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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### deserve

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

*synonym* : merit, earn, justify

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

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

### promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

*synonym* : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

### 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.

## horrific

*adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying  
*synonym* : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

## investigate

*v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

*synonym* : examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

## harassment

*n.* the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities

*synonym* : bullying, persecution, intimidation

(1) sexual **harassment**, (2) emotional **harassment**

The company has a zero-tolerance policy for **harassment** in the workplace.

## epidemic

*n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

*synonym* : outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

## horrify

*v.* to shock or disgust greatly

*synonym* : shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

## discriminate

*v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to

recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

*synonym* : show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

## scrub

*v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent

*synonym* : clean, wash, sanitize

(1) **scrub** off graffiti, (2) **scrub** dirt from potatoes

She decided to **scrub** the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.

## fatigue

*n.* a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress

*synonym* : exhaustion, weariness, tiredness

(1) **fatigue** breaking, (2) **fatigue** caused by overwork

The metal showed signs of **fatigue** after being subjected to repeated stress.

## 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.

## independence

*n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

*synonym* : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

## military

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

*synonym* : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

## assistant

*n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

*synonym* : aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor

An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.

## engineer

*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

*synonym* : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

## 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.

## encourage

*v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

*synonym* : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

- cliff** *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river  
*synonym*: crag, escarpment, precipice  
(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving  
He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.
- scary** *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating  
*synonym*: terrifying, frightening, alarming  
(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story  
The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.
- excruciating** *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering  
*synonym*: agonizing, unbearable, torturous  
(1) **excruciating** ordeal, (2) **excruciating** embarrassment  
The **excruciating** pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.
- abyss** *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void  
*synonym*: chasm, cavity, gulf  
(1) the **abyss** of time, (2) an **abyss** of hopelessness  
The deep sea is an **abyss** of mystery and discovery.
- miraculous** *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected  
*synonym*: amazing, astonishing, awesome  
(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change  
He made a **miraculous** recovery.
- agony** *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense  
*synonym*: anguish, torment, suffering  
(1) severe **agony**, (2) emotional **agony**  
The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

## sham

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

*synonym*: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

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

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

## voiceless

*adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak

*synonym*: mute, silent, speechless

(1) **voiceless** consonant, (2) **voiceless** minority

The **voiceless** screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym*: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## flee

*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

*synonym*: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

## attendant

*n.* a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant

*synonym*: assistant, aide, guide

(1) flight **attendant**, (2) personal **attendant**

The **attendant** at the parking lot directed me to an available parking spot

## supervisor

*n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others

*synonym*: manager, boss, overseer

(1) **supervisor** of elections, (2) immediate **supervisor**

I have to check with my **supervisor** before making any

changes.

## **pornography**

*n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

*synonym*: obscenity, indecency, smut

(1) **pornography** addiction, (2) violent **pornography**

The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of **pornography** easier than ever before.

## **notepad**

*n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes

*synonym*: notebook, memo pad, scratch pad

(1) digital **notepad**, (2) small **notepad**

I always keep a **notepad** and pen in my bag to jot down ideas throughout the day.

## **complain**

*v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

*synonym*: gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently

Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

## **crazy**

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

*synonym*: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

## **colleague**

*n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

*synonym*: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

## **vile**

*adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or

violence

*synonym* : disgusting, repulsive, despicable

(1) **vile** behavior, (2) **vile** language

The **vile** smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.

## label

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

*synonym* : tag, mark, identifier

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

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

## troublemaker

*n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

*synonym* : troublemonger, instigator, agitator

(1) **troublemaker** kid, (2) accused **troublemaker**

The teacher had to reprimand the **troublemaker** in class constantly.

## subordinate

*adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

*synonym* : inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

## startling

*adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

*synonym* : alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.



## harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

*synonym* : pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

## incidence

n. the frequency or rate at which a particular event or condition occurs within a specific population, group, or area; the occurrence or manifestation of something, especially something harmful or unpleasant

*synonym* : occurrence, frequency, prevalence

(1) **incidence** rate, (2) high **incidence** of disease

The **incidence** of crime has decreased in the neighborhood since the new security measures were put in place.

## demean

v. to lower or damage someone's dignity, honor, or reputation; to treat someone disrespectfully, often in a way that makes them feel inferior or humiliated

*synonym* : lower, degrade, humiliate

(1) **demean** the value, (2) **demean** the reputation

You shouldn't **demean** yourself by taking on tasks beneath your skill level.

## trash

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

*synonym* : garbage, waste, refuse

(1) **trash** bin, (2) **trash** disposal site

The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of **trash** in the streets.

## demote

v. to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities

*synonym* : downgrade, lower, demerit

(1) **demote** an employee, (2) **demote** a song from the top charts

His poor performance caused the coach to **demote** him to

the bench.

## blacklist

*n.* a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities

*synonym*: ban, exclusion, proscription

(1) banking **blacklist**, (2) personal **blacklist**

The software uses a robust **blacklist** to prevent access to malicious websites and protect users from online threats.

## profession

*n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

*synonym*: occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

## silent

*adj.* without any or little sound

*synonym*: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

## rank

*n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

*synonym*: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

## executive

*n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

*synonym*: administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her

responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

## lung

*n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

(1) **lung** capacity, (2) do **lung** transplantation

He has terminal **lung** cancer.

## stick

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

*synonym*: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

## tongue

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

*synonym*: lingo, language, vocabulary

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

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

## 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.

## pants

*n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

*synonym*: trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

## publicize

v. to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

*synonym*: advertise, promote, announce

(1) **publicize** event, (2) **publicize** research findings

The company hired a PR firm to **publicize** its new product.

## shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

*synonym*: push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

## crotch

n. the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals

*synonym*: groin, loin, genitals

(1) **crotch** portion, (2) **crotch** of trousers

She kicked him hard in the **crotch**.

## confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

*synonym*: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

## assault

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

*synonym*: assault, attack, raid

(1) **assault** aircraft, (2) victim of sexual **assault**

We got caught up in an **assault** case.

## trump

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

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

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

## predict

*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

*synonym* : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

## 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.

## statistics

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

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

## spite

*n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

*synonym* : malice, ill will, vindictiveness

(1) bear **spite** against him, (2) die in **spite** of intensive care

He did it out of **spite**, to annoy me.

## thereafter

*adv.* after that; subsequently

*synonym* : subsequently, afterward, henceforth

(1) not long **thereafter**, (2) for several weeks **thereafter**

He was promoted to manager, and **thereafter**, he began to make changes in the company.

## gig

*n.* a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis

*synonym* : show, concert, engagement

(1) **gig** economy, (2) have a **gig** at the stadium

We are planning a speaking **gig** by a well-known author at a community center in a neighboring town.

## confident

*adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

*synonym*: certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

## blond

*adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color

*synonym*: blonde, light-haired

(1) **blond** fuzz, (2) ash- **blond** ringlet

She is a natural **blond** and doesn't need to dye her hair.

## brain

*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

*synonym*: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

## rural

*adj.* of or relating to the countryside

*synonym*: agrarian, country, rustic

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

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

## breast

*n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth

*synonym*: bosom, chest, bust

(1) **breast** cancer, (2) the mountain's **breast**

He grilled the **breast** meat of a chicken.

## microphone

*n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

*synonym*: mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**

The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

## downhill

*adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

*synonym*: downslope

(1) ski **downhill**, (2) walk **downhill** to the beach

The family's finances have been going **downhill** since they lost their main source of income.

## bracing

*adj.* refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability

*synonym*: invigorating, refreshing, stimulating

(1) **bracing** air, (2) **bracing** walk

The athlete performed some **bracing** exercises to warm up before the game.

## cell-phone

*n.* a portable electronic device used for making and receiving phone calls, sending text messages, and accessing the internet wirelessly

*synonym*: mobile, smartphone

(1) **cell-phone** signal, (2) **cell-phone** battery

I left my **cell-phone** at home, and now I feel lost.

## petrify

*v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding

*synonym*: fossilize, mineralize, calcify

(1) **petrify** with fear, (2) **petrify** into stone

The thought of public speaking will **petrify** her.

## envision

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym*: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

- roll** *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side  
*synonym*: spin, swirl, wheel  
(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks  
He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.
- mogul** *n.* a powerful or influential person, especially in business or industry  
*synonym*: big shot, bigwig, executive  
(1) real-estate **mogul**, (2) business **mogul**  
He is a media **mogul** and owns several major newspapers.
- allegation** *n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law  
*synonym*: claim, assertion, declaration  
(1) baseless **allegations**, (2) **allegation** of corruption  
The **allegation** of fraud against the politician damaged his reputation.
- excuse** *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt  
*synonym*: apology, justification, reason  
(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**  
He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.
- unfortunately** *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily  
*synonym*: regrettably, unluckily, alas  
(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**  
The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.



## myth

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

*synonym*: fable, legend, lore

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

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

## associate

*v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

*synonym*: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

## makeup

*n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance

*synonym*: maquillage, composition, cosmetic

(1) **makeup** artist, (2) take the **makeup** off her face

Her beauty resulted from a good night's sleep rather than **makeup**.

## hood

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

*synonym*: hoodie, cowl, cloak

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

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

## silicon

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

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

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

## valley

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

*synonym* : canyon, gorge, dale

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

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

## provocative

*adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

*synonym* : instigating, provoking, inciting

(1) **provocative** questions, (2) a **provocative** smile

His **provocative** style frequently sparked controversies.

## reward

*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

*synonym* : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

## claim

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

*synonym* : assert, declare, maintain

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

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

## bet

*v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

*synonym* : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

## swift

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

*synonym* : quick, speedy, brisk

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

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

## fame

*n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

*synonym* : celebrity, renown, stardom

(1) leap into **fame**, (2) his undying **fame**

Good **fame** is better than a good face.

## grope

*v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see

*synonym* : fumble, feel, pat

(1) **grope** after the truth, (2) **grope** for an answer

He was forced to **grope** in the dark for the light switch.

## untold

*adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

*synonym* : countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

## environment

*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

*synonym* : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

## bystander

*n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene

*synonym* : spectator, observer, witness

(1) innocent **bystander**, (2) shocked **bystander**

The **bystander** effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.

## corporation

*n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

*synonym* : business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets  
Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

## policy

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

*synonym*: strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

## overwhelming

*adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

*synonym*: overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

## witness

*n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

*synonym*: onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

## regard

*v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

*synonym*: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

## 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.

## interrupt

*v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

*synonym* : disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

## confront

*v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

*synonym* : engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

## perpetrator

*n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

*synonym* : culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

## 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.

## shout-out

*n.* a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media

*synonym* : acknowledgment, recognition

(1) **shout-out** message, (2) social media **shout-out**

I want to give a **shout-out** to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success.

## arbitration

*n.* the process of resolving a dispute or conflict between parties by having a neutral third party makes a binding decision; the act of arbitrating or serving as an arbitrator

*synonym* : mediation, conciliation

(1) **arbitration** award, (2) international **arbitration**

The company agreed to settle the dispute through **arbitration** instead of going to court.

## clause

*n.* a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence

*synonym* : article, provision, stipulation

(1) **clause** in contract, (2) a main **clause**

The contract had a **clause** that specified penalties for late delivery.

## employ

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

*synonym* : hire, engage, use

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

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

## contract

*n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

*synonym* : agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

## teeny

*adj.* extremely small; tiny

*synonym* : tiny, mini, minuscule

(1) **teeny** bit, (2) so **teeny** tiny

The ring was so **teeny** that it almost looked like a toy.

## unheard

*adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

*synonym* : unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

## amendment

*n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law

*synonym* : modification, revision, emendation

(1) constitutional **amendment**, (2) make an **amendment** to a contract

The opposition politicians jointly proposed an **amendment** to that law.

## jury

*n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task

*synonym* : panel, tribunal, adjudicators

(1) **jury** verdict, (2) **jury** duty

The judge instructed the **jury** on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.

## process

*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

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

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

## deposition

*n.* the process of obtaining testimony from a witness or a party to a lawsuit outside of the courtroom; the act of removing or displacing someone from a position of power or authority; the process of laying down a substance or material in a particular place or on a

particular surface, such as sedimentary rock formation  
*synonym* : removal, displacement, sediment

(1) **deposition** of minerals, (2) legal **deposition**

The **deposition** of the CEO was crucial in determining the company's guilt.

## arbitrator

*n.* a person or entity chosen to settle a dispute or disagreement impartially; someone who acts as a mediator or judge in a conflict to make a final decision  
*synonym* : mediator, umpire, adjudicator

(1) **arbitrator's** decision, (2) court-appointed **arbitrator**

The disputing parties have agreed to appoint an independent **arbitrator** to settle their differences.

## appeal

*n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest  
*synonym* : request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

## employee

*n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker  
*synonym* : worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

## diligent

*adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties  
*synonym* : active, engaged, assiduous

(1) a **diligent** person, (2) a **diligent** search of the files

The **diligent** detective investigated all clues.



## capitol

*n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

*synonym*: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

## senator

*n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

*synonym*: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

## apolitical

*adj.* not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation

*synonym*: nonpartisan, impartial, unbiased

(1) **apolitical** stance, (2) **apolitical** organization

The nonprofit organization remains **apolitical** and does not endorse any political candidates.

## fierce

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

*synonym*: ferocious, convulsive, forceful

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

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

## paramount

*adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position

*synonym*: central, major, crucial

(1) the lord **paramount**, (2) **paramount** to all the others

This country became a country of **paramount** geostrategic importance to us.

## decision-maker

*n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## underestimate

*v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

*synonym* : underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

## 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.

## announce

*v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something

*synonym* : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

## anxious

*adj.* worried and nervous

*synonym* : nervous, uneasy, afraid

(1) **anxious** about his health, (2) an **anxious** look

He cast **anxious** glances behind her.

## 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.

## miserable

*adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

*synonym* : unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

## contagious

*adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

*synonym* : infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

## inspire

*v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

*synonym* : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

## tip

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

*synonym* : edge, advice, gratuity

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

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

## plea

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

*synonym* : petition, appeal, entreaty

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

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

## hire

*v.* to give somebody a job

*synonym*: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

## random

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

*synonym*: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

## jerk

*v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this

*synonym*: wrench, jolt, twitch

(1) **jerk** her head back, (2) **jerk** the rope

The driver suddenly  **jerked** the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.

## intimidate

*v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

*synonym*: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

## relic

*n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

*synonym*: whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. un___d riches                 | <i>adj.</i> not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured  |
| 2. health ep____ic               | <i>n.</i> the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time  |
| 3. j__k her head back            | <i>v.</i> to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this   |
| 4. call and co_____in frequently | <i>v.</i> to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody   |
| 5. victim of sexual as_____t     | <i>n.</i> a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will  |
| 6. draw out your ap____l         | <i>n.</i> a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest                                    |
| 7. arb_____on award              | <i>n.</i> the process of resolving a dispute or conflict between parties by having a neutral third party makes a binding decision; the act of arbitrating or serving as an arbitrator |
| 8. co_____in about a job         | <i>v.</i> to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody   |
| 9. built-in mic_____ne           | <i>n.</i> a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder   |

ANSWERS: 1. untold, 2. epidemic, 3. jerk, 4. complain, 5. assault, 6. appeal, 7. arbitration, 8. complain, 9. microphone

10. culprit per\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
11. en\_\_\_\_\_on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
12. the nation's ca\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
13. even more unf\_\_\_\_\_ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
14. und\_\_\_\_\_ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
15. a pro\_\_\_\_\_ve smile *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
16. an un\_\_\_\_\_d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
17. re\_\_\_\_\_d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
18. pr\_\_\_\_\_e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
19. pro\_\_\_\_\_ve questions *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
20. sup\_\_\_\_\_or of elections *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
21. int\_\_\_\_\_te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
22. court-appointed arb\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person or entity chosen to settle a dispute or disagreement impartially; someone who acts as a mediator or judge in a conflict to make a final decision

ANSWERS: 10. perpetrator, 11. envision, 12. capitol, 13. unfortunately, 14. underestimate, 15. provocative, 16. untold, 17. regard, 18. promote, 19. provocative, 20. supervisor, 21. intimidate, 22. arbitrator

23. st\_\_k a key in a lock  
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
24. inv\_\_\_\_\_te the matter  
v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
25. vi\_\_\_m support  
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
26. ove\_\_\_\_\_ing majority  
adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
27. 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
28. legal dep\_\_\_\_\_on  
n. the process of obtaining testimony from a witness or a party to a lawsuit outside of the courtroom; the act of removing or displacing someone from a position of power or authority; the process of laying down a substance or material in a particular place or on a particular surface, such as sedimentary rock formation
29. principles of de\_\_\_\_\_cy  
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 23. stick, 24. investigate, 25. victim, 26. overwhelming, 27. courage, 28. deposition, 29. democracy

30. de\_\_\_n the value      *v.* to lower or damage someone's dignity, honor, or reputation; to treat someone disrespectfully, often in a way that makes them feel inferior or humiliated
31. 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
32. international arb\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the process of resolving a dispute or conflict between parties by having a neutral third party make a binding decision; the act of arbitrating or serving as an arbitrator
33. high in\_\_\_\_\_ce of disease      *n.* the frequency or rate at which a particular event or condition occurs within a specific population, group, or area; the occurrence or manifestation of something, especially something harmful or unpleasant
34. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs      *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
35. tro\_\_\_\_\_ker kid      *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
36. sh\_\_e a person aside      *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
37. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt remark      *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

ANSWERS: 30. demean, 31. committee, 32. arbitration, 33. incidence, 34. statistics, 35. troublemaker, 36. shove, 37. confident



38. con\_\_\_\_\_ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
39. ind\_\_\_\_\_nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
40. pu\_\_\_\_\_ze research findings *v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
41. su\_\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
42. policy dec\_\_\_\_\_ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
43. ho\_\_\_\_\_y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
44. arb\_\_\_\_\_or's decision *n.* a person or entity chosen to settle a dispute or disagreement impartially; someone who acts as a mediator or judge in a conflict to make a final decision
45. as\_\_\_\_\_t aircraft *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
46. te\_\_y bit *adj.* extremely small; tiny
47. the ab\_\_s of time *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
48. a cr\_\_y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
49. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

ANSWERS: 38. confidence, 39. independence, 40. publicize, 41. suddenly, 42. decision-maker, 43. horrify, 44. arbitrator, 45. assault, 46. teeny, 47. abyss, 48. crazy, 49. executive

50. v\_\_e behavior *adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
51. former co\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
52. cl\_\_m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
53. sub\_\_\_\_\_te position *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
54. do l\_\_g transplantation *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
55. vo\_\_\_\_\_ss consonant *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
56. inv\_\_\_\_\_te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
57. fa\_\_\_\_\_e breaking *n.* a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress

ANSWERS: 50. vile, 51. colleague, 52. claim, 53. subordinate, 54. lung, 55. voiceless, 56. investigate, 57. fatigue

58. to\_\_\_e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
59. cel\_\_\_\_\_ne battery *n.* a portable electronic device used for making and receiving phone calls, sending text messages, and accessing the internet wirelessly
60. a fi\_\_\_e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
61. bombs fell at ra\_\_\_m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
62. co\_\_\_\_\_ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
63. an\_\_\_\_\_s about his health *adj.* worried and nervous
64. pajama pa\_\_s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
65. 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
66. sc\_\_y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
67. Ca\_\_\_\_\_l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

ANSWERS: 58. tongue, 59. cell-phone, 60. fierce, 61. random, 62. contract, 63. anxious, 64. pants, 65. democracy, 66. scary, 67. capitol

68. 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.
69. ha\_\_\_s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
70. pa\_\_\_\_\_nt to all the others *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
71. pe\_\_\_\_\_y with fear *v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
72. 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
73. die in sp\_\_e of intensive care *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
74. a main cl\_\_\_e *n.* a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence
75. historical re\_\_c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
76. ho\_\_\_\_\_y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
77. ma\_\_\_p artist *n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance

ANSWERS: 68. president, 69. harass, 70. paramount, 71. petrify, 72. courage, 73. spite, 74. clause, 75. relic, 76. horrify, 77. makeup

78. teaching of Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
79. fi\_\_\_e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
80. tr\_\_\_p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
81. h\_\_\_d ornament *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
82. 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
83. an ove\_\_\_\_\_ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
84. violent por\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
85. a bold cl\_\_\_f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
86. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
87. the mountain's br\_\_\_t *n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth

ANSWERS: 78. Christ, 79. fierce, 80. trump, 81. hood, 82. journalist, 83. overwhelming, 84. pornography, 85. cliff, 86. engineer, 87. breast

88. f\_\_e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
89. apo\_\_\_\_\_al organization *adj.* not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation
90. cr\_\_\_h of trousers *n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals
91. sub\_\_\_\_\_te role *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
92. a sw\_\_t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
93. r\_\_k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
94. in\_\_\_\_\_e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
95. a di\_\_\_\_\_nt person *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
96. 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
97. an\_\_\_\_\_ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something

ANSWERS: 88. flee, 89. apolitical, 90. crotch, 91. subordinate, 92. swift, 93. rank, 94. inspire, 95. diligent, 96. recognize, 97. announce

98. 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.
99. all\_\_\_\_\_on of corruption      *n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
100. not long the \_\_\_\_\_er      *adv.* after that; subsequently
101. an ap\_\_\_l for help      *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
102. perpetuate a m\_\_h      *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
103. mi\_\_\_\_\_le weather      *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
104. the t\_p of a paintbrush      *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
105. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve editor at the publishing house      *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

ANSWERS: 98. president, 99. allegation, 100. thereafter, 101. appeal, 102. myth, 103. miserable, 104. tip, 105. executive

106. turn out to be all s\_\_m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
107. small no\_\_\_\_d *n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes
108. an un\_\_\_\_d story *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
109. la\_\_l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
110. a material wi\_\_\_\_s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
111. b\_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
112. have a g\_g at the stadium *n.* a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis
113. exc\_\_\_\_\_ing ordeal *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
114. act as a dec\_\_\_\_\_ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

ANSWERS: 106. sham, 107. notepad, 108. unheard, 109. label, 110. witness, 111. bet, 112. gig, 113. excruciating, 114. decision-maker



115. an ab\_\_s of hopelessness *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
116. vi\_\_\_m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
117. native to\_\_\_e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
118. tr\_\_h bin *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
119. emotional ag\_\_y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
120. em\_\_\_y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
121. ski do\_\_\_\_\_ll *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
122. co\_\_\_\_\_nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
123. a mir\_\_\_\_\_us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
124. ru\_\_l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
125. per\_\_\_\_\_or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
126. apo\_\_\_\_\_al stance *adj.* not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation

ANSWERS: 115. abyss, 116. victim, 117. tongue, 118. trash, 119. agony, 120. employ, 121. downhill, 122. confront, 123. miraculous, 124. rural, 125. perpetrator, 126. apolitical

127. boost my con\_\_\_\_\_ce                    *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
128. st\_\_\_\_\_ng discovery                    *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
129. the lord pa\_\_\_\_\_nt                    *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
130. de\_\_\_e a song from the top charts                    *v.* to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities
131. mic\_\_\_\_\_ne cable                    *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
132. em\_\_\_y job seekers                    *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
133. abruptly in\_\_\_\_\_pt                    *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
134. a mi\_\_\_\_\_ry leader                    *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
135. cor\_\_\_\_\_on assets                    *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
136. ho\_\_\_\_\_ic experience                    *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
137. emotional p\_\_a                    *n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

ANSWERS: 127. confidence, 128. startling, 129. paramount, 130. demote, 131. microphone, 132. employ, 133. interrupt, 134. military, 135. corporation, 136. horrific, 137. plea

138. j\_\_k the rope *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
139. p\_\_a bargaining *n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication
140. give the waiter a t\_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
141. por\_\_\_\_\_hy addiction *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
142. as\_\_\_\_\_te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
143. si\_\_\_\_\_n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
144. permanent br\_\_n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
145. go through a mir\_\_\_\_\_us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
146. re\_\_\_\_\_e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

ANSWERS: 138. jerk, 139. plea, 140. tip, 141. pornography, 142. associate, 143. silicon, 144. brain, 145. miraculous, 146. resolve

147. de\_\_\_\_e this prize      *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
148. for several weeks the\_\_\_\_er      *adv.* after that; subsequently
149. personal bl\_\_\_\_st      *n.* a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities
150. cl\_\_f diving      *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
151. basic br\_\_n function      *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
152. exc\_\_\_\_ing embarrassment      *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
153. fire st\_\_k      *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
154. flight at\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant
155. en\_\_\_\_ge a sense of affinity      *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 147. deserve, 148. thereafter, 149. blacklist, 150. cliff, 151. brain, 152. excruciating, 153. stick, 154. attendant, 155. encourage

156. holy re\_\_cs                      *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
157. so te\_\_y tiny                      *adj.* extremely small; tiny
158. a ra\_\_\_m choice                      *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
159. pro\_\_\_\_\_on choice                      *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
160. a worldwide ep\_\_\_\_\_ic                      *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
161. digital no\_\_\_\_\_d                      *n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes
162. give si\_\_\_t consent                      *adj.* without any or little sound
163. en\_\_\_\_\_ge antisocial behavior                      *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
164. r\_\_l down his cheeks                      *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
165. an\_\_\_\_\_ce the award winners                      *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
166. accused tro\_\_\_\_\_ker                      *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

ANSWERS: 156. relic, 157. teeny, 158. random, 159. profession, 160. epidemic, 161. notepad, 162. silent, 163. encourage, 164. roll, 165. announce, 166. troublemaker

167. baseless all\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
168. dep\_\_\_\_\_on of minerals *n.* the process of obtaining testimony from a witness or a party to a lawsuit outside of the courtroom; the act of removing or displacing someone from a position of power or authority; the process of laying down a substance or material in a particular place or on a particular surface, such as sedimentary rock formation
169. br\_\_\_\_t cancer *n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
170. br\_\_\_\_\_g air *adj.* refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability
171. healthcare pro\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
172. shopping re\_\_\_\_ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
173. sexual har\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities
174. de\_\_\_\_n the reputation *v.* to lower or damage someone's dignity, honor, or reputation; to treat someone disrespectfully, often in a way that makes them feel inferior or humiliated

ANSWERS: 167. allegation, 168. deposition, 169. breast, 170. bracing, 171. profession, 172. reward, 173. harassment, 174. demean

175. 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
176. a di\_\_\_\_\_nt search of the files *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
177. sh\_\_\_\_\_ut message *n.* a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media
178. pr\_\_\_\_\_t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
179. previously un\_\_\_\_\_d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
180. in\_\_\_\_\_e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
181. social media sh\_\_\_\_\_ut *n.* a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media
182. h\_\_e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
183. feel co\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
184. 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

ANSWERS: 175. recognize, 176. diligent, 177. shout-out, 178. predict, 179. unheard, 180. inspire, 181. shout-out, 182. hire, 183. confident, 184. committee

185. con\_\_\_\_\_us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
186. make an am\_\_\_\_\_nt to a contract *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
187. ha\_\_\_s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
188. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
189. cr\_\_y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
190. vo\_\_\_\_\_ss minority *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
191. pr\_\_\_\_\_t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
192. cr\_\_\_h portion *n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals
193. si\_\_\_t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
194. bear sp\_\_e against him *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
195. pe\_\_\_\_\_y into stone *v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding

ANSWERS: 185. contagious, 186. amendment, 187. harass, 188. statistics, 189. crazy, 190. voiceless, 191. predict, 192. crotch, 193. silent, 194. spite, 195. petrify



196. a silk h\_\_d *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
197. se\_\_\_\_\_r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
198. em\_\_\_\_\_ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
199. dis\_\_\_\_\_ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
200. collaborate with co\_\_\_\_\_ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
201. basin-shaped va\_\_\_\_y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
202. cel\_\_\_\_\_ne signal *n.* a portable electronic device used for making and receiving phone calls, sending text messages, and accessing the internet wirelessly
203. re\_\_\_\_d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
204. take the ma\_\_\_\_p off her face *n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
205. in\_\_\_\_\_pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
206. take sw\_\_t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

ANSWERS: 196. hood, 197. senator, 198. employee, 199. discriminate, 200. colleague, 201. valley, 202. cell-phone, 203. regard, 204. makeup, 205. interrupt, 206. swift

207. severe ag\_\_y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
208. die su\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
209. employment co\_\_\_\_ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
210. b\_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
211. immediate sup\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
212. foreign po\_\_\_\_y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
213. pu\_\_\_\_ze event *v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
214. banking bl\_\_\_\_st *n.* a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities

ANSWERS: 207. agony, 208. suddenly, 209. contract, 210. bet, 211. supervisor, 212. policy, 213. publicize, 214. blacklist

215. ash-bl\_\_d ringlet *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
216. a public cor\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
217. em\_\_\_\_\_ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
218. und\_\_\_\_\_ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
219. emotional har\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities
220. sh\_\_e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
221. effectively int\_\_\_\_\_te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
222. br\_\_\_\_\_g walk *adj.* refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability
223. high r\_\_k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
224. real-estate mo\_\_l *n.* a powerful or influential person, especially in business or industry

ANSWERS: 215. blond, 216. corporation, 217. employee, 218. underestimate, 219. harassment, 220. shove, 221. intimidate, 222. bracing, 223. rank, 224. mogul

225. co\_\_\_\_\_nt a global warming      *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
226. r\_\_l a ball      *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
227. shocked by\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
228. j\_\_y duty      *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
229. l\_\_g capacity      *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
230. false cl\_\_m      *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (*noun*) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
231. de\_\_\_e an employee      *v.* to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities
232. de\_\_\_\_\_e respect      *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
233. a mi\_\_\_\_\_ry operation      *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 225. confront, 226. roll, 227. bystander, 228. jury, 229. lung, 230. claim, 231. demote, 232. deserve, 233. military

234. in\_\_\_t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
235. pr\_\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
236. walk do\_\_\_\_\_ll to the beach *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
237. 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
238. health po\_\_\_y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
239. the m\_\_h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

ANSWERS: 234. intent, 235. process, 236. downhill, 237. intent, 238. policy, 239. myth

240. the re\_\_\_d for good works      *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
241. personal at\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant
242. constitutional am\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
243. woolly pa\_\_s      *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
244. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
245. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs      *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
246. ho\_\_\_\_ic condition      *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
247. junior se\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
248. mi\_\_\_\_\_le experience      *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
249. a mailing la\_\_l      *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 240. reward, 241. attendant, 242. amendment, 243. pants, 244. environment, 245. environment, 246. horrific, 247. senator, 248. miserable, 249. label

250. ex\_\_\_e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
251. gr\_\_e after the truth *v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
252. dis\_\_\_\_\_ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
253. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
254. fa\_\_\_\_\_e caused by overwork *n.* a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress
255. leap into f\_\_e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
256. gr\_\_e for an answer *v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see

ANSWERS: 250. excuse, 251. grope, 252. discriminate, 253. process, 254. fatigue, 255. fame, 256. grope

257. perfect ex\_\_\_e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
258. st\_\_\_\_\_ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
259. financial ind\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
260. before Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
261. va\_\_\_y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
262. en\_\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
263. unf\_\_\_\_\_ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
264. tr\_\_h disposal site *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
265. f\_\_e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
266. innocent by\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
267. people in ru\_\_l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
268. as\_\_\_\_\_nt professor *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

ANSWERS: 257. excuse, 258. startling, 259. independence, 260. Christ, 261. valley, 262. engineer, 263. unfortunately, 264. trash, 265. flee, 266. bystander, 267. rural, 268. assistant



269. a s\_\_m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
270. choose tr\_\_p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
271. 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
272. g\_g economy *n.* a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis
273. sc\_\_b off graffiti *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
274. h\_\_e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
275. con\_\_\_\_\_us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
276. j\_\_y verdict *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
277. an unwilling as\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
278. business mo\_\_l *n.* a powerful or influential person, especially in business or industry

ANSWERS: 269. sham, 270. trump, 271. journalist, 272. gig, 273. scrub, 274. hire, 275. contagious, 276. jury, 277. assistant, 278. mogul

279. v\_\_e language *adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
280. sc\_\_y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
281. in\_\_\_\_\_ce rate *n.* the frequency or rate at which a particular event or condition occurs within a specific population, group, or area; the occurrence or manifestation of something, especially something harmful or unpleasant
282. crystalline si\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
283. re\_\_\_\_\_e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
284. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
285. sc\_\_b dirt from potatoes *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
286. an an\_\_\_\_\_s look *adj.* worried and nervous
287. wi\_\_\_\_\_s of the car accident *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
288. his undying f\_\_e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

ANSWERS: 279. vile, 280. scary, 281. incidence, 282. silicon, 283. resolve, 284. promote, 285. scrub, 286. anxious, 287. witness, 288. fame

289. bl\_\_d fuzz *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
290. cl\_\_\_e in contract *n.* a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence
291. as\_\_\_\_\_te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
292. en\_\_\_\_\_on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

ANSWERS: 289. blond, 290. clause, 291. associate, 292. envision

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The series of terrorist attacks \_\_\_\_\_ the entire nation.  
*v.* to shock or disgust greatly
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.  
*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
  
3. 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.
  
4. The disease is now reaching \_\_\_\_\_ proportions in our country.  
*n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
  
5. When making arrests, police officers frequently \_\_\_\_\_ excessive force.  
*v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
  
6. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.  
*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
  
7. The company agreed to settle the dispute through \_\_\_\_\_ instead of going to court.  
*n.* the process of resolving a dispute or conflict between parties by having a neutral third party makes a binding decision; the act of arbitrating or serving as an arbitrator

ANSWERS: 1. horrify, 2. process, 3. president, 4. epidemic, 5. employ, 6. crazy, 7. arbitration

8. He quickly fabricated an \_\_\_\_\_ for not attending the meeting.  
*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.  
*adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
10. The boss tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his subordinate with threats.  
*v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
11. The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of \_\_\_\_\_ easier than ever before.  
*n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
12. The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ in the streets.  
*n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
13. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.  
*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
14. 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
15. This company \_\_\_\_\_ its battery problem completely.  
*v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

ANSWERS: 8. excuse, 9. voiceless, 10. intimidate, 11. pornography, 12. trash, 13. stick, 14. recognize, 15. resolves

16. 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
17. The nonprofit organization remains \_\_\_\_\_ and does not endorse any political candidates.  
*adj.* not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation
18. The horror movie was so \_\_\_\_\_ that I couldn't watch it alone.  
*adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
19. The police have not yet caught the \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime.  
*n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
20. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
21. I want to give a \_\_\_\_\_ to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success.  
*n.* a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media
22. His poor performance caused the coach to \_\_\_\_\_ him to the bench.  
*v.* to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities

ANSWERS: 16. committee, 17. apolitical, 18. scary, 19. perpetrator, 20. brain, 21. shout-out, 22. demote

23. The \_\_\_\_\_ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.  
*adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
24. He describes the story with \_\_\_\_\_ reality.  
*adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
25. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
26. The athlete performed some \_\_\_\_\_ exercises to warm up before the game.  
*adj.* refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability
27. The third season of the anime show has been \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
28. The \_\_\_\_\_ effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.  
*n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
29. The opposition politicians jointly proposed an \_\_\_\_\_ to that law.  
*n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
30. He cast \_\_\_\_\_ glances behind her.  
*adj.* worried and nervous
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.  
*n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

ANSWERS: 23. unheard, 24. startling, 25. sham, 26. bracing, 27. announced, 28. bystander, 29. amendment, 30. anxious, 31. tongue

32. He finally decided to \_\_\_\_\_ problems directly.

*v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

33. The family's finances have been going \_\_\_\_\_ since they lost their main source of income.

*adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

34. As the \_\_\_\_\_ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

*n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

35. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.

*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

36. The treatments were done but, \_\_\_\_\_ were unsuccessful.

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

37. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ in our victory.

*adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

38. The \_\_\_\_\_ pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.

*adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering

39. He did it out of \_\_\_\_\_ to annoy me.

*n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

ANSWERS: 32. confront, 33. downhill, 34. executive, 35. predict, 36. unfortunately, 37. confident, 38. excruciating, 39. spite,



40. Night fishing has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

41. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ against minorities.

*v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

42. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

43. Frugality and industry are still \_\_\_\_\_ as virtues.

*v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

44. The ring was so \_\_\_\_\_ that it almost looked like a toy.

*adj.* extremely small; tiny

45. The \_\_\_\_\_ thunders echoed across the plain.

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

46. He has shown signs of uneasiness and \_\_\_\_\_ worry.

*adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

47. I left my \_\_\_\_\_ at home, and now I feel lost.

*n.* a portable electronic device used for making and receiving phone calls, sending text messages, and accessing the internet wirelessly

ANSWERS: 40. rewards, 41. discriminate, 42. statistics, 43. regarded, 44. teeny, 45. fierce, 46. overwhelming, 47. cell-phone

48. The \_\_\_\_\_ of fraud against the politician damaged his reputation.
- n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
49. He grilled the \_\_\_\_\_ meat of a chicken.
- n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
50. The disease is highly \_\_\_\_\_ and spreads quickly.
- adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
51. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.
- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
52. The judge instructed the \_\_\_\_\_ on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.
- n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
53. The company hired a PR firm to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product.
- v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
54. The hawkish \_\_\_\_\_ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.
- n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
55. Skill and \_\_\_\_\_ are an unconquered army.
- n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 48. allegation, 49. breast, 50. contagious, 51. suddenly, 52. jury, 53. publicize, 54. senator, 55. confidence

56. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
- n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
57. He pulled his waterproof \_\_\_\_\_ up to protect himself from the rain.
- n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
58. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ her as President.
- v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
59. With the financial bubble bursting, the \_\_\_\_\_ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
60. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
61. The thought of public speaking will \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
62. The CEO's \_\_\_\_\_ employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.
- adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
63. The athlete fell to the ground in \_\_\_\_\_ after injuring their ankle.
- n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

ANSWERS: 56. label, 57. hood, 58. envision, 59. myth, 60. environment, 61. petrify, 62. subordinate, 63. agony

64. The driver suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.
- v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
65. The contract had a \_\_\_\_\_ that specified penalties for late delivery.
- n.* a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence
66. He is a media \_\_\_\_\_ and owns several major newspapers.
- n.* a powerful or influential person, especially in business or industry
67. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the parking lot directed me to an available parking spot
- n.* a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant
68. The \_\_\_\_\_ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
- n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
69. I have to check with my \_\_\_\_\_ before making any changes.
- n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
70. The \_\_\_\_\_ of crime has decreased in the neighborhood since the new security measures were put in place.
- n.* the frequency or rate at which a particular event or condition occurs within a specific population, group, or area; the occurrence or manifestation of something, especially something harmful or unpleasant
71. It is a basic instinct to \_\_\_\_\_ from a dangerous situation.
- v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

ANSWERS: 64. jerked, 65. clause, 66. mogul, 67. attendant, 68. valley, 69. supervisor, 70. incidence, 71. flee

72. The company's new \_\_\_\_\_ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
73. The company has a zero-tolerance policy for \_\_\_\_\_ in the workplace.
- n.* the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities
74. The government should do more to \_\_\_\_\_ sustainable agribusiness.
- v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
75. His \_\_\_\_\_ style frequently sparked controversies.
- adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
76. She kicked him hard in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals
77. 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
78. The teacher had to reprimand the \_\_\_\_\_ in class constantly.
- n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

ANSWERS: 72. policy, 73. harassment, 74. promote, 75. provocative, 76. crotch, 77. journalists, 78. troublemaker

79. He was forced to \_\_\_\_\_ in the dark for the light switch.

- v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see

80. The \_\_\_\_\_ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

- n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

81. I \_\_\_\_ that you know it.

- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

82. She decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.

- v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent

83. He forcibly \_\_\_\_\_ the flyer into my bag.

- v.* to push someone or something in a rough way

84. The deep sea is an \_\_\_\_\_ of mystery and discovery.

- n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void

85. The \_\_\_\_\_ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

- adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

86. Four companies were amalgamated into a single \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

87. I always keep a \_\_\_\_\_ and pen in my bag to jot down ideas throughout the day.

- n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes

ANSWERS: 79. grope, 80. capitol, 81. bet, 82. scrub, 83. shoved, 84. abyss, 85. military, 86. corporation, 87. notepad

88. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
89. The \_\_\_\_\_ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
- n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
90. They frequently \_\_\_\_\_ their abilities and felt inferior.
- v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
91. I will introduce some \_\_\_\_\_ on learning English in this class.
- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
92. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
93. An executive \_\_\_\_\_ director administers each branch.
- n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
94. We should always be prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ talented recruits.
- v.* to give somebody a job
95. The defendant entered a \_\_\_\_\_ of not guilty during his trial.
- n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

ANSWERS: 88. colleague, 89. employee, 90. underestimated, 91. tips, 92. engineer, 93. assistant, 94. hire, 95. plea

96. The accident scene was \_\_\_\_\_ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

*adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

97. The committee \_\_\_\_\_ several apparent inconsistencies.

*v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

98. This country became a country of \_\_\_\_\_ geostrategic importance to us.

*adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position

99. He was promoted to manager, and \_\_\_\_\_ he began to make changes in the company.

*adv.* after that; subsequently

100. The employee \_\_\_\_\_ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

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

101. Her beauty resulted from a good night's sleep rather than \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance

102. 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

103. Her sleep was \_\_\_\_\_ by recurring pain.

*v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

ANSWERS: 96. horrific, 97. investigated, 98. paramount, 99. thereafter, 100. deserved, 101. makeup, 102. intent, 103. interrupted



104. The \_\_\_\_\_ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
105. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
106. He was exhausted and \_\_\_\_\_ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
107. There is nothing more valuable than \_\_\_\_\_ and freedom.
- n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
108. He stood at the edge of the \_\_\_\_\_ and looked out to sea.
- n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
109. Her voice was \_\_\_\_\_ yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.
- adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
110. The unique style of this martial arts \_\_\_\_\_ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
111. I always wear \_\_\_\_\_ when I go outside, even in the summer.
- n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
112. The company signed a \_\_\_\_\_ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.
- n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

ANSWERS: 104. trump, 105. Christmas, 106. rolled, 107. independence, 108. cliff, 109. swift, 110. inspired, 111. pants, 112. contract

113. She is a natural \_\_\_\_\_ and doesn't need to dye her hair.

*adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color

114. \_\_\_\_\_ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

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

115. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the CEO was crucial in determining the company's guilt.

*n.* the process of obtaining testimony from a witness or a party to a lawsuit outside of the courtroom; the act of removing or displacing someone from a position of power or authority; the process of laying down a substance or material in a particular place or on a particular surface, such as sedimentary rock formation

116. The metal showed signs of \_\_\_\_\_ after being subjected to repeated stress.

*n.* a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress

117. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

118. The disputing parties have agreed to appoint an independent \_\_\_\_\_ to settle their differences.

*n.* a person or entity chosen to settle a dispute or disagreement impartially; someone who acts as a mediator or judge in a conflict to make a final decision

119. 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

ANSWERS: 113. blond, 114. Silicon, 115. deposition, 116. fatigue, 117. random, 118. arbitrator, 119. courage

120. Good \_\_\_\_\_ is better than a good face.
- n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
121. He was promoted to the \_\_\_\_\_ of captain in the military.
- n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
122. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an \_\_\_\_\_ directly.
- n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
123. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
124. She was constantly \_\_\_\_\_ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
- v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
125. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
126. Our users are often \_\_\_\_\_ about the slow application.
- v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
127. \_\_\_\_\_ 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

ANSWERS: 120. fame, 121. rank, 122. appeal, 123. claim, 124. harassed, 125. profession, 126. complaining, 127. Democracy

128. We are planning a speaking \_\_\_\_ by a well-known author at a community center in a neighboring town.

*n.* a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis

129. Many \_\_\_\_\_ areas are still impoverished.

*adj.* of or relating to the countryside

130. They \_\_\_\_\_ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

*v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

131. We got caught up in an \_\_\_\_\_ case.

*n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

132. You shouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ yourself by taking on tasks beneath your skill level.

*v.* to lower or damage someone's dignity, honor, or reputation; to treat someone disrespectfully, often in a way that makes them feel inferior or humiliated

133. The \_\_\_\_\_ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

*adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

134. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ recovery.

*adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

135. The interviewer asked him to speak into the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

ANSWERS: 128. gig, 129. rural, 130. encouraged, 131. assault, 132. demean, 133. untold, 134. miraculous, 135. microphone

136. The software uses a robust \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent access to malicious websites and protect users from online threats.
- n.* a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities
137. This bronze sword is a \_\_\_\_\_ of ancient times.
- n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
138. 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
139. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
140. He has terminal \_\_\_\_\_ cancer.
- n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
141. The majority of consumers \_\_\_\_\_ this brand with quality.
- v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
142. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.
- adj.* without any or little sound
143. The \_\_\_\_\_ smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.
- adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence

ANSWERS: 136. blacklist, 137. relic, 138. victim, 139. decision-makers, 140. lung, 141. associate, 142. silent, 143. vile

144. The \_\_\_\_\_ detective investigated all clues.

*adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

145. The manufacturing industry is \_\_\_\_\_ fierce competition.

*n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

146. She felt \_\_\_\_\_ after her dog passed away.

*adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

ANSWERS: 144. diligent, 145. witnessing, 146. miserable