refused to acknowledge his mistakes.

warn

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

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

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

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

narcissist

n. a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

synonym : egotist, boaster, braggart

(1) relationship with a **narcissist**, (2) somatic **narcissist**
He thinks she is a high **narcissist** because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

ego *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
synonym: self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**
She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

treason *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
synonym: betrayal, disloyalty, sedition

(1) high **treason**, (2) arrested for **treason**
The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of **treason** against the state.

lamb *n.* a young sheep; the flesh of a young domestic sheep eaten as food

(1) the meat of **lamb**, (2) sacrifice a **lamb**
His dog is as gentle as a **lamb**.

scorpion *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
synonym: arachnid, stinger

(1) **scorpion** fish, (2) poisonous **scorpion**
The **scorpion's** venom can be lethal to humans.

lull *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
synonym: calm, stillness, tranquility

(1) **lull** in the battle, (2) the **lull** before the storm

The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing **lull** on the listeners.

poison

n. a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

synonym : toxin, venom, pollutant

(1) **poison** ivy, (2) **poison** bilateral relations

The plant's leaves contain a deadly **poison** that can cause hallucinations and seizures.

fraud

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

synonym : trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

flighty

adj. unstable, unpredictable, or easily distracted; impulsive or prone to making hasty decisions

synonym : flaky, erratic, capricious

(1) **flighty** decisions, (2) **flighty** personality

Her **flighty** behavior made it challenging to work with her on a team.

bat

n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

synonym : cane, rod, stick

(1) **bat** cave, (2) **bat** an eye

The cave was a habitat for **bats**.

division

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

synonym : branch, separator, section

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

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

carpenter

n. a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects

synonym : woodworker, artisan

(1) a short **carpenter** nail, (2) an apprentice **carpenter**

Carpenter bees are boring holes into the wall.

chop

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

synonym : cut, hack, slice

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

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

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym : rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

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.

mob

n. a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals

synonym : crowd, throng, horde

(1) **mob** psychology, (2) **mob** violence

The excited **mob** was getting out of control at the concert.

remainder

n. the part of something that is left over when the rest has been used or taken

synonym : balance, leftover, residue

(1) division with **remainder**, (2) the **remainder** of my life
The **remainder** of the cake was put in the fridge for tomorrow.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result
In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

civic

adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

synonym : community, civic, communal

(1) **civic** activity, (2) **civic** center

The city promotes **civic** collaboration in community development

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym : acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym : blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

heed

v. to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something

synonym: notice, attend, listen to

(1) **heed** expert advice, (2) **heed** nature's call

He didn't **heed** the warning signs and got lost in the woods.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym: shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief

from the sun.

tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

synonym: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

spectator

n. someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

synonym: onlooker, observer, viewer

(1) mass **spectator** sport, (2) **spectator** seat

She enjoyed watching the game as a **spectator**.

protest

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

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

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

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

assemble

v. to collect in one place as a single group

synonym: gather, congregate, collect

(1) **assemble** your colleagues, (2) **assemble** a jigsaw puzzle

The president began to **assemble** an army.

accretion

n. the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process

synonym: accumulation, buildup, growth

(1) stellar **accretion**, (2) island **accretion**

The rock was formed by the slow **accretion** of sediments over millions of years.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym: fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

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.

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym: agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym: opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

fundamental

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

synonym: basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

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.

religion

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

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

worship

v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

synonym: adore, idolize

(1) **worship** god, (2) absolutely **worship**

They traditionally **worship** their guru.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym: battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym: deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

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.

argument

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

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

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.

incitement

n. the act of encouraging, urging, or provoking someone to engage in a particular action, often of a negative or controversial nature; the act of stimulating or arousing strong emotions or reactions

synonym : provocation, stimulation, encouragement

(1) political **incitement**, (2) **incitement** to hatred

His speech was seen as an **incitement** to violence among the protestors.

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 protestors became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym : parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

rally

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

synonym :

gathering, meetup, demonstration

(1) **rally** in front of the embassy, (2) the preliminary **rally**

There was a massive police presence at the anti-government **rally**.

unconstitutional

adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state

synonym: illegal, unlawful, invalid

(1) **unconstitutional** violation, (2) **unconstitutional** action

The law was determined to be **unconstitutional** by the court.

froth

n. a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

synonym: foam, lather

(1) beer **froth**, (2) **froth** in the ocean

The cappuccino was topped with **froth**, making it look like a work of art.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. unbridled av_____e | <i>n.</i> an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness |
| 2. sw__t bath | <i>n.</i> the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress |
| 3. mass sp_____or sport | <i>n.</i> someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it |
| 4. island ac_____on | <i>n.</i> the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process |
| 5. a peaceful la_____pe | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 6. sh___w cast | <i>n.</i> a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner |
| 7. sn__k a cigarette | <i>v.</i> to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily |

ANSWERS: 1. avarice, 2. sweat, 3. spectator, 4. accretion, 5. landscape, 6. shadow, 7. sneak

8. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
9. com_____on appointed by the government *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
10. me__y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
11. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
12. po____n bilateral relations *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
13. challenge the leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
14. cou_____de scenery *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
15. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

ANSWERS: 8. overwhelm, 9. commission, 10. messy, 11. historic, 12. poison, 13. legitimacy, 14. countryside, 15. thrive

16. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
17. fi____y management *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
18. sc____l through a document *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
19. successful tr____an *n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor
20. arch-nemesis ant____st *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or works against the protagonist, or the main character, in a story or drama; a person or thing that is in direct opposition or conflict with another person or group
21. his av____e knew no bounds *n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
22. ci__c center *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
23. di____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
24. r__p the benefits *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

ANSWERS: 16. struggle, 17. fishery, 18. scroll, 19. tradesman, 20. antagonist, 21. avarice, 22. civic, 23. division, 24. reap

25. ab____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
26. ina_____ion ceremony *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
27. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
28. the intricate pattern in the b__l *n.* a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts
29. h__n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
30. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
31. 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

ANSWERS: 25. abandon, 26. inauguration, 27. insight, 28. burl, 29. horn, 30. argument, 31. council

32. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
33. co____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
34. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
35. b_t an eye *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
36. se__r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
37. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
38. pr____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
39. a fellow-tr____an *n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor
40. m_b psychology *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
41. the ar____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 32. disrupt, 33. contrary, 34. nation, 35. bat, 36. sever, 37. historic, 38. president, 39. tradesman, 40. mob, 41. argument

42. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
43. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
44. se__r a rope *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
45. ta__t him with cowardice *v.* to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner
46. feel a slight ch__l *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
47. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
48. ta__t the losing team *v.* to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner
49. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
50. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
51. tense piano st____gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
52. re_____ic democracy *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

ANSWERS: 42. individual, 43. illustrate, 44. sever, 45. taunt, 46. chill, 47. cast, 48. taunt, 49. crop, 50. ordinary, 51. string, 52. republic

53. ba___r advertising *n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
54. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
55. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
56. fl_____y decisions *adj.* unstable, unpredictable, or easily distracted; impulsive or prone to making hasty decisions
57. at___d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
58. a speech co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
59. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
60. victim of fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
61. presidential ina_____ion *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

ANSWERS: 53. banner, 54. fortune, 55. scream, 56. flighty, 57. attend, 58. contest, 59. valley, 60. fraud, 61. inauguration

62. the l__l before the storm *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
63. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
64. re___r an assessment *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
65. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
66. m_b violence *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
67. exh_____on opening *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
68. the preliminary ra__y *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
69. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
70. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 62. lull, 63. fury, 64. render, 65. stalk, 66. mob, 67. exhibition, 68. rally, 69. chant, 70. recognize

71. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
72. the com_____on of murder *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
73. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
74. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
75. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
76. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
77. a fountain of wi____m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
78. com_____ot soldier *n.* a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values
79. chief ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
80. medieval fr____o *n.* a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image

ANSWERS: 71. overwhelm, 72. commission, 73. president, 74. ordinary, 75. surrounding, 76. unfortunately, 77. wisdom, 78. compatriot, 79. adviser, 80. fresco

81. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
82. a nation's right to go___n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
83. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
84. ca____g card *n.* a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices
85. a domestic ty___t *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
86. a deep obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
87. unc_____nal action *adj.* not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
88. literary ant_____st *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or works against the protagonist, or the main character, in a story or drama; a person or thing that is in direct opposition or conflict with another person or group

ANSWERS: 81. chant, 82. govern, 83. scream, 84. catalog, 85. tyrant, 86. obligation, 87. unconstitutional, 88. antagonist

89. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
90. brutal ty____y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
91. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
92. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
93. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
94. la_____pe painting *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
95. democratic leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
96. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
97. pa_____le for food *v.* to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan
98. um_____la ban *n.* a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun

ANSWERS: 89. flash, 90. tyranny, 91. surrounding, 92. government, 93. chop, 94. landscape, 95. legitimacy, 96. inevitable, 97. panhandle, 98. umbrella

99. subtle, multivalent al____ry *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
100. the lower ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
101. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
102. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
103. wi__d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
104. the clear co____ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
105. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
106. r__p crops *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
107. as____le your colleagues *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
108. elastic cord br__d *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

ANSWERS: 99. allegory, 100. chamber, 101. crop, 102. ego, 103. wield, 104. contrary, 105. tower, 106. reap, 107. assemble, 108. braid

109. a gas ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
110. political inc____nt *n.* the act of encouraging, urging, or provoking someone to engage in a particular action, often of a negative or controversial nature; the act of stimulating or arousing strong emotions or reactions
111. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
112. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
113. inc____nt to hatred *n.* the act of encouraging, urging, or provoking someone to engage in a particular action, often of a negative or controversial nature; the act of stimulating or arousing strong emotions or reactions
114. principles of de____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
115. retie the st____g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
116. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

ANSWERS: 109. chamber, 110. incitement, 111. elect, 112. rural, 113. incitement, 114. democracy, 115. string, 116. hook

117. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
118. si_____n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
119. obl_____te all traces *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
120. simmering fl__e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
121. a ma_____ic figure *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
122. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
123. cellular di_____on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
124. cl___h at any straw *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
125. a handle of h__n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 117. betray, 118. silicon, 119. obliterate, 120. flame, 121. majestic, 122. helpless, 123. division, 124. clutch, 125. horn

126. b__d old letters into a bundle *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
127. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
128. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
129. po___n ivy *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
130. obl_____te data *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
131. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
132. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
133. 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
134. a medical ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject

ANSWERS: 126. bind, 127. betray, 128. tweet, 129. poison, 130. obliterate, 131. dam, 132. inevitable, 133. champion, 134. adviser

135. beer fr__h *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
136. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
137. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
138. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
139. b_t cave *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
140. 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
141. the re_____er of my life *n.* the part of something that is left over when the rest has been used or taken
142. ra__y in front of the embassy *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
143. the re_____ic of art *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

ANSWERS: 135. froth, 136. trump, 137. thrive, 138. abandon, 139. bat, 140. council, 141. remainder, 142. rally, 143. republic

144. va_____ry in achievements *n.* excessive or extravagant pride or vanity, especially in one's achievements or abilities; an excessive display or boasting of oneself
145. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
146. cel_____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
147. tr_____ll workout *n.* a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill
148. cou_____de lifestyle *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
149. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
150. a ha_____y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
151. crystalline si_____n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

ANSWERS: 144. vainglory, 145. democracy, 146. celebrated, 147. treadmill, 148. countryside, 149. elect, 150. harmony, 151. silicon

152. political al____ry *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
153. as____le a jigsaw puzzle *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
154. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
155. noted sc____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
156. ex____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
157. nonstop tr____ll *n.* a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill
158. in____t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
159. car____lar tissue *adj.* of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)
160. b_b on the surface of the water *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

ANSWERS: 152. allegory, 153. assemble, 154. amazing, 155. scholar, 156. excite, 157. treadmill, 158. intent, 159. cardiovascular, 160. bob

161. at___d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
162. break a ha_____y *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
163. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
164. p__w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
165. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
166. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
167. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
168. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
169. commercial fi_____y *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

ANSWERS: 161. attend, 162. harmony, 163. vice, 164. plow, 165. individual, 166. tower, 167. religion, 168. illustrate, 169. fishery

170. va_____ry of success *n.* excessive or extravagant pride or vanity, especially in one's achievements or abilities; an excessive display or boasting of oneself
171. en_____ne a new leader *v.* to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority
172. the Texas pa_____le *v.* to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan
173. en_____ne a new technology *v.* to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority
174. wi__d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
175. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
176. poisonous sc_____on *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting

ANSWERS: 170. vainglory, 171. enthrone, 172. panhandle, 173. enthrone, 174. wield, 175. claim, 176. scorpion

177. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
178. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
179. fl_____y personality *adj.* unstable, unpredictable, or easily distracted; impulsive or prone to making hasty decisions
180. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
181. go___n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
182. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
183. national se_____ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
184. 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

ANSWERS: 177. intent, 178. fundamental, 179. flighty, 180. obsess, 181. govern, 182. government, 183. security, 184. label

185. an____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
186. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
187. unc_____nal violation *adj.* not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
188. h__d expert advice *v.* to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something
189. secure st_____ox *n.* a secure and sturdy box or safe used for storing valuable items, money, or documents, often made of metal and equipped with a lock or combination system
190. co_____d agreement *n.* a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions
191. ci__c activity *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
192. fr__h in the ocean *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

ANSWERS: 185. animate, 186. recognize, 187. unconstitutional, 188. heed, 189. strongbox, 190. concord, 191. civic, 192. froth

193. deeply p__w the soil *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
194. cel_____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
195. an apprentice ca_____er *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
196. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
197. 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
198. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
199. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
200. fr___o secco *n.* a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image
201. a classified ca_____g *n.* a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices
202. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 193. plow, 194. celebrated, 195. carpenter, 196. communal, 197. judge, 198. sow, 199. violent, 200. fresco, 201. catalog, 202. struggle

203. l__l in the battle *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
204. cause un___t *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
205. sc_____on fish *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
206. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
207. global co_____d *n.* a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions
208. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
209. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
210. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
211. get money by fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

ANSWERS: 203. lull, 204. unrest, 205. scorpion, 206. steel, 207. concord, 208. disrupt, 209. animate, 210. enormous, 211. fraud

212. w__ned me of the plan
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
213. wi___m literature
n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
214. be killed in_____ly
adv. immediately
215. a silent pr_____t
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
216. a hat h__k
n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
217. health po___y
n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
218. s_w wheat in a field
v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
219. de_____us breeze
adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
220. a seafaring na___n
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
221. all in a sw__t
n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

ANSWERS: 212. warn, 213. wisdom, 214. instantly, 215. protest, 216. hook, 217. policy, 218. sow, 219. delicious, 220. nation, 221. sweat

222. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
223. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
224. t__k of an elephant *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
225. division with re_____er *n.* the part of something that is left over when the rest has been used or taken
226. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
227. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
228. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
229. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

ANSWERS: 222. dam, 223. fundamental, 224. tusk, 225. remainder, 226. religion, 227. claim, 228. champion, 229. stalk

230. car_____lar diseases *adj.* of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)
231. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
232. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
233. ca_____te public sentiment *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
234. variety of de_____us foods *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
235. a personal exh_____on *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
236. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
237. basin-shaped va____y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
238. co_____on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
239. wo_____p god *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
240. have a ni_____re *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream

ANSWERS: 230. cardiovascular, 231. Renaissance, 232. flame, 233. captivate, 234. delicious, 235. exhibition, 236. communal, 237. valley, 238. communion, 239. worship, 240. nightmare

241. pay an obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
242. sp_____or seat *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
243. ob_____e answer *adj.* not well known to many people
244. ty____t regime *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
245. sh____w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
246. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
247. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
248. se_____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
249. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

ANSWERS: 241. obligation, 242. spectator, 243. obscure, 244. tyrant, 245. shadow, 246. march, 247. fury, 248. security, 249. steel

250. a ha_____ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
251. sh_____e chains *n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
252. hidden st_____ox *n.* a secure and sturdy box or safe used for storing valuable items, money, or documents, often made of metal and equipped with a lock or combination system
253. the meat of l__b *n.* a young sheep; the flesh of a young domestic sheep eaten as food
254. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
255. a short ca_____er nail *n.* a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects
256. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
257. 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
258. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
259. criminal ju_____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
260. somatic nar_____st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

ANSWERS: 250. haunting, 251. shackle, 252. strongbox, 253. lamb, 254. infect, 255. carpenter, 256. massive, 257. judge, 258. obsess, 259. justice, 260. narcissist

261. li_____ck industry *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
262. ob_____e artist *adj.* not well known to many people
263. in____t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
264. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
265. b_b a quick curtsy *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
266. high tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
267. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
268. un____t in the city *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
269. spiritual co_____on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

ANSWERS: 261. livestock, 262. obscure, 263. infect, 264. violent, 265. bob, 266. treason, 267. cast, 268. unrest, 269. communion

270. foreign po___y
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
271. ha_____ng memory
- adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
272. the star-spangled ba___r
- n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
273. the ch___l of autumn
- n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
274. ma_____e stars
- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
275. li_____ck agriculture
- n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
276. a profound in_____t
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
277. banner he_____ne
- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
278. ov_____ht success
- adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

ANSWERS: 270. policy, 271. haunting, 272. banner, 273. chill, 274. massive, 275. livestock, 276. insight, 277. headline, 278. overnight

279. mon_____al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
280. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
281. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
282. sacrifice a l__b *n.* a young sheep; the flesh of a young domestic sheep eaten as food
283. ni_____re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
284. mon_____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
285. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
286. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
287. metal sh_____e *n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
288. ca_____te the mind *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
289. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
290. absolutely wo_____p *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

ANSWERS: 279. monumental, 280. enormous, 281. overnight, 282. lamb, 283. nightmare, 284. monumental, 285. fortune, 286. rural, 287. shackle, 288. captivate, 289. protest, 290. worship

291. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
292. 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
293. a close co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
294. fellow com_____ot *n.* a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values
295. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
296. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
297. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
298. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
299. t__k-like tooth *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

ANSWERS: 291. sneak, 292. label, 293. contest, 294. compatriot, 295. headline, 296. Renaissance, 297. tweet, 298. helpless, 299. tusk

300. a ma____ic sense of purpose *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
301. h__d nature's call *v.* to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something
302. sc____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
303. in____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
304. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
305. c__p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
306. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
307. re____r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
308. br__d hair *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
309. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
310. b__l furniture *n.* a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts

ANSWERS: 300. majestic, 301. heed, 302. scholar, 303. instantly, 304. obvious, 305. chop, 306. warn, 307. render, 308. braid, 309. march, 310. burl

311. roll up a sc___l *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
312. me__y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
313. stellar ac_____on *n.* the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process
314. national e_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
315. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
316. ju_____e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
317. ty_____y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
318. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
319. relationship with a nar_____st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
320. um_____la coverage *n.* a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun

ANSWERS: 311. scroll, 312. messy, 313. accretion, 314. ego, 315. flash, 316. justice, 317. tyranny, 318. excite, 319. narcissist, 320. umbrella

321. b__d the man's hands *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
322. cl___hed her daughter to her breast *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
323. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
324. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
325. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
326. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
327. arrested for tr____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
328. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 321. bind, 322. clutch, 323. unfortunately, 324. vice, 325. amazing, 326. obvious, 327. treason, 328. trump

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He didn't _____ the warning signs and got lost in the woods.
 - v. to pay attention to or take notice of something, particularly a warning or piece of advice; to listen to and comply with something

2. The boy _____ his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.
 - v. to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

3. The excited _____ was getting out of control at the concert.
 - n. a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals

4. 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

5. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.
 - n. intense and often violent anger

6. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
 - n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

7. 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

8. Please hang your towel on a _____.
 - n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

ANSWERS: 1. heed, 2. clutched, 3. mob, 4. champion, 5. fury, 6. chambers, 7. council, 8. hook

9. We worked in perfect _____.
- n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
10. We use this tableware in a _____ service.
- n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
11. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
12. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
13. The company's rules _____ the employee's working hours.
- v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
14. Smoking places you at severe risk of _____ and respiratory disease.
- adj.* of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)
15. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
16. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.
- n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

ANSWERS: 9. harmony, 10. communion, 11. Communal, 12. disrupt, 13. bind, 14. cardiovascular, 15. religion, 16. scholar

17. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.
- v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
18. The prisoner wore heavy _____ on his wrists and ankles.
- n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
19. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
- v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
20. I like to watch TV while running on the _____ to pass the time.
- n.* a piece of exercise equipment consisting of a moving belt on which the user walks, jogs, or runs in place; a monotonous, repetitive task or activity that feels like it is going nowhere, much like a person walking on a treadmill
21. She gets a _____ on each contract.
- n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
22. After retiring, he continued to be an _____ to politicians.
- n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
23. The house owner loved the large hanging _____ in the guest room.
- n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
24. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

ANSWERS: 17. illustrate, 18. shackles, 19. infect, 20. treadmill, 21. commission, 22. adviser, 23. scroll, 24. fortune

25. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
26. The _____ paintings in the church were over 500 years old.
- n.* a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image
27. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.
- adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
28. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
- n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
29. They traditionally _____ their guru.
- v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
30. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
- v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
31. I'm going to deny the _____ of his claim.
- n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
32. She enjoyed watching the game as a _____.
- n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

ANSWERS: 25. Silicon, 26. fresco, 27. overnight, 28. protest, 29. worship, 30. cast, 31. legitimacy, 32. spectator

33. The hunter quietly _____ the deer for hours before taking the shot
- v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
34. He _____ a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.
- v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
35. The negotiation resulted in a peaceful _____ between the two nations.
- n.* a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions
36. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
37. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
- n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
38. The _____ rule was marked by oppression and fear.
- n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
39. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 33. stalked, 34. reaped, 35. concord, 36. recognize, 37. chant, 38. tyrant's, 39. intent

40. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
41. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.
adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something
42. 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
43. She _____ him with sarcastic comments about his lack of success.
v. to tease or ridicule in a challenging manner
44. This information was primarily _____ in the first release.
adj. not well known to many people
45. The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal _____.
n. a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
46. _____ feed is made from fodder crops.
n. farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
47. The _____ of the cake was put in the fridge for tomorrow.
n. the part of something that is left over when the rest has been used or taken
48. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 40. excited, 41. surrounding, 42. landscape, 43. taunted, 44. obscured, 45. tusks, 46. Livestock, 47. remainder, 48. massive

49. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
- v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
50. 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
51. He stored his valuable possessions in a sturdy _____ for added security.
- n.* a secure and sturdy box or safe used for storing valuable items, money, or documents, often made of metal and equipped with a lock or combination system
52. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.
- v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
53. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
54. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.
- adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
55. His swear words cast a _____ on the party.
- n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
56. His unbridled _____ led to his downfall as he refused to acknowledge his mistakes.
- n.* excessive or extravagant pride or vanity, especially in one's achievements or abilities; an excessive display or boasting of oneself

ANSWERS: 49. betrayed, 50. judge, 51. strongbox, 52. governing, 53. overwhelm, 54. celebrated, 55. chill, 56. vainglory

57. The United States is a federal presidential constitutional _____.
- n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
58. The plant's leaves contain a deadly _____ that can cause hallucinations and seizures.
- n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
59. The rock was formed by the slow _____ of sediments over millions of years.
- n.* the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process
60. He thinks she is a high _____ because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.
- n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
61. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
62. The skilled _____ repaired the broken window with ease.
- n.* a person who works in a trade or commerce, such as a craftsman, merchant, or vendor

ANSWERS: 57. republic, 58. poison, 59. accretion, 60. narcissist, 61. insights, 62. tradesman

63. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

64. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

adj. disorganized and untidy

65. She opened her _____ to protect herself from the rain.

n. a device consisting of a circular canopy of cloth on a central pole used as protection against rain or sometimes against the sun

66. The law was determined to be _____ by the court.

adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state

67. The majority of the people on the island are _____ folk.

n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

68. She kept _____ for an ambulance.

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

69. Without investment, a business cannot _____.

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

70. She used the online _____ to find the perfect pair of earrings for her sister's birthday.

n. a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices

ANSWERS: 63. ordinary, 64. messy, 65. umbrella, 66. unconstitutional, 67. fishery, 68. screaming, 69. thrive, 70. catalog

71. 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
72. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
73. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their _____ with beer.
n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
74. She always wore her hair in a single _____ down her back.
n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
75. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
76. I feel so _____ without you.
adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
77. 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
78. The city promotes _____ collaboration in community development
adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

ANSWERS: 71. label, 72. wisdom, 73. horns, 74. braid, 75. tweet, 76. helpless, 77. government, 78. civic

79. She was constantly trying to boost her ____ by talking about her accomplishments.

- n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

80. The _____ mountain range was a sight to behold.

- adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

81. I must _____ for money if I can't find a job soon.

- v.* to ask for money or donations on the street by holding out a container or sign; to beg for money or support; (noun) a narrow strip of land projecting from a larger territory, typically with a shape resembling the handle of a pan

82. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.

- v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

83. The magician _____ the audience with his illusions.

- v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of

84. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.

- n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

85. We could grill the meat in a _____ way.

- adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

86. The small village in the _____ was perfect for a quiet getaway.

- n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

ANSWERS: 79. ego, 80. majestic, 81. panhandle, 82. sowed, 83. captivated, 84. fraud, 85. delicious, 86. countryside

87. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
88. The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing _____ on the listeners.
n. a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
89. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.
adv. immediately
90. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.
n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
91. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.
n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
92. His dog is as gentle as a _____.
n. a young sheep; the flesh of a young domestic sheep eaten as food
93. The song's _____ melody stayed with me long after I heard it.
adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
94. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 87. shadow, 88. lull, 89. instantly, 90. flame, 91. steel, 92. lamb, 93. haunting, 94. obsessed

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

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

96. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

97. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.

- n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

98. The cappuccino was topped with _____ making it look like a work of art.

- n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

99. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.

- n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

100. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

101. He _____ a branch from a tree quickly.

- v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

ANSWERS: 95. division, 96. claim, 97. sweat, 98. froth, 99. justice, 100. policy, 101. severed

102. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
103. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
104. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
105. My soccer team played against my _____ team in the local tournament.
n. a fellow citizen or countryman; someone who belongs to the same country, society, or community as oneself; a person with similar interests, beliefs, or values
106. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside
107. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
108. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.
n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
109. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.
v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

ANSWERS: 102. flash, 103. marched, 104. valley, 105. compatriot's, 106. rural, 107. tower, 108. contest, 109. render

110. By using this _____ we can teach moral lessons.

n. a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

111. _____ bees are boring holes into the wall.

n. a woodworker whose job is to make or repair wooden objects

112. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

113. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

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

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

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

115. The _____ of the new station was a great success.

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

116. Her _____ behavior made it challenging to work with her on a team.

adj. unstable, unpredictable, or easily distracted; impulsive or prone to making hasty decisions

117. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

ANSWERS: 110. allegory, 111. Carpenter, 112. Democracy, 113. warn, 114. violent, 115. inauguration, 116. flighty, 117. contrary

118. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

119. The art museum is hosting an _____ of contemporary paintings next month.

n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

120. The ____ on the tree trunk added character to the table made from it.

n. a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts

121. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

122. They unfurled the _____ in preparation for the ceremony.

n. a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page

123. Cats hate dogs and ____ versa.

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

124. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

ANSWERS: 118. dam, 119. exhibition, 120. burl, 121. individual, 122. banners, 123. vice, 124. string

125. The castle was _____ several years later.

- v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

126. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

- n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

127. His speech was seen as an _____ to violence among the protestors.

- n.* the act of encouraging, urging, or provoking someone to engage in a particular action, often of a negative or controversial nature; the act of stimulating or arousing strong emotions or reactions

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

- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

129. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

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

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

131. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.

- v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

ANSWERS: 125. abandoned, 126. security, 127. incitement, 128. unfortunately, 129. fundamental, 130. argument, 131. sneak

132. The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of _____ against the state.

- n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

133. There was a massive police presence at the anti-government _____.

- v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

134. The country was ruled by a _____ that oppressed its citizens.

- n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

135. The king will _____ his son as the next ruler of the kingdom.

- v.* to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority

136. I need to ____ my head to the beat of the music.

- v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

137. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

- adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable

138. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

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

ANSWERS: 132. treason, 133. rally, 134. tyranny, 135. enthrone, 136. bob, 137. inevitable, 138. president

139. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the _____.

- n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

140. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's _____ contributions to physics.

- adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

141. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

142. The _____ in the movie is a corrupt government official who obstructed the protagonist's mission.

- n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or works against the protagonist, or the main character, in a story or drama; a person or thing that is in direct opposition or conflict with another person or group

143. 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

144. The _____ venom can be lethal to humans.

- n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting

145. They _____ enormous power and influence.

- v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

146. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

- adj.* extremely large or great

ANSWERS: 139. plow, 140. monumental, 141. obvious, 142. antagonist, 143. elected, 144. scorpion's, 145. wielded, 146. enormous

147. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.
v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
148. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
149. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy
150. Sow early for an early _____.
n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
151. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
152. 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
153. The accident at that nuclear power plant _____ the local ecosystem.
v. to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
154. The cave was a habitat for _____.
n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

ANSWERS: 147. chopped, 148. historic, 149. animated, 150. crop, 151. renaissance, 152. nation, 153. obliterated, 154. bats

155. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

156. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

157. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

158. We must _____ to this matter.

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

159. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

160. The president began to _____ an army.

v. to collect in one place as a single group

161. His _____ for money led him to make unethical decisions in business.

n. an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness

162. The recent political _____ in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

n. a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace

163. You are under no _____ to finish the job.

n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

ANSWERS: 155. amazing, 156. headline, 157. trump, 158. attend, 159. nightmare, 160. assemble, 161. avarice, 162. unrest, 163. obligation

164. He could not _____ against temptation.

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

ANSWERS: 164. struggle