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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### despise

*v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

*synonym* : hate, loathe, detest

(1) **despise** a particular food, (2) secretly **despise**

I **despise** injustice and those who perpetrate it.

### 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.

### trap

*n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

*synonym* : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

### 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**.

## endless

*adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

*synonym*: infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours

He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

## debate

*n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

*synonym*: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

## 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.

## 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.

## unpredictable

*adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

*synonym*: uncertain, variable, random

(1) dangerously **unpredictable** person, (2) **unpredictable** outcome

The weather in this region is often **unpredictable**, with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

## constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

*synonym*: restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

## 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.

## hypocrisy

n. the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform

*synonym*: insincerity, dissembling, duplicity

(1) without **hypocrisy**, (2) self-serving **hypocrisy**

The commentaries often criticized the government's political **hypocrisy**.

## institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

*synonym*: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

## elite

*adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

*synonym* : privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

## corruptible

*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

*synonym* : bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

## puppet

*n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

*synonym* : marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

## infiltrate

*v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

*synonym* : penetrate, sneak in, invade

(1) **infiltrate** the bloodstream, (2) **infiltrate** a community

The spy was able to **infiltrate** the enemy's headquarters undetected.

## sphere

*n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

*synonym* : ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

## asset

*n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

*synonym* : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

## vulnerable

*adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

*synonym* : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

## hack

*v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

*synonym* : cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program

This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

## leak

*v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

*synonym* : outflow, divulge, disclose

(1) **leak** data, (2) **leak** a classified memo

He **leaked** serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.

## 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.

## committee

*n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

*synonym* : panel, board, council

(1) **committee** meeting, (2) **committee** member

The ad hoc **committee** met to discuss the proposal.

## release

*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

*synonym* : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

## impersonate

*v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire

*synonym* : imitate, mimic, copy

(1) **impersonate** a government official, (2) **impersonate** a character

The comedian is famous for his ability to **impersonate** famous politicians.

## suppose

*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

*synonym* : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

## cyber

*adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

*synonym* : digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

**Cyber** espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

## aggressive

*adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

*synonym* : assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

## journalist

*n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

*synonym* : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine  
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

## bait

*n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

*synonym* : lure, enticement, temptation

(1) **bait** and switch, (2) fishing **bait**  
The **bait** brought the fish into the trap.

## consume

*v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

*synonym* : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity  
A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

## narrative

*n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

*synonym* : the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**  
The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

## outshine

*v.* to be more brilliant, striking, or impressive than; to outdo or excel

*synonym* : surpass, excel, outdo

(1) **outshine** his teacher, (2) **outshine** expectations  
The new singer **outshined** all the others on stage with her powerful voice.

## sponsor

*v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

*synonym* : back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

## **persistent**

*adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

*synonym* : tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

## **threat**

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

*synonym* : menace, danger, hazard

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

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

## **nowhere**

*adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

## **compromise**

*v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

*synonym* : agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

## **victim**

*n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

*synonym* : prey, target, sufferer



(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

## demonstrate

*v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

*synonym*: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

## zone

*n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

*synonym*: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

## prey

*n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

*synonym*: target, quarry, chase

(1) **prey** of beast, (2) become **prey** to terrorists

The majority of snakes swallow their **prey** whole.

## defend

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

*synonym*: protect, guard, support

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

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

## attache

*n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase

*synonym*: diplomat, envoy, briefcase

(1) a commercial **attache**, (2) black **attache** case

A prime minister talked with a military **attache** of the country's

embassy.

## undeniable

*adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain

*synonym* : absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

## conclude

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

*synonym* : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

## observe

*v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

*synonym* : watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

## espionage

*n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents

*synonym* : spying, intelligence gathering

(1) **espionage** tactics, (2) industrial **espionage**

The cyber **espionage** operation was the work of a foreign government's army of hackers.

## accompany

*v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

*synonym* : follow, escort, attend

(1) **accompany** a chicken dish, (2) **accompany** the book

Please let me know if you want to **accompany** me to my hometown.

## amplify

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness  
*synonym* : intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

## lightning

*n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

*synonym* : bolt, electrical discharge

(1) streaks of **lightning**, (2) **lightning** air strike

The human eye is **lightning-fast** in recognizing objects.

## adoption

*n.* the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval

*synonym* : fostering, acceptance, custody

(1) **adoption** assistance, (2) the **adoption** of a plan

The **adoption** process can be long and difficult, but it is worth it for the love of a child.

## alarm

*n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

*synonym* : notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

## nation-state

*n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity

*synonym* : sovereignty, independence, autonomy

(1) emerging **nation-state**, (2) **nation-state** autonomy

Some people argue that the rise of globalization has weakened the power of **nation-states**.

## interfere

*v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

*synonym* : interpose, interrupt, hamper

(1) **interfere** in another country's affairs, (2) **interfere** with DNA synthesis

Your talking **interferes** with my work.

## credible

*adj.* capable of being trusted or believed

*synonym* : reasonable, believable, plausible

(1) **credible** source, (2) a **credible** story

They didn't have any **credible** evidence of his innocence.

## internal

*adj.* of or relating to the inside of something

*synonym* : interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

## affair

*n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

*synonym* : matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

## administer

*v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

*synonym* : allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

## specter

*n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety

*synonym* : ghost, phantom, apparition

(1) **specter** of death, (2) political **specter**

The **specter** of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.

## 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.

## meddle

*v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own

*synonym* : interfere, intrude, tamper

(1) **meddle** in relationships, (2) **meddle** with the evidence

She always tries to **meddle** in other people's affairs, and it's starting to get annoying.

## utterly

*adv.* completely or absolutely

*synonym* : absolutely, completely, perfectly

(1) **utterly** changed, (2) **utterly** ignorant

We are **utterly** opposed to any form of terrorism.

## equip

*v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

*synonym* : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

## 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.

## modern

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

*synonym* : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society  
Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

## 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.

## devastating

*adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage  
*synonym*: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

## cybersecurity

*n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction

*synonym*: information security, cyber protection

(1) **cybersecurity** threat, (2) **cybersecurity** measures  
As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, **cybersecurity** awareness and education become even more important

## infrastructure

*n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

*synonym*: foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost  
Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

## deem

*v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way  
*synonym*: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

## critic

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

*synonym* : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

## warrior

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

*synonym* : fighter, soldier, combatant

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

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

## command

*n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

*synonym* : control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

## consequent

*adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else

*synonym* : resulting, following, logical

(1) **consequent** increase, (2) the fallacy of affirming the **consequent**

The increase in demand for the product led to a **consequent** rise in its price.

## smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict  
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark  
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## inter

*v.* to bury or place a dead body in a tomb or grave; to temporarily detain or imprison someone; (prefix) between or among

*synonym*: bury, entomb, inhume

(1) **inter** a dead body, (2) **inter-disciplinary**

The funeral director explained the process of how they **inter** remains after cremation.

## communicate

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

*synonym*: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,  
(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

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

## instant

*adj.* happening immediately, with no delay

*synonym*: immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

## increasingly

*adv.* more and more

*synonym*: more and more, progressively

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

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with



the competition.

## palm

*n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family *Palmae* having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

*synonym*: hand, fist

(1) the **palm** side of the forearm, (2) coconut **palm** trees

This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the **palm** of your hand.

## scan

*v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

*synonym*: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

## hashtag

*n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

## trend

*n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

*synonym*: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

## evolution

*n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

*synonym*: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

## exploit

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

*synonym* : use, abuse, control

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

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

## device

*n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

*synonym* : gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

## planet

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

*synonym* : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

## accustomed

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

*synonym* : familiar, customary, habitual

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

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

## unfettered

*adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

*synonym* : unrestricted, free, unchained

(1) **unfettered** access, (2) **unfettered** capitalism

The athlete felt **unfettered** by her recent injury and performed with ease.

## curate

*n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions;

(verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

*synonym*: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

## panorama

*n.* an unobstructed and wide view of an area or surrounding, typically seen from a high point or distance; a comprehensive or panoramic survey or presentation of a subject or topic

*synonym*: view, vista, landscape

(1) 360-degree **panorama**, (2) stunning **panorama**

The top of the hill offered a breathtaking **panorama** of the city below.

## brand

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

*synonym*: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

## insidious

*adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

*synonym*: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

## decipher

*v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way

*synonym*: interpret, decode, translate

(1) **decipher** code, (2) **decipher** message

He spent hours trying to **decipher** the ancient text.

## chum

*n.* a close friend; a companion; also refers to bait used in fishing to attract fish

*synonym*: friend, companion, mate

(1) school **chum**, (2) new **chum**

He always had a **chum** to play with when he was a child.

## fake

*adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

*synonym*: affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

## prime

*adj.* main or most important; basic

*synonym*: excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

## dissect

*v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

*synonym*: analyze, examine, study

(1) **dissect** the data, (2) **dissect** a personality

The scientist **dissected** the frog to study its internal organs.

## byte

*n.* a unit of digital information that consists of 8 bits, typically used to represent a single character of text or a small amount of computer code

(1) **byte** code, (2) **byte** array

The computer hard drive had plenty of storage space but was running low on available **bytes**.

## impropriety

*n.* the state or quality of being improper; an act, behavior, or expression that is considered inappropriate, indecent, or morally offensive; a violation of accepted standards, rules, or norms

*synonym*: incorrectness, misconduct, indiscretion

(1) **impropriety** in conduct, (2) slight **impropriety**

The lawyer was accused of **impropriety** for tampering with evidence.

## tactics

*n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

*synonym*: strategy, maneuvers, plan

(1) blitz **tactics**, (2) political **tactics**

The marketing team developed new **tactics** to boost sales.

## camouflage

*n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

*synonym*: guise, mask, cloak

(1) **camouflage** clothing, (2) work as **camouflage**

They utilized branches of trees as **camouflage**.

## reflex

*n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

*synonym*: reaction, response, instinct

(1) **reflex** test, (2) knee **reflex**

My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the **reflex** hammer.

## decision

*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

*synonym*: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

## accord

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

*synonym*: alliance, pact, agreement

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

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

## grade

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

*synonym*: score, rate, degree

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

## perception

*n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

*synonym*: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

## conduct

*v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

*synonym*: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research  
Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

## achieve

*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

*synonym*: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

## invade

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

*synonym*: intrude, raid, overrun

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

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

## diplomat

*n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

*synonym*: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

## kingmaker

*n.* a person or group who has the power to shape or influence the outcome of a situation, particularly a political one, by choosing or supporting a particular candidate or leader who then gains significant power or influence

*synonym*: influencer, puppeteer

(1) economic **kingmaker**, (2) media **kingmaker**

The **kingmaker** behind the scenes played a crucial role in shaping the country's political landscape.

## curse

*n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

*synonym*: condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

## euro

*n.* the official currency of most European Union countries

(1) the value of the **Euro**, (2) **Euro** crises

Some countries may leave the **Euro**.

## resolve

*v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

*synonym*: decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

## crisis

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

*synonym*: concern, problem, emergency

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

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

## ensue

*v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

*synonym*: follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**

A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

## backlash

*n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

*synonym*: reaction, retaliation, counteraction

(1) political **backlash**, (2) the **backlash** from the community

The company faced a **backlash** from customers after the recall.

## reel

*n.* a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound

*synonym*: spool, bobbin, winder

(1) cable **reel**, (2) a six- **reel** film

He put the fishing line on the **reel** and cast his line into the water.

## fissure

*n.* a narrow opening or crack, especially in a rock or other hard substance; a division or splitting within a group or organization

*synonym*: crack, crevice, gap

(1) pulmonary **fissure**, (2) **fissure** in the relationship

The **fissure** in the rock was too narrow to squeeze through.

## feckless

*adj.* lacking purpose, initiative, or effectiveness; irresponsible or careless in attitudes or actions; without skill, determination, or vigor

*synonym*: careless, irresponsible, ineffective

(1) **feckless** decision-making, (2) **feckless** attempt

His **feckless** behavior at work led to his termination from the



company.

## attitude

*n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something  
*synonym* : mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

## grab

*v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

*synonym* : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

## accomplished

*adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

*synonym* : achieved, finished, completed

(1) **accomplished** at a very early age, (2) **accomplished** goal

She felt **accomplished** after finishing her book.

## 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.

## influence

*n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

*synonym* : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

## strategy

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

*synonym* : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**  
Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

## seductive

*adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

*synonym* : alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior

The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

## authentic

*adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

*synonym* : genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

## 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.

## consumption

*n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

*synonym* : usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute

(RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## quaint

*adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

*synonym* : charming, picturesque, eccentric

(1) **quaint** village, (2) **quaint** cottage

The **quaint** old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.

## cyberspace

*n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments

*synonym* : Internet, virtual reality, online world

(1) **cyberspace** security, (2) virtual **cyberspace**

Hackers are constantly trying to exploit vulnerabilities in **cyberspace** for their gain.

## define

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

*synonym* : characterize, depict, express

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

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

## compose

*v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

*synonym* : compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

## interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

*synonym*: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

## encrypt

v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

*synonym*: encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

## firewall

n. (in computing) a technological barrier designed to stop people from seeing or using the information on a computer without permission but still allow them to receive information that is sent to them

(1) **firewall** protection, (2) **firewall** application

Public cloud computing should provide a secure **firewall** against hackers.

## authenticate

v. to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true

*synonym*: confirm, validate, verify

(1) **authenticate** documents, (2) **authenticate** software license

The security system requires users to **authenticate** their identity before gaining access.

## password

n. a secret word or phrase that must be used to gain admission to a place or service

*synonym*: passphrase, secret code, key

(1) **password** recovery, (2) **password** reset

I forgot my sign-in **password** and couldn't log in to my

account.

## complexity

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

*synonym*: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

## adaptable

*adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

*synonym*: flexible, adjustable, elastic

(1) **adaptable** enough for the environment, (2) an **adaptable** person

We seek a candidate who possesses **adaptable** fighting potential.

## falsehood

*n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading

*synonym*: lie, untruth, deception

(1) spread **falsehoods**, (2) palpable **falsehood**

The media exposed the politician's **falsehoods**.

## courage

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

*synonym*: bravery, valor, fearlessness

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

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

## unflinching

*adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute

*synonym*: resolute, steadfast, unwavering

(1) **unflinching** commitment, (2) **unflinching** gaze

His **unflinching** courage in the face of danger was

impressive.

## **pursue**

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

*synonym*: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. de___d my country            | <i>v.</i> to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.                                                                        |
| 2. electronic de___e            | <i>n.</i> a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic                      |
| 3. unf_____ng gaze              | <i>adj.</i> not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute                                                 |
| 4. E__o crises                  | <i>n.</i> the official currency of most European Union countries                                                                                      |
| 5. fi_____e in the relationship | <i>n.</i> a narrow opening or crack, especially in a rock or other hard substance; a division or splitting within a group or organization             |
| 6. a commercial at_____e        | <i>n.</i> a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase                  |
| 7. co_____e a large of alcohol  | <i>v.</i> to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount                                                                     |
| 8. principles of de_____cy      | <i>n.</i> a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so |
| 9. de___e my position           | <i>v.</i> to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something                                                                    |

ANSWERS: 1. defend, 2. device, 3. unflinching, 4. euro, 5. fissure, 6. attache, 7. consume, 8. democracy, 9. define

10. tracking de\_\_\_e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
11. an ad\_\_\_\_\_le person *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
12. di\_\_\_\_\_t a personality *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
13. an agg\_\_\_\_\_ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
14. ac\_\_\_\_\_ny a chicken dish *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
15. qu\_\_\_t village *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
16. ad\_\_\_\_\_le enough for the environment *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
17. na\_\_\_\_\_ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
18. in\_\_r a dead body *v.* to bury or place a dead body in a tomb or grave; to temporarily detain or imprison someone; (prefix) between or among
19. s\_\_n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
20. ev\_\_\_\_\_on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

ANSWERS: 10. device, 11. adaptable, 12. dissect, 13. aggressive, 14. accompany, 15. quaint, 16. adaptable, 17. narrative, 18. inter, 19. scan, 20. evolution



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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 21. become p__y to terrorists    | <i>n.</i> the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating                                                                                                                                 |
| 22. cannot com_____se anymore    | <i>v.</i> to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession                                                                                                                                     |
| 23. re_____e a dispute           | <i>v.</i> to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty                                                                                                                                      |
| 24. art cr____c                  | <i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.                                                                                                                       |
| 25. adm_____er justice           | <i>v.</i> to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something                                                                                                                             |
| 26. aut_____ate software license | <i>v.</i> to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true                                                                      |
| 27. vi___m support               | <i>n.</i> a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event                                                                       |
| 28. in___e other tissues         | <i>v.</i> to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation                                                                                                 |
| 29. business sp___e              | <i>n.</i> a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity                                         |
| 30. time z__e                    | <i>n.</i> a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way                                                                                                                |
| 31. slight imp_____ty            | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being improper; an act, behavior, or expression that is considered inappropriate, indecent, or morally offensive; a violation of accepted standards, rules, or norms |

ANSWERS: 21. prey, 22. compromise, 23. resolve, 24. critic, 25. administer, 26. authenticate, 27. victim, 28. invade, 29. sphere, 30. zone, 31. impropriety

32. co\_\_\_\_\_ee member *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
33. cy\_\_r crime *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
34. no\_\_\_\_\_e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
35. in\_\_\_\_\_us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
36. 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
37. a China-based jou\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
38. unf\_\_\_\_\_ed capitalism *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
39. imp\_\_\_\_\_te a character *v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire
40. pulmonary fi\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a narrow opening or crack, especially in a rock or other hard substance; a division or splitting within a group or organization

ANSWERS: 32. committee, 33. cyber, 34. nowhere, 35. insidious, 36. democracy, 37. journalist, 38. unfettered, 39. impersonate, 40. fissure

41. de\_\_\_\_e a particular food *v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
42. imp\_\_\_\_ty in conduct *n.* the state or quality of being improper; an act, behavior, or expression that is considered inappropriate, indecent, or morally offensive; a violation of accepted standards, rules, or norms
43. personal na\_\_\_\_ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
44. en\_\_\_\_s possibilities *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
45. en\_\_\_\_s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
46. pu\_\_\_\_e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
47. in\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
48. economic th\_\_\_\_t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
49. ad\_\_\_\_on assistance *n.* the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval

ANSWERS: 41. despise, 42. impropriety, 43. narrative, 44. endless, 45. endless, 46. pursue, 47. insidious, 48. threat, 49. adoption

50. t\_\_p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
51. vul\_\_\_\_\_le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
52. ou\_\_\_\_\_ne his teacher *v.* to be more brilliant, striking, or impressive than; to outdo or excel
53. su\_\_\_\_\_e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
54. cy\_\_r bullying *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
55. blitz ta\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
56. a se\_\_\_\_\_ve smile *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
57. ut\_\_\_\_\_y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
58. de\_\_\_\_\_er message *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
59. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 50. trap, 51. vulnerable, 52. outshine, 53. suppose, 54. cyber, 55. tactics, 56. seductive, 57. utterly, 58. decipher, 59. rev

60. com\_\_\_\_\_te his anxieties to the psychiatrist  
*v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
61. co\_\_\_\_\_d and control  
*n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
62. am\_\_\_\_\_y the effect  
*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
63. save the pl\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
64. ou\_\_\_\_\_ne expectations  
*v.* to be more brilliant, striking, or impressive than; to outdo or excel
65. co\_\_\_\_\_de a meeting  
*v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
66. acc\_\_\_\_\_ed routine  
*adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
67. the value of the E\_\_o  
*n.* the official currency of most European Union countries
68. IT inf\_\_\_\_\_ure  
*n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

ANSWERS: 60. communicate, 61. command, 62. amplify, 63. planet, 64. outshine, 65. conclude, 66. accustomed, 67. euro, 68. infrastructure

69. es\_\_\_\_\_ge tactics *n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents
70. predict what will en\_\_e *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
71. se\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
72. aut\_\_\_\_\_ate documents *v.* to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true
73. work as cam\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
74. the ba\_\_\_\_\_sh from the community *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
75. inspire co\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
76. b\_\_t and switch *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

ANSWERS: 69. espionage, 70. ensue, 71. seductive, 72. authenticate, 73. camouflage, 74. backlash, 75. courage, 76. bait

77. a private ind\_\_\_\_\_al  
*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
78. el\_\_e athlete  
*adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
79. face inc\_\_\_\_\_gly complicated challenges  
*adv.* more and more
80. create a br\_\_d logo  
*n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
81. deputy pr\_\_e minister  
*adj.* main or most important; basic
82. palpable fa\_\_\_\_\_od  
*n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
83. emerging nat\_\_\_\_\_ate  
*n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
84. sp\_\_\_\_\_r of death  
*n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
85. without hy\_\_\_\_\_sy  
*n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform

ANSWERS: 77. individual, 78. elite, 79. increasingly, 80. brand, 81. prime, 82. falsehood, 83. nation-state, 84. specter, 85. hypocrisy

86. el\_\_t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
87. z\_\_e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
88. fishing b\_\_t *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
89. acc\_\_\_\_\_hed at a very early age *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
90. a cr\_\_\_\_\_le story *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
91. in\_\_\_e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
92. inc\_\_\_\_\_gly become common *adv.* more and more
93. fi\_\_\_\_\_ll application *n.* (in computing) a technological barrier designed to stop people from seeing or using the information on a computer without permission but still allow them to receive information that is sent to them
94. di\_\_\_\_\_t the data *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
95. pl\_\_\_t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 86. elect, 87. zone, 88. bait, 89. accomplished, 90. credible, 91. invade, 92. increasingly, 93. firewall, 94. dissect, 95. planet



96. 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.
97. have dev\_\_\_\_\_ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
98. re\_\_\_\_\_e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
99. s\_\_n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
100. inf\_\_\_\_\_ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
101. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
102. inf\_\_\_\_\_te the bloodstream *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
103. de\_\_\_e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
104. at\_\_\_\_\_de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

ANSWERS: 96. president, 97. devastating, 98. release, 99. scan, 100. infrastructure, 101. government, 102. infiltrate, 103. debate, 104. attitude

105. cr\_\_\_s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
106. liquid as\_\_ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
107. g\_\_b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
108. li\_\_\_\_\_ng air strike *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
109. de\_\_\_e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
110. the con\_\_\_\_\_on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
111. en\_\_\_\_\_t data *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
112. dangerously unp\_\_\_\_\_ble person *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

ANSWERS: 105. crisis, 106. asset, 107. grab, 108. lightning, 109. debate, 110. consumption, 111. encrypt, 112. unpredictable

113. frozen as__ts	<i>n.</i>	something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
114. develop a st____gy	<i>n.</i>	a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
115. eq__p our children with some special skills	<i>v.</i>	to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
116. dem_____te mastery	<i>v.</i>	to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
117. imp_____te a government official	<i>v.</i>	to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire
118. in_____ct directly with customers	<i>v.</i>	to communicate or react with somebody
119. cyb_____ity measures	<i>n.</i>	the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
120. military st____gy	<i>n.</i>	a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
121. de___d against a threat	<i>v.</i>	to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
122. self-serving hy_____sy	<i>n.</i>	the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform

ANSWERS: 113. asset, 114. strategy, 115. equip, 116. demonstrate, 117. impersonate, 118. interact, 119. cybersecurity, 120. strategy, 121. defend, 122. hypocrisy

123. cyb\_\_\_\_\_ce security *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
124. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
125. an in\_\_\_\_\_t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
126. sp\_\_\_\_e of influence *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
127. de\_\_\_\_\_er code *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
128. come out of no\_\_\_\_\_e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
129. p\_\_y of beast *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
130. co\_\_\_\_\_t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
131. average fuel con\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
132. treat this dev\_\_\_\_\_ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
133. knee re\_\_\_\_x *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

ANSWERS: 123. cyberspace, 124. smartphone, 125. instant, 126. sphere, 127. decipher, 128. nowhere, 129. prey, 130. conduct, 131. consumption, 132. devastating, 133. reflex

134. secretly de\_\_\_\_\_e                    *v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
135. unp\_\_\_\_\_ble outcome            *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
136. the in\_\_\_\_\_al economy           *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
137. co\_\_\_\_\_in his freedom           *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
138. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory               *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
139. co\_\_\_\_\_ee meeting               *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
140. new c\_\_m                               *n.* a close friend; a companion; also refers to bait used in fishing to attract fish
141. political ta\_\_\_\_\_s                 *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
142. ob\_\_\_\_\_e wildlife                 *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
143. l\_\_k data                               *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

ANSWERS: 134. despise, 135. unpredictable, 136. internal, 137. constrain, 138. complexity, 139. committee, 140. chum, 141. tactics, 142. observe, 143. leak

144. re\_\_\_\_\_e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
145. eq\_\_p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
146. an und\_\_\_\_\_le fact *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
147. boys in the twelfth gr\_\_e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
148. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
149. re\_\_\_x test *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
150. co\_\_\_\_\_e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
151. in\_\_\_\_\_re in another country's affairs *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
152. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
153. give the al\_\_m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
154. an international tr\_\_d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
155. a seafaring na\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 144. release, 145. equip, 146. undeniable, 147. grade, 148. institutionalize, 149. reflex, 150. compose, 151. interfere, 152. government, 153. alarm, 154. trend, 155. nation

156. el\_\_t the school board      *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
157. su\_\_\_\_\_e you're right      *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
158. ac\_\_\_d with public opinion      *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
159. 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
160. wa\_\_\_\_\_r spirit      *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
161. the fallacy of affirming the  
con\_\_\_\_\_nt      *adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else
162. industrial es\_\_\_\_\_ge      *n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents
163. pr\_\_e number      *adj.* main or most important; basic
164. at\_\_\_\_\_de control      *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
165. mental co\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 156. elect, 157. suppose, 158. accord, 159. recognize, 160. warrior, 161. consequent, 162. espionage, 163. prime, 164. attitude, 165. courage

166. pa\_\_\_\_rd recovery *n.* a secret word or phrase that must be used to gain admission to a place or service
167. co\_\_\_\_e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
168. en\_\_\_\_t message *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
169. pu\_\_\_\_e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
170. vi\_\_\_\_m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
171. ob\_\_\_\_e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
172. d\_\_m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
173. cable r\_\_l *n.* a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound
174. an al\_\_m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

ANSWERS: 166. password, 167. consume, 168. encrypt, 169. pursue, 170. victim, 171. observe, 172. deem, 173. reel, 174. alarm



175. de\_\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
176. ut\_\_\_\_\_y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
177. qu\_\_\_\_t cottage *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
178. cam\_\_\_\_\_ge clothing *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
179. an und\_\_\_\_\_le masterpiece *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
180. me\_\_\_\_e in relationships *v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own
181. ind\_\_\_\_\_al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
182. economic ki\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person or group who has the power to shape or influence the outcome of a situation, particularly a political one, by choosing or supporting a particular candidate or leader who then gains significant power or influence
183. a vul\_\_\_\_\_le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 175. decision, 176. utterly, 177. quaint, 178. camouflage, 179. undeniable, 180. meddle, 181. individual, 182. kingmaker, 183. vulnerable

184. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize a system      *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
185. ac\_\_\_\_\_e milestones      *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
186. com\_\_\_\_\_te well with my advisor      *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
187. mo\_\_\_\_n poetry      *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
188. a six-r\_\_l film      *n.* a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound
189. in\_\_\_\_\_re with DNA synthesis      *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
190. an agg\_\_\_\_\_ve tumor      *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
191. 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.
192. h\_\_k into the program      *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
193. me\_\_y data      *adj.* disorganized and untidy
194. the tr\_\_d away from television      *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

ANSWERS: 184. institutionalize, 185. achieve, 186. communicate, 187. modern, 188. reel, 189. interfere, 190. aggressive, 191. president, 192. hack, 193. messy, 194. trend

195. the br\_\_d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
196. wi\_\_d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
197. pre-mo\_\_\_n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
198. political ba\_\_\_\_\_sh *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
199. per\_\_\_\_\_on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
200. co\_\_\_\_\_in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
201. b\_\_e array *n.* a unit of digital information that consists of 8 bits, typically used to represent a single character of text or a small amount of computer code
202. expel a di\_\_\_\_\_at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
203. he\_\_\_\_\_ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

ANSWERS: 195. brand, 196. wield, 197. modern, 198. backlash, 199. perception, 200. constrain, 201. byte, 202. diplomat, 203. headline

204. 360-degree pa\_\_\_\_\_ma  
*n.* an unobstructed and wide view of an area or surrounding, typically seen from a high point or distance; a comprehensive or panoramic survey or presentation of a subject or topic
205. earn el\_\_e status  
*adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
206. ac\_\_\_\_\_ny the book  
*v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
207. in\_\_\_\_\_al organs  
*adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
208. in\_\_\_t gaze  
*n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
209. co\_\_\_\_\_t research  
*v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
210. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty  
*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
211. political sp\_\_\_\_\_r  
*n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
212. cor\_\_\_\_\_le officials  
*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
213. r\_v up the crowd  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 204. panorama, 205. elite, 206. accompany, 207. internal, 208. intent, 209. conduct, 210. complexity, 211. specter, 212. corruptible, 213. rev

214. re\_\_\_\_\_e the computer error      *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
215. cu\_\_\_e an art website      *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
216. adm\_\_\_\_\_er the funds      *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
217. virtual cyb\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
218. jou\_\_\_\_\_st on a magazine      *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
219. sp\_\_\_\_\_r a contest      *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
220. con\_\_\_\_\_nt increase      *adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else
221. financial cr\_\_\_s      *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 214. resolve, 215. curate, 216. administer, 217. cyberspace, 218. journalist, 219. sponsor, 220. consequent, 221. crisis

222. nat\_\_\_\_\_ate autonomy *n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
223. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
224. co\_\_\_\_\_de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
225. armored wa\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
226. spread of f\_\_e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
227. l\_\_k a classified memo *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
228. binational ac\_\_\_\_d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
229. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
230. sma\_\_\_\_\_ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
231. co\_\_\_\_\_d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

ANSWERS: 222. nation-state, 223. nation, 224. conclude, 225. warrior, 226. fake, 227. leak, 228. accord, 229. opportune, 230. smartphone, 231. command

232. per\_\_\_\_\_nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
233. me\_\_y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
234. acc\_\_\_\_\_hed goal *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
235. in\_\_r-disciplinary *v.* to bury or place a dead body in a tomb or grave; to temporarily detain or imprison someone; (prefix) between or among
236. trending ha\_\_\_\_\_g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
237. allied di\_\_\_\_\_at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
238. get in\_\_\_\_\_t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
239. dem\_\_\_\_\_te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
240. stunning pa\_\_\_\_\_ma *n.* an unobstructed and wide view of an area or surrounding, typically seen from a high point or distance; a comprehensive or panoramic survey or presentation of a subject or topic

ANSWERS: 232. persistent, 233. messy, 234. accomplished, 235. inter, 236. hashtag, 237. diplomat, 238. instant, 239. demonstrate, 240. panorama

241. h\_\_k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
242. corporate pu\_\_\_t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
243. under a cu\_\_e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
244. streaks of li\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
245. coconut p\_\_m trees *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
246. in\_\_\_\_\_ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
247. acc\_\_\_\_\_ed to complaints *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
248. f\_\_e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
249. banner he\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

ANSWERS: 241. hack, 242. puppet, 243. curse, 244. lightning, 245. palm, 246. influence, 247. accustomed, 248. fake, 249. headline



250. de\_\_\_e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
251. students at all gr\_\_e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
252. domestic af\_\_\_rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
253. wi\_\_d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
254. am\_\_\_\_y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
255. 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
256. cr\_\_\_\_le source *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
257. a selfish de\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
258. inf\_\_\_\_te a community *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
259. en\_\_e within a few years *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
260. 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

ANSWERS: 250. define, 251. grade, 252. affair, 253. wield, 254. amplify, 255. intent, 256. credible, 257. decision, 258. infiltrate, 259. ensue, 260. recognize

261. fe\_\_\_\_\_ss attempt *adj.* lacking purpose, initiative, or effectiveness; irresponsible or careless in attitudes or actions; without skill, determination, or vigor
262. the ad\_\_\_\_\_on of a plan *n.* the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval
263. in\_\_\_\_\_ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
264. fi\_\_\_\_\_ll protection *n.* (in computing) a technological barrier designed to stop people from seeing or using the information on a computer without permission but still allow them to receive information that is sent to them
265. com\_\_\_\_\_se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
266. few cu\_\_e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
267. ex\_\_\_\_\_t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
268. spread fa\_\_\_\_\_ods *n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
269. fe\_\_\_\_\_ss decision-making *adj.* lacking purpose, initiative, or effectiveness; irresponsible or careless in attitudes or actions; without skill, determination, or vigor

ANSWERS: 261. feckless, 262. adoption, 263. interact, 264. firewall, 265. compromise, 266. curse, 267. exploit, 268. falsehood, 269. feckless

270. marked with a ha\_\_\_\_g      *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
271. g\_\_b an opportunity      *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
272. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
273. sp\_\_\_\_\_r a local group      *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
274. per\_\_\_\_\_nt cough      *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
275. cyb\_\_\_\_\_ity threat      *n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
276. severe cr\_\_\_\_c      *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
277. d\_\_m wrong or inappropriate      *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
278. the p\_\_m side of the forearm      *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

ANSWERS: 270. hashtag, 271. grab, 272. opportune, 273. sponsor, 274. persistent, 275. cybersecurity, 276. critic, 277. deem, 278. palm

279. school c\_\_m *n.* a close friend; a companion; also refers to bait used in fishing to attract fish
280. perpetual cu\_\_\_e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
281. unf\_\_\_\_\_ed access *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
282. an au\_\_\_\_\_ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
283. unf\_\_\_\_\_ng commitment *adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute
284. in\_\_\_\_\_ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
285. media ki\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person or group who has the power to shape or influence the outcome of a situation, particularly a political one, by choosing or supporting a particular candidate or leader who then gains significant power or influence
286. keen per\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 279. chum, 280. curate, 281. unfettered, 282. authentic, 283. unflinching, 284. influence, 285. kingmaker, 286. perception

287. cor\_\_\_\_\_le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
288. set a t\_\_p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
289. ac\_\_\_\_\_e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
290. current af\_\_\_\_rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
291. black at\_\_\_\_\_e case *n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase
292. co\_\_\_\_\_e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
293. b\_\_e code *n.* a unit of digital information that consists of 8 bits, typically used to represent a single character of text or a small amount of computer code
294. ex\_\_\_\_\_t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
295. the sets were meticulously  
au\_\_\_\_\_ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

ANSWERS: 287. corruptible, 288. trap, 289. achieve, 290. affair, 291. attache, 292. compose, 293. byte, 294. exploit, 295. authentic

296. pu\_\_\_t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
297. human ev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
298. environmental th\_\_\_t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
299. pa\_\_\_\_\_rd reset *n.* a secret word or phrase that must be used to gain admission to a place or service
300. me\_\_\_e with the evidence *v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own

ANSWERS: 296. puppet, 297. evolution, 298. threat, 299. password, 300. meddle

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It takes a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ to stand up for what you believe is right.  
*n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
2. I always carry a backup \_\_\_\_\_ in case my phone runs out of battery.  
*n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
3. Despite the setbacks, he remained \_\_\_\_\_ in his pursuit of his dreams.  
*adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
4. The disease has an \_\_\_\_\_ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.  
*adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.  
*n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
6. The organization finally signed a peace \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;  
(verb) allow to have
7. Some people argue that the rise of globalization has weakened the power of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity

ANSWERS: 1. courage, 2. device, 3. persistent, 4. insidious, 5. victim, 6. accord, 7. nation-states

8. The cyber \_\_\_\_\_ operation was the work of a foreign government's army of hackers.
- n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents
9. They study the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe.
- n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
10. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the \_\_\_\_\_ suspect.
- adj.* main or most important; basic
11. We are \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to any form of terrorism.
- adv.* completely or absolutely
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
13. I am \_\_\_\_\_ to waking up early for work.
- adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
14. He was reluctant to leave his comfort \_\_\_\_\_ and try something new.
- n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
15. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 8. espionage, 9. evolution, 10. prime, 11. utterly, 12. debate, 13. accustomed, 14. zone, 15. planet



16. He always had a \_\_\_\_\_ to play with when he was a child.  
*n.* a close friend; a companion; also refers to bait used in fishing to attract fish
17. She had the \_\_\_\_\_ that work was fun.  
*n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
18. The general gave a \_\_\_\_\_ to his troops to prepare for battle.  
*n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
19. His \_\_\_\_\_ courage in the face of danger was impressive.  
*adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute
20. The ad hoc \_\_\_\_\_ met to discuss the proposal.  
*n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
21. The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.  
*adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
22. I've been thinking all day and getting \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
23. We seek a candidate who possesses \_\_\_\_\_ fighting potential.  
*adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

ANSWERS: 16. chum, 17. attitude, 18. command, 19. unflinching, 20. committee, 21. seductive, 22. nowhere, 23. adaptable

24. The computer hard drive had plenty of storage space but was running low on available \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a unit of digital information that consists of 8 bits, typically used to represent a single character of text or a small amount of computer code
25. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
26. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were \_\_\_\_\_ unsafe.
- v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
27. The comedian is famous for his ability to \_\_\_\_\_ famous politicians.
- v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire
28. Some countries may leave the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the official currency of most European Union countries
29. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
30. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior at work led to his termination from the company.
- adj.* lacking purpose, initiative, or effectiveness; irresponsible or careless in attitudes or actions; without skill, determination, or vigor
31. International law allows each nation to \_\_\_\_\_ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 24. bytes, 25. strategy, 26. deemed, 27. impersonate, 28. Euro, 29. complexity, 30. feckless, 31. defend

32. The art museum has hired a \_\_\_\_\_ to select and display pieces from its collection.

- n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

33. The security system requires users to \_\_\_\_\_ their identity before gaining access.

- v.* to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true

34. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

- v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

35. I \_\_\_\_\_ injustice and those who perpetrate it.

- v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

36. My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the \_\_\_\_\_ hammer.

- n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

37. This blog offers a variety of tips for \_\_\_\_\_ everyday life.

- v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

ANSWERS: 32. curate, 33. authenticate, 34. observe, 35. despise, 36. reflex, 37. hacking

38. Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ a bite to eat?

- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

39. He \_\_\_\_\_ serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.

- v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

40. Foreign TV crews and \_\_\_\_\_ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ behind the scenes played a crucial role in shaping the country's political landscape.

- n.* a person or group who has the power to shape or influence the outcome of a situation, particularly a political one, by choosing or supporting a particular candidate or leader who then gains significant power or influence

42. She felt \_\_\_\_\_ after finishing her book.

- adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

43. The \_\_\_\_\_ brought the fish into the trap.

- n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

44. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?

- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 38. grab, 39. leaked, 40. journalists, 41. kingmaker, 42. accomplished, 43. bait, 44. suppose

45. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.  
*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
46. The commentaries often criticized the government's political \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
47. This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the \_\_\_\_\_ of your hand.  
*n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
48. After the accident, three governmental bodies \_\_\_\_\_ the company.  
*v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
49. Hackers are constantly trying to exploit vulnerabilities in \_\_\_\_\_ for their gain.  
*n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
50. Infants and pregnant women are particularly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
51. Many autocratic policies became a \_\_\_\_\_ for that country's economy.  
*n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
52. 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

ANSWERS: 45. modern, 46. hypocrisy, 47. palm, 48. administer, 49. cyberspace, 50. vulnerable, 51. curse, 52. individual,

53. 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

54. Very few educational \_\_\_\_\_ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

*adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

55. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve \_\_\_\_\_ disputes.

*adj.* of or relating to the inside of something

56. The animal rights group worked to \_\_\_\_\_ the dolphins back into the wild.

*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

57. Public cloud computing should provide a secure \_\_\_\_\_ against hackers.

*n.* (in computing) a technological barrier designed to stop people from seeing or using the information on a computer without permission but still allow them to receive information that is sent to them

58. Your talking \_\_\_\_\_ with my work.

*v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

59. A prime minister talked with a military \_\_\_\_\_ of the country's embassy.

*n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase

60. They didn't have any \_\_\_\_\_ evidence of his innocence.

*adj.* capable of being trusted or believed

ANSWERS: 53. intent, 54. elites, 55. internal, 56. release, 57. firewall, 58. interferes, 59. attache, 60. credible

61. A sense of humor is an invaluable \_\_\_\_\_ in this job.

*n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

62. The new singer \_\_\_\_\_ all the others on stage with her powerful voice.

*v.* to be more brilliant, striking, or impressive than; to outdo or excel

63. Her influence on teenagers is \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain

64. They utilized branches of trees as \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

65. He spent hours trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the ancient text.

*v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way

66. The increase in demand for the product led to a \_\_\_\_\_ rise in its price.

*adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else

67. The \_\_\_\_\_ process can be long and difficult, but it is worth it for the love of a child.

*n.* the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval

68. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and \_\_\_\_\_ it

*adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

ANSWERS: 61. asset, 62. outshined, 63. undeniable, 64. camouflage, 65. decipher, 66. consequent, 67. adoption, 68. faked

69. How can you \_\_\_\_\_ that the earth is a sphere?

*v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

70. You might need to \_\_\_\_\_ this point.

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

71. This typhoon was the most \_\_\_\_\_ in years.

*adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage

72. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

73. The former emperor had a particular \_\_\_\_\_ even after he abdicated.

*n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

74. They \_\_\_\_\_ enormous power and influence.

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

75. The company faced a \_\_\_\_\_ from customers after the recall.

*n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

76. Bureaucracies are more \_\_\_\_\_ than other systems or organizations.

*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

77. The oil price continued their downward \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

ANSWERS: 69. demonstrate, 70. amplify, 71. devastating, 72. smartphones, 73. influence, 74. wielded, 75. backlash, 76. corruptible, 77. trend



78. The political situation \_\_\_\_\_ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
- v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
79. They never \_\_\_\_\_ on development despite the lack of funds.
- v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
80. 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
81. 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
82. \_\_\_\_\_ 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
83. Dolphins use sound to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
- v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
84. The funeral director explained the process of how they \_\_\_\_\_ remains after cremation.
- v. to bury or place a dead body in a tomb or grave; to temporarily detain or imprison someone; (prefix) between or among
85. 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

ANSWERS: 78. constrained, 79. compromised, 80. nation, 81. elected, 82. Democracy, 83. communicate, 84. inter, 85. government

86. She was struggling to make a \_\_\_\_\_ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
87. She always tries to \_\_\_\_\_ in other people's affairs, and it's starting to get annoying.
- v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own
88. He put the fishing line on the \_\_\_\_\_ and cast his line into the water.
- n.* a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound
89. The Chinese word for \_\_\_\_\_ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
90. I will work hard to \_\_\_\_\_ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
91. There's a new \_\_\_\_\_ of hero in the movies now.
- n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
92. The engagement of the two golf players became \_\_\_\_\_ news.
- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
93. The athlete felt \_\_\_\_\_ by her recent injury and performed with ease.
- adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

ANSWERS: 86. decision, 87. meddle, 88. reel, 89. crisis, 90. achieve, 91. brand, 92. headline, 93. unfettered

94. He is a man admired for the depth of his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
95. The senior \_\_\_\_\_ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
- n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
96. He should \_\_\_\_\_ more with his colleagues.
- v.* to communicate or react with somebody
97. Our company \_\_\_\_\_ numerous disabled athletes.
- v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
98. The top of the hill offered a breathtaking \_\_\_\_\_ of the city below.
- n.* an unobstructed and wide view of an area or surrounding, typically seen from a high point or distance; a comprehensive or panoramic survey or presentation of a subject or topic
99. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
100. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 94. perception, 95. diplomat, 96. interact, 97. sponsors, 98. panorama, 99. warrior, 100. affair

101. The \_\_\_\_\_ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.  
*n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
102. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
103. 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.
104. The media exposed the politician's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
105. We \_\_\_\_\_ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.  
*v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
106. Departments may set requirements for a higher \_\_\_\_\_ point average.  
*n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
107. The scientist \_\_\_\_\_ the frog to study its internal organs.  
*v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
108. 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
109. I forgot my sign-in \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't log in to my account.  
*n.* a secret word or phrase that must be used to gain admission to a place or service

ANSWERS: 101. narrative, 102. rev, 103. president, 104. falsehoods, 105. exploit, 106. grade, 107. dissected, 108. recognize, 109. password

110. We \_\_\_\_\_ a cease-fire.

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

111. The lawyer was accused of \_\_\_\_\_ for tampering with evidence.

*n.* the state or quality of being improper; an act, behavior, or expression that is considered inappropriate, indecent, or morally offensive; a violation of accepted standards, rules, or norms

112. He looked out the window at the \_\_\_\_\_ stream of people.

*adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

113. As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, \_\_\_\_\_ awareness and education become even more important

*n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction

114. The structure is \_\_\_\_\_ of three main components.

*v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

115. The new policy aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the use of renewable energy sources.

*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

116. The majority of snakes swallow their \_\_\_\_\_ whole.

*n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

117. Our brand's campaign uses a unique \_\_\_\_\_ to track engagement and reach.

*n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

ANSWERS: 110. concluded, 111. impropriety, 112. endless, 113. cybersecurity, 114. composed, 115. institutionalize, 116. prey, 117. hashtag

118. In our country, water \_\_\_\_\_ usually decreases during the winter.

*n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

119. She stood on the podium and \_\_\_\_\_ an audience.

*v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

120. The politician was merely a \_\_\_\_\_ for the wealthy elite.

*n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

121. Our company found it \_\_\_\_\_ difficult to keep up with the competition.

*adv.* more and more

122. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for \_\_\_\_\_ maintenance.

*n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

123. The human eye is \_\_\_\_\_ in recognizing objects.

*n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

124. I have no intention to \_\_\_\_\_ your privacy.

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

125. His \_\_\_\_\_ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

*adj.* disorganized and untidy

ANSWERS: 118. consumption, 119. scanned, 120. puppet, 121. increasingly, 122. infrastructure, 123. lightning-fast, 124. invade, 125. messy

126. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
127. The \_\_\_\_\_ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.
- n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
128. The \_\_\_\_\_ old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.
- adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
129. The marketing team developed new \_\_\_\_\_ to boost sales.
- n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
130. An \_\_\_\_\_ tide wrecked the ship.
- adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
131. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.
- n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
132. Police will \_\_\_\_\_ random breath testing for drunk driving.
- v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
133. To advance this discussion, we must \_\_\_\_\_ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 126. critics, 127. alarm, 128. quaint, 129. tactics, 130. aggressive, 131. sphere, 132. conduct, 133. define

134. Please let me know if you want to \_\_\_\_\_ me to my hometown.  
*v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
135. \_\_\_\_\_ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.  
*adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
136. The \_\_\_\_\_ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.  
*n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
137. His pleasant face turned cold in an \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
138. She intends to \_\_\_\_\_ a political career.  
*v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
139. The weather in this region is often \_\_\_\_\_ with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.  
*adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
140. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
141. The enemy fell right into the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 134. accompany, 135. Cyber, 136. threat, 137. instant, 138. pursue, 139. unpredictable, 140. opportune, 141. trap



142. This company \_\_\_\_\_ its battery problem completely.  
*v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
143. The stages of the play were meticulously \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
144. A power outage \_\_\_\_\_ after the storm knocked out the electricity.  
*v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
145. A smaller car will \_\_\_\_\_ less fuel.  
*v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
146. The construction company \_\_\_\_\_ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.  
*v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
147. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses \_\_\_\_\_ their files.  
*v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
148. The spy was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy's headquarters undetected.  
*v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
149. The \_\_\_\_\_ of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.  
*n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety

ANSWERS: 142. resolves, 143. authentic, 144. ensued, 145. consume, 146. equipped, 147. encrypt, 148. infiltrate, 149. specter

150. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the rock was too narrow to squeeze through.

- n.* a narrow opening or crack, especially in a rock or other hard substance; a division or splitting within a group or organization

ANSWERS: 150. fissure