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Session 1: Word List

rabbi

n. a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher

synonym: clergyman, priest, teacher

(1) son of a **rabbi**, (2) the city's communal **rabbi**

The chief **rabbi** chanted a prayer.

shambles

n. a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure

synonym: disorder, chaos, mess

(1) financial **shambles**, (2) organizational **shambles**

After the party, the house was in **shambles** and needed much cleaning.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

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

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

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.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

spinning

n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

synonym: whirling, rotating, spinning wheel

(1) **spinning** machine, (2) **spinning** wheel

She took a **spinning** class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.

coordinated

adj. effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

synonym: collective, unified, cooperative

(1) in a **coordinated** manner, (2) **coordinated** robot system

For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better **coordinated**.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

subway

n. an underground railway system, typically in a city

synonym: underground, metro, tube

(1) **subway** train, (2) rapid transit **subway**

He took the **subway** to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

crib

n. a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers

synonym: bed, bassinet, cradle

(1) **crib** bed, (2) baby **crib**

She put the baby in the portable **crib** for a nap.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym: beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

breath

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

synonym: air, puff, whiff

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

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

urgency

n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

synonym: importance, importunity, urging

(1) **urgency** in the use of force, (2) matter of **urgency**

She departed hurriedly because of some significant **urgency** in their affairs.

tectonic

adj. relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it

synonym: seismic, geologic, geological

(1) **tectonic** valleys, (2) a **tectonic** earthquake

The **tectonic** plates shifted, causing an earthquake.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

ideology

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

synonym : credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**

Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

religion

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

synonym : faith, creed, belief

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

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

precarious

adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

synonym : precariousness, instability, uncertainty

(1) **precarious** job, (2) **precarious** financial situation

She had a **precarious** hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym : rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

battlefield

n. a place where a battle or conflict is fought

synonym : warzone, front line, combat area

(1) **battlefield** casualties, (2) tactics on the **battlefield**

The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the **battlefield**.

landscape

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

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

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

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

committed

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

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

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

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

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym: dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

atrocious

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

synonym: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**

The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

extremism

n. the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable

synonym: fanaticism, radicalism, zealotry

(1) violent **extremism**, (2) political **extremism**

The rise of far-right **extremism** has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.

hostile

adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed

synonym: unfriendly, aggressive, antagonistic

(1) take up a **hostile** attitude, (2) **hostile** environment

The **hostile** takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

utter

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

synonym: absolute, complete, total

(1) **utter** nonsense, (2) **utter** a big sigh

The **utter** chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

detonate

v. to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events

synonym: explode, blow up, ignite

(1) **detonate** a missile, (2) **detonate** a plan

The bomb squad had to **detonate** the suspicious package found at the train station.

eyebrow

n. the hair arc over each eye in humans

synonym: brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics

She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

abortion

n. the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage

synonym: miscarriage

(1) **abortion** doctor, (2) the highly charged issue of **abortion**

We strongly oppose the **abortion** ban.

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.

extremist

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

synonym: radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

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.

wedge

n. a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them

(1) drive a **wedge** into a relationship, (2) put a **wedge** under the door

He inserted the **wedge** into a split in the log.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

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.

stigmatize

v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

synonym: brand, mark, denounce

(1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him

as a swindler

She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

Semitic

adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

(1) anti- **Semitic** movement, (2) **Semitic** culture

The **Semitic** languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

pernicious

adj. causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way

synonym : harmful, malicious, destructive

(1) **pernicious** effect, (2) **pernicious** disease

The **pernicious** influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.

trend

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

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

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

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

routine

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

synonym: habit, custom, procedure

(1) **routine** business, (2) a built-in diagnostic **routine**

She studies gardening on a **routine** basis.

ism

n. a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory

synonym: ideology, doctrine, philosophy

(1) the diversity of **isms**, (2) different **isms**

The professor discussed the impact of various **isms** on society and how they have shaped our world.

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

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

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

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.

paradigm

n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model

synonym: example, standard, epitome

(1) major **paradigm** shift, (2) cultural **paradigm**

He postulated a completely different **paradigm** to explain all these phenomena.

rote

n. repetition of something to the point of memorization, especially of facts, without fully understanding it

synonym: repetition, memorization, drill

(1) **rote** memorization, (2) learn by **rote**

The students were taught math facts through **rote** repetition but struggled to apply them to new problems.

perfunctory

adj. carried out with minimal effort or interest; done as a routine or duty without enthusiasm, care, or attention to detail; lacking thoroughness or sincerity

synonym: mechanical, routine, superficial

(1) **perfunctory** greeting, (2) **perfunctory** task

His **perfunctory** apology did not seem sincere at all.

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from something

synonym: empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

blessing

n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude;

something that brings happiness or good fortune

synonym: favor, benediction, boon

(1) count your **blessings**, (2) bestowed **blessings**

Receiving support from his friends was a great **blessing** in his time of need.

canopy

n. a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

synonym: cover, top, shade

(1) **canopy** layer, (2) under a **canopy** of smoke

The forest's **canopy** provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym: candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

holy

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

synonym: sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

anniversary

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

synonym: commemoration, celebration, observance

(1) **anniversary** celebration, (2) a bicentennial **anniversary**

They celebrated their 10th **anniversary** with a romantic dinner.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym: keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym: implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

rite

n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

synonym : ceremony, ritual, practice

(1) perform the **rite**, (2) **rite** of passage into adulthood

The bishop performed the **rite** of consecration for the new church.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

remnant

n. a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

synonym : remainder, leftover, residue

(1) **remnant** of the past, (2) **remnants** of fabric

The only **remnant** left of the ancient civilization was the crumbling ruins of their temples.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

revelry

n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

synonym : festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

affair

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

synonym : matter, incident, fling

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

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

endless

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

synonym : infinite, ceaseless, boundless

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

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

mindless

adj. lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

synonym : senseless, thoughtless, irresponsible

(1) **mindless** task, (2) **mindless** entertainment

Mindless scrolling on social media can be a time waster.

repetition

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

synonym : duplication, iteration, recurrence

(1) **repetition** of the word, (2) habitual **repetition**

Repetition is the mother of all learning.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

doctrine

n. a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups

synonym : creed, principle, tenet

(1) religious **doctrine**, (2) **doctrine** of non-violence

The church **doctrine** teaches that all are equal in the eyes of God.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

wane

v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity

synonym : decrease, diminish, fade

(1) **wane** over time, (2) **wane** in popularity

The fragrance of this material **wanes** over weeks to months.

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.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

synagogue

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

synonym : temple, shul, tabernacle

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

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

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

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.

maintain

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

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

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

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major

mechanical issues.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym : pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

lifeless

adj. without life; dead

synonym : inanimate, inert, motionless

(1) fall **lifeless**, (2) a **lifeless** corpse

The plant had a **lifeless** appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

crisis

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

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

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

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

concurrent

adj. happening or existing at the same time; parallel or simultaneous

synonym: simultaneous, coexisting, parallel

(1) **concurrent** resolution, (2) **concurrent** access to shared data

The company held a **concurrent** meeting with all branches around the world.

determinant

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

synonym: cause, factor, element

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

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

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

Jewish

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

synonym: Judaic

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

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

purposeful

adj. having a specific aim or purpose; determined

synonym : determined, resolved, resolute

(1) **purposeful** series of actions, (2) at a **purposeful** pace
She had a **purposeful** look and was determined to complete the task.

harness

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

synonym : rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym : brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym : healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

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**.

bail

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

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

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

inheritance

n. the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors

synonym: legacy, estate, heritage

(1) paternal **inheritance**, (2) **inheritance** tax

His vast **inheritance** was equitably divided among the brothers.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project

halfway.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym : bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym : core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

- firm** *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
synonym : stable, secure, steadfast
(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**
The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.
- 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.
- compassion** *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
synonym : pity, empathy, understanding
(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident
His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.
- coexist** *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
synonym : cohabit, accompany, synchronize
(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity
The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.
- vengeance** *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
synonym : retaliation, retribution, revenge
(1) **vengeance** justice, (2) wreak **vengeance**
He sought **vengeance** for the wrongs done to him.

forgiveness

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

synonym : pardon, amnesty, compassion

(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**

He gained debt **forgiveness**.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym : alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

indie

adj. (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture

synonym : independent, alternative, underground

(1) **indie** music, (2) **indie** film

This restaurant is known for its **indie** approach to cuisine, using locally sourced and sustainable ingredients.

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

(1) **start-up** business, (2) early-stage **start-up**

Our company's services are targeted at **start-up** executives.

nun

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

synonym : sister, religious, monastic

(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**

The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

traverse

v. to cross or move through a land or water area

synonym : cross, pass through, travel over

(1) **traverse** the region, (2) **traverse** a vast extent of sea
Approximately 1000 automobiles **traverse** the bridge every day.

ethos

n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

synonym : principles, ideology, philosophy

(1) **ethos** of science, (2) corporate **ethos**

Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym : arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

revitalization

n. the process of giving new life or energy to something

synonym : renewal, reactivation, rejuvenation

(1) **revitalization** project, (2) **revitalization** of humanity

The **revitalization** of the downtown area brought new life to the community.

theology

n. the study of the nature of God and religious belief

synonym : divinity, religion, faith

(1) **theology** student, (2) a college of **theology**

The professor specialized in the **theology** of the early church.

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.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results
You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

thread

n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

synonym: filament, string, yarn

(1) **thread** a catheter, (2) start a new **thread**

The detective followed a **thread** of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym: novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym : disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**
Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

shore

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

synonym : coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand
The waves are beating against the **shore**.

rubble

n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

synonym : debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road
After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

responsible

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

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

flame

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

synonym : blaze, inferno, fire

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

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

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

psychic

adj. relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes

synonym: intuitive, clairvoyant, extrasensory

(1) **psychic** intuition, (2) **psychic** reading

She claimed to have **psychic** powers and could predict the future.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym: affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

anguish

n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony

synonym: distress, torment, agony

(1) **anguish** and pain, (2) emotional **anguish**

She suffered from a deep sense of **anguish** following the loss of her loved one.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over
He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

naive

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

synonym : innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

defiance

n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

synonym : disobedience, disregard, confrontation

(1) fierce **defiance**, (2) adopt an attitude of **defiance**

He acted in **defiance** of our decision.

pessimism

n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right

synonym : negativity, defeatism, cynicism

(1) deep **pessimism**, (2) sense of **pessimism**

The CEO's constant **pessimism** about the company's future affected employee morale.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym :

dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

constrain

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

synonym: restrict, limit, confine

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

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

expansive

adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

synonym: large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

manifest

v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

synonym: exhibit, make plain, demonstrate

(1) **manifest** as the word, (2) **manifest** displeasure

The Prime Minister **manifested** his regret for his neighbors

rev

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

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

moss

n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

synonym: plant, foliage, greenery

(1) green **moss**, (2) **moss** garden

Moss grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

choir

n. a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

synonym: chorus, ensemble, club

(1) quintet **choir**, (2) **choir** performance

The gospel **choir** sang beautifully at the church service.

gorgeous

adj. wonderful and attractive

synonym: beautiful, stunning, attractive

(1) a **gorgeous** meal, (2) **gorgeous** sunset

She wore a **gorgeous** dress to the party, which everyone admired.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

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

fundamental

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

synonym : basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

mighty

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

synonym : potent, powerful, robust

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

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

ash

n. the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

synonym : cinder, soot, dust

(1) **ash** tree, (2) soda **ash**

The volcanic **ash** covered the island after the eruption.

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

synonym : purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

protest

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

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

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

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

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

powerless

adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

synonym: helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization

During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

prostrate

adj. lying flat, face down, or completely stretched out on the ground; physically or emotionally incapacitated or overcome; completely submissive or humble

synonym: lying, prone, flat

(1) **prostrate** position, (2) **prostrate** form of prayer

After a long day of work, he lay **prostrate** on the couch, completely exhausted.

submission

n. the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority

synonym: obedience, yielding, compliance

(1) **submission** agreement, (2) **submission** of a final report

The **submission** deadline for the project is next week.

heaven

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

synonym: paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

conspire

v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

synonym: plot, scheme, collude

(1) **conspire** his ruin, (2) **conspire** to corner the market

The group of friends **conspired** to pull a prank on their teacher.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

impotent

adj. lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

synonym: helpless, worthless, powerless

(1) an **impotent** feeling, (2) sexually **impotent**

Modern medicine was largely **impotent** against the disease.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

tsunami

n. a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance

synonym: tidal wave, seismic sea wave

(1) **tsunami** warning, (2) **tsunami** relief

The earthquake- **tsunami** caused widespread destruction along the coast.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy
Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

retrieve

v. to find or get something back

synonym: recover, fetch, regain

(1) **retrieve** the lost wallet, (2) send and **retrieve** e-mail
She **retrieved** the book from the shelf.

pacific

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone;
(noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

synonym: calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean
They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure
The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

individualism

n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

synonym: self-reliance, autonomy, self-sufficiency

(1) rampant **individualism**, (2) nation of **individualism**

An ethic of **individualism** encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

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.

transphobia

n. prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations

synonym : gender bias, gender bigotry

(1) overcome **transphobia**, (2) experience **transphobia**

Discrimination and harassment against transgender individuals is a form of **transphobia** still prevalent in many parts of the world.

intersection

n. a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

synonym : crossroad, junction, hub

(1) busy **intersection**, (2) the **intersection** of coordinate axes

Take a right turn at the next **intersection**.

burgeon

v. to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

synonym : flourish, bloom, thrive

(1) **burgeon** rapidly, (2) **burgeon** from every corner.

The city's art scene has been **burgeoning** recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the

process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

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.

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.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym : otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym : grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ch___h bell | <i>n.</i> | a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination |
| 2. for the s___e of argument | <i>n.</i> | purpose; reason for wanting something done |
| 3. a built-in diagnostic ro_____e | <i>n.</i> | a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program |
| 4. the tr___d away from television | <i>n.</i> | a general direction in which something is changing or developing |
| 5. different i___ms | <i>n.</i> | a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory |
| 6. ins_____ize customary laws | <i>v.</i> | to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 7. directly int_____ect with those systems | <i>v.</i> | to connect similar things |
| 8. re_____nt local dishes | <i>v.</i> | to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new |
| 9. bat_____ld casualties | <i>n.</i> | a place where a battle or conflict is fought |
| 10. r___l a ball | <i>v.</i> | to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side |

ANSWERS: 1. church, 2. sake, 3. routine, 4. trend, 5. ism, 6. institutionalize, 7. interconnect, 8. reinvent, 9. battlefield, 10. roll

11. political id____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
12. French pa____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
13. perform the r__e *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
14. the pa____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
15. violent ex_____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
16. re____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
17. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
18. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
19. the sacred mo____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

ANSWERS: 11. ideology, 12. paradox, 13. rite, 14. paradox, 15. extremism, 16. reserve, 17. fundamental, 18. ritual, 19. mosque

20. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
21. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
22. pu_____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
23. r__e of passage into adulthood *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
24. 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
25. sti_____ze him as a swindler *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
26. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
27. domestic af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
28. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
29. en_____s possibilities *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

ANSWERS: 20. spiritual, 21. commitment, 22. publicly, 23. rite, 24. claim, 25. stigmatize, 26. psychology, 27. affair, 28. complain, 29. endless

30. mi___y works *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
31. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
32. Se_____c culture *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
33. pu_____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
34. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
35. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
36. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
37. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
38. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
39. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
40. quintet ch__r *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

ANSWERS: 30. mighty, 31. devastate, 32. Semitic, 33. publicly, 34. invisible, 35. relate, 36. imaginative, 37. statistics, 38. landscape, 39. committed, 40. choir

41. radical ex_____st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
42. baby c__b *n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
43. a ro___t appetite *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
44. overcome tra_____ia *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
45. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
46. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
47. retain everyone's di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
48. the int_____ion of coordinate axes *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
49. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

ANSWERS: 41. extremist, 42. crib, 43. robust, 44. transphobia, 45. rev, 46. harass, 47. dignity, 48. intersection, 49. bold

50. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
51. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
52. major pa_____gm shift *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
53. th_____gy student *n.* the study of the nature of God and religious belief
54. irregular heart rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
55. 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
56. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
57. hold your br___h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
58. 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

ANSWERS: 50. vision, 51. lift, 52. paradigm, 53. theology, 54. rhythm, 55. subordinate, 56. movement, 57. breath, 58. subordinate

59. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
60. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
61. na__e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
62. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
63. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
64. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
65. commit at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
66. ut__r nonsense *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
67. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 59. crisis, 60. statistics, 61. naive, 62. essence, 63. essentially, 64. stake, 65. atrocity, 66. utter, 67. encounter

68. ts____i relief *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
69. untold de____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
70. ut__r a big sigh *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
71. w__e in popularity *v.* to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
72. soda a_h *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
73. feel com_____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
74. ve_____ce justice *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
75. sub_____on of a final report *n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
76. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 68. tsunami, 69. despair, 70. utter, 71. wane, 72. ash, 73. compassion, 74. vengeance, 75. submission, 76. suffer

77. op____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
78. cultural pa____gm *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
79. struck a mi____y blow *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
80. bu____n rapidly *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
81. ima____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
82. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
83. con____nt resolution *adj.* happening or existing at the same time; parallel or simultaneous
84. en____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
85. human activities int____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
86. co____re to corner the market *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
87. learn by r__e *n.* repetition of something to the point of memorization, especially of facts, without fully understanding it

ANSWERS: 77. oppress, 78. paradigm, 79. mighty, 80. burgeon, 81. imaginative, 82. faith, 83. concurrent, 84. encounter, 85. interconnect, 86. conspire, 87. rote

88. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
89. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
90. ma_____st displeasure *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
91. mi_____ss entertainment *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
92. matter of ur_____y *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
93. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
94. pr____h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
95. de_____te a missile *v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
96. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
97. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
98. m__s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

ANSWERS: 88. rethink, 89. tradition, 90. manifest, 91. mindless, 92. urgency, 93. intensify, 94. preach, 95. detonate, 96. uncomfortable, 97. psychology, 98. moss

99. I__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
100. per_____ry task *adj.* carried out with minimal effort or interest; done as a routine or duty without enthusiasm, care, or attention to detail; lacking thoroughness or sincerity
101. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
102. in a coo_____ed manner *adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together
103. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
104. r__e memorization *n.* repetition of something to the point of memorization, especially of facts, without fully understanding it
105. ps_____c intuition *adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes
106. inh_____ce tax *n.* the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors
107. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 99. lift, 100. perfunctory, 101. radical, 102. coordinated, 103. murder, 104. rote, 105. psychic, 106. inheritance, 107. church

108. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
109. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
110. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
111. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
112. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
113. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
114. he___n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
115. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
116. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
117. 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

ANSWERS: 108. maintain, 109. essentially, 110. audacious, 111. shore, 112. communal, 113. colleague, 114. heaven, 115. complain, 116. consistent, 117. stick

118. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
119. in____t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
120. w__e over time *v.* to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
121. sti_____ze the deviant as criminal *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
122. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
123. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
124. co_____t with nature *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
125. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
126. ma_____st as the word *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
127. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
128. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 118. desperately, 119. insist, 120. wane, 121. stigmatize, 122. intensify, 123. emerging, 124. coexist, 125. relevance, 126. manifest, 127. inspire, 128. suppose

129. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
130. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
131. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
132. ur_____y in the use of force *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
133. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
134. accept b___l *n.* the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court
135. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
136. anti-Se_____c movement *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
137. re_____ts of fabric *n.* a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

ANSWERS: 129. Catholic, 130. radical, 131. institutionalize, 132. urgency, 133. conversation, 134. bail, 135. religion, 136. Semitic, 137. remnant

138. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
139. nation of ind_____ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
140. coo_____ed robot system *adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together
141. the Pa_____c Ocean *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
142. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
143. co_____t with diversity *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
144. green m____s *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
145. tactics on the bat_____ld *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
146. in__e music *adj.* (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture

ANSWERS: 138. maintain, 139. individualism, 140. coordinated, 141. pacific, 142. violent, 143. coexist, 144. moss, 145. battlefield, 146. indie

147. under a ca___y of smoke *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
148. con_____nt access to shared data *adj.* happening or existing at the same time; parallel or simultaneous
149. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
150. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
151. br___h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
152. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
153. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
154. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
155. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
156. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

ANSWERS: 147. canopy, 148. concurrent, 149. principle, 150. devastating, 151. breath, 152. survive, 153. commitment, 154. racism, 155. determinant, 156. constrain

157. c__b bed *n.* a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
158. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
159. ap___y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
160. rep_____on of the word *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
161. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
162. st_____up business *n.* a newly established company or business
163. au_____us stunt *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
164. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
165. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
166. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
167. re_____ve the lost wallet *v.* to find or get something back
168. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
169. re_____y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

ANSWERS: 157. crib, 158. numb, 159. apathy, 160. repetition, 161. committed, 162. start-up, 163. audacious, 164. emerging, 165. constrain, 166. invisible, 167. retrieve, 168. protest, 169. revelry

170. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
171. re_____t of the past *n.* a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something
172. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
173. have com_____on toward the accident *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
174. in_____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
175. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
176. rapid transit su_____y *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
177. a bicentennial ann_____ry *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
178. reconstructed sy_____ue *n.* a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices

ANSWERS: 170. conversation, 171. remnant, 172. reclaim, 173. compassion, 174. insist, 175. cynical, 176. subway, 177. anniversary, 178. synagogue

179. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
180. political ex_____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
181. pre_____us financial situation *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
182. a go_____us meal *adj.* wonderful and attractive
183. corporate et__s *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
184. for your own s__e *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
185. cold-blooded at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
186. sense of pe_____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
187. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
188. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

ANSWERS: 179. spot, 180. extremism, 181. precarious, 182. gorgeous, 183. ethos, 184. sake, 185. atrocity, 186. pessimism, 187. bold, 188. horrible

189. per_____ry greeting *adj.* carried out with minimal effort or interest; done as a routine or duty without enthusiasm, care, or attention to detail; lacking thoroughness or sincerity
190. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
191. send and re_____ve e-mail *v.* to find or get something back
192. simmering fl___e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
193. pre_____us job *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
194. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
195. de_____te a plan *v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
196. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
197. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 189. perfunctory, 190. responsible, 191. retrieve, 192. flame, 193. precarious, 194. vary, 195. detonate, 196. roll, 197. function

198. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
199. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
200. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
201. a college of th_____gy *n.* the study of the nature of God and religious belief
202. clear away ru___e *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
203. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
204. ex_____ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
205. bu_____n from every corner. *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
206. mi_____ss task *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
207. at a pur_____ul pace *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
208. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 198. disgust, 199. independence, 200. shift, 201. theology, 202. rubble, 203. circumstance, 204. expansive, 205. burgeon, 206. mindless, 207. purposeful, 208. decide

209. ps____c reading *adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes
210. 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
211. de____d of life *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
212. th____d a catheter *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
213. tr____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
214. ts____i warning *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
215. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 209. psychic, 210. stick, 211. devoid, 212. thread, 213. trigger, 214. tsunami, 215. suppose

216. de____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
217. pr____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
218. Je____h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
219. op____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
220. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
221. et__s of science *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
222. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
223. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
224. re____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
225. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

ANSWERS: 216. deserve, 217. proclaim, 218. Jewish, 219. oppress, 220. vary, 221. ethos, 222. firm, 223. bomb, 224. reserve, 225. hop

226. ho____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
227. unpre____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
228. fierce de____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
229. at____t belief *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
230. ru____e-strewn road *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
231. cir____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
232. fun____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
233. te____ic valleys *adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it
234. deep pe____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
235. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

ANSWERS: 226. horrible, 227. unprecedented, 228. defiance, 229. atheist, 230. rubble, 231. circumstance, 232. fundamental, 233. tectonic, 234. pessimism, 235. flame

236. pa____c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
237. burn with je____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
238. 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
239. a peaceful la____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
240. hold a pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
241. in__e film *adj.* (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture
242. air de____d of pollution *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
243. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

ANSWERS: 236. pacific, 237. jealousy, 238. claim, 239. landscape, 240. protest, 241. indie, 242. devoid, 243. stake

244. je____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
245. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
246. ey____w cosmetics *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
247. re____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
248. son of a ra__i *n.* a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher
249. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
250. count your bl____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
251. ro____t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
252. wreak ve____ce *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
253. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
254. ab____on doctor *n.* the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage

ANSWERS: 244. jealousy, 245. quitter, 246. eyebrow, 247. reinvent, 248. rabbi, 249. violent, 250. blessing, 251. robust, 252. vengeance, 253. numb, 254. abortion

255. early-stage st____up *n.* a newly established company or business
256. research on anti-ra____m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
257. re____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
258. the Ca____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
259. the halo of a sa____d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
260. sexually im____nt *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
261. ha____s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
262. fu____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 255. start-up, 256. racism, 257. religion, 258. Catholic, 259. sacred, 260. impotent, 261. harness, 262. function

263. a li____ss corpse *adj.* without life; dead
264. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
265. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
266. a h__y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
267. beg for for____ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
268. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
269. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
270. take up a ho____e attitude *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
271. adopt an attitude of de____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
272. n_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
273. collaborate with co____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
274. re____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 263. lifeless, 264. pray, 265. vision, 266. holy, 267. forgiveness, 268. trend, 269. quitter, 270. hostile, 271. defiance, 272. nun, 273. colleague, 274. recognize

275. pr_____te position *adj.* lying flat, face down, or completely stretched out on the ground; physically or emotionally incapacitated or overcome; completely submissive or humble
276. cy_____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
277. rev_____ion project *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
278. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
279. put a we__e under the door *n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
280. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
281. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
282. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
283. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 275. prostrate, 276. cynical, 277. revitalization, 278. harass, 279. wedge, 280. communal, 281. inspire, 282. Jewish, 283. responsible

284. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
285. pr_____te form of prayer *adj.* lying flat, face down, or completely stretched out on the ground; physically or emotionally incapacitated or overcome; completely submissive or humble
286. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
287. an_____h and pain *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
288. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
289. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
290. su___y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
291. the id_____gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
292. sa___d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
293. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
294. paternal inh_____ce *n.* the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors

ANSWERS: 284. mosque, 285. prostrate, 286. globe, 287. anguish, 288. engaging, 289. murder, 290. subway, 291. ideology, 292. sacred, 293. relevance, 294. inheritance

295. 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
296. a te____ic earthquake *adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it
297. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
298. pur____ul series of actions *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
299. tr____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
300. pr____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
301. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
302. per____us disease *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
303. festival re____y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

ANSWERS: 295. Christ, 296. tectonic, 297. shift, 298. purposeful, 299. trigger, 300. principle, 301. firm, 302. pernicious, 303. revelry

304. respect for human di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
305. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
306. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
307. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
308. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
309. po_____ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
310. an im_____nt feeling *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
311. the diversity of i_ms *n.* a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory
312. rev_____ion of humanity *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
313. ho_____e environment *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
314. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
315. in samba rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

ANSWERS: 304. dignity, 305. tragedy, 306. hop, 307. deserve, 308. spot, 309. powerless, 310. impotent, 311. ism, 312. revitalization, 313. hostile, 314. engaging, 315. rhythm

316. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
317. do_____ne of non-violence *n.* a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups
318. busy int_____ion *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
319. put a ha_____s on my pet *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
320. historical sy_____ue *n.* a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
321. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
322. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
323. emotional an_____h *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
324. rampant ind_____ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
325. sp_____ng machine *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

ANSWERS: 316. ritual, 317. doctrine, 318. intersection, 319. harness, 320. synagogue, 321. devastating, 322. globe, 323. anguish, 324. individualism, 325. spinning

326. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
327. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
328. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
329. ascend to he___n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
330. ex_____st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
331. raise her ey_____ws *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
332. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
333. en_____s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
334. po_____ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
335. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

ANSWERS: 326. spiritual, 327. decide, 328. independence, 329. heaven, 330. extremist, 331. eyebrow, 332. faith, 333. endless, 334. powerless, 335. essence

336. de____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
337. unpre____ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
338. re____e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
339. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
340. for____ss of liabilities *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
341. pr____h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
342. organizational sh____es *n.* a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure
343. ann____ry celebration *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
344. 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

ANSWERS: 336. despair, 337. unprecedented, 338. relate, 339. rev, 340. forgiveness, 341. preach, 342. shambles, 343. anniversary, 344. Christ

345. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
346. ro_____e business *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
347. the highly charged issue of ab_____on *n.* the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
348. start a new th____d *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
349. tr_____se the region *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
350. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
351. he was released on b__l *n.* the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court
352. religious do_____ne *n.* a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups

ANSWERS: 345. desperately, 346. routine, 347. abortion, 348. thread, 349. traverse, 350. contemporary, 351. bail, 352. doctrine

353. na__e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
354. tr____se a vast extent of sea *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
355. financial sh____es *n.* a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure
356. re____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
357. de____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
358. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
359. get con____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
360. a det____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
361. re____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
362. current af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
363. fall li____ss *adj.* without life; dead
364. political ap____y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 353. naive, 354. traverse, 355. shambles, 356. rethink, 357. devastate, 358. bomb, 359. consistent, 360. determinant, 361. reclaim, 362. affair, 363. lifeless, 364. apathy

365. habitual rep_____on *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
366. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
367. bestowed bl_____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
368. at_____t community *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
369. a_h tree *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
370. sub_____on agreement *n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
371. financial cr_____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
372. a sandy sh__e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
373. with an ex_____ve spirit *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

ANSWERS: 365. repetition, 366. uncomfortable, 367. blessing, 368. atheist, 369. ash, 370. submission, 371. crisis, 372. shore, 373. expansive

374. co____re his ruin *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
375. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
376. ca____y layer *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
377. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
378. experience tra_____ia *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
379. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
380. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
381. drive a we__e into a relationship *n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
382. a h__y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

ANSWERS: 374. conspire, 375. suffer, 376. canopy, 377. nun, 378. transphobia, 379. tragedy, 380. contemporary, 381. wedge, 382. holy

383. the city's communal ra__i *n.* a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher
384. pr_____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
385. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
386. per_____us effect *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
387. ch__r performance *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
388. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
389. 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
390. sp_____ng wheel *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
391. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
392. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 383. rabbi, 384. proclaim, 385. movement, 386. pernicious, 387. choir, 388. pray, 389. recognize, 390. spinning, 391. disgust, 392. tradition

393. su____e a blizzard

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

394. go____us sunset

adj. wonderful and attractive

ANSWERS: 393. survive, 394. gorgeous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He inserted the _____ into a split in the log.
n. a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
2. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
3. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.
adj. never having been seen, done, or known before
4. 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
5. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.
n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
6. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
7. After the party, the house was in _____ and needed much cleaning.
n. a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure
8. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. wedge, 2. Emerging, 3. Unprecedented, 4. recognize, 5. atrocity, 6. devastate, 7. shambles, 8. conversation

9. The company held a _____ meeting with all branches around the world.
adj. happening or existing at the same time; parallel or simultaneous
10. She put the baby in the portable _____ for a nap.
n. a small, enclosed bed for a baby, typically on rockers
11. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.
adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
12. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
13. The different species can _____ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.
v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
14. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
15. She claimed to have _____ powers and could predict the future.
adj. relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes
16. She raised an inquiring _____ towards me.
n. the hair arc over each eye in humans

ANSWERS: 9. concurrent, 10. crib, 11. pacific, 12. reinvent, 13. coexist, 14. principle, 15. psychic, 16. eyebrow

17. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

18. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

19. The _____ plates shifted, causing an earthquake.

adj. relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it

20. People have been exploring ways to _____ natural forces and resources since ancient times.

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

21. An ethic of _____ encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

22. The oil price continued their downward _____.

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

23. There are many theories to explain this _____.

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

24. The _____ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

ANSWERS: 17. faith, 18. reclaim, 19. tectonic, 20. harness, 21. individualism, 22. trend, 23. paradox, 24. extremist

25. The incident _____ a political controversy.
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
26. His abusive words made me _____.
adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
27. The volcanic ____ covered the island after the eruption.
n. the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
28. The chief _____ chanted a prayer.
n. a Jewish religious leader or a Jewish scholar or teacher
29. Approximately 1000 automobiles _____ the bridge every day.
v. to cross or move through a land or water area
30. The _____ of the downtown area brought new life to the community.
n. the process of giving new life or energy to something
31. The gospel _____ sang beautifully at the church service.
n. a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
32. She had a master's degree in _____.
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
33. She took a _____ class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.
n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

ANSWERS: 25. triggered, 26. uncomfortable, 27. ash, 28. rabbi, 29. traverse, 30. revitalization, 31. choir, 32. psychology, 33. spinning

34. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.
n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
35. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
36. 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
37. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
38. The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the _____.
n. a place where a battle or conflict is fought
39. The earthquake-_____ caused widespread destruction along the coast.
n. a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
40. The baby clung _____ to her mother.
adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
41. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive _____ and powerlessness.
n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 34. disgust, 35. commitments, 36. stick, 37. function, 38. battlefield, 39. tsunami, 40. desperately, 41. apathy

42. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

43. This space is a private office _____ to the President

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

44. The group of friends _____ to pull a prank on their teacher.

v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

45. She wore a _____ dress to the party, which everyone admired.

adj. wonderful and attractive

46. The CEO's constant _____ about the company's future affected employee morale.

n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right

47. The young entrepreneur had an _____ plan to start his own company.

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

48. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

49. We attended services at the local _____ during the High Holidays.

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

ANSWERS: 42. bold, 43. sacred, 44. conspired, 45. gorgeous, 46. pessimism, 47. audacious, 48. Essentially, 49. synagogue

50. After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of _____.
- n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
51. He postulated a completely different _____ to explain all these phenomena.
- n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
52. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
53. He gained debt _____.
- n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
54. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
- n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
55. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
56. The Prime Minister _____ his regret for his neighbors
- v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
57. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
- n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 50. rubble, 51. paradigm, 52. insisted, 53. forgiveness, 54. circumstances, 55. spot, 56. manifested, 57. quitter

58. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
59. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.
n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
60. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.
n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
61. The professor discussed the impact of various _____ on society and how they have shaped our world.
n. a specific doctrine, theory, or ideology; a suffix used to form nouns indicating a practice, doctrine, or theory
62. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.
adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
63. He took the _____ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.
n. an underground railway system, typically in a city
64. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.
adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
65. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.
adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

ANSWERS: 58. suffers, 59. flame, 60. dignity, 61. isms, 62. cynical, 63. subway, 64. robust, 65. naive

66. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

67. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

68. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

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

69. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

70. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

71. The only _____ left of the ancient civilization was the crumbling ruins of their temples.

n. a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

72. The _____ takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed

73. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

ANSWERS: 66. catholic, 67. holy, 68. institutionalize, 69. invisible, 70. prayed, 71. remnant, 72. hostile, 73. vary

74. He sought _____ for the wrongs done to him.
n. the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
75. The rabbit _____ over the fence.
v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
76. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.
adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage
77. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
78. The street was filled with _____ on New Year's Eve.
n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
79. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.
adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
80. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
81. 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

ANSWERS: 74. vengeance, 75. hopped, 76. devastating, 77. church, 78. revelry, 79. spiritual, 80. vision, 81. inspired

82. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
83. He felt like _____ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.
- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
84. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.
- n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
85. Receiving support from his friends was a great _____ in his time of need.
- n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
86. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
87. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
- adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
88. For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better _____.
- adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

ANSWERS: 82. movement, 83. heaven, 84. ritual, 85. blessing, 86. determinant, 87. radical, 88. coordinated

89. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally
90. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
91. 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
92. The company has an _____ network of offices and locations around the world.
adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
93. She studies gardening on a _____ basis.
n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
94. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
95. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.
n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
96. The city's art scene has been _____ recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.
v. to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

ANSWERS: 89. murder, 90. statistics, 91. subordinate, 92. expansive, 93. routine, 94. Communal, 95. ideology, 96. burgeoning

97. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

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

98. My left arm became _____.

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

99. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.

adj. belonging to the same or present time

100. His friend's death drove him to _____.

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

101. The bishop performed the _____ of consecration for the new church.

n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

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

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

103. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

104. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

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

ANSWERS: 97. religion, 98. numb, 99. Contemporary, 100. despair, 101. rite, 102. rev, 103. horrible, 104. constrained

105. Modern medicine was largely _____ against the disease.
adj. lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
106. _____ is the mother of all learning.
n. the act of doing or saying something many times
107. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
108. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.
n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
109. The plant had a _____ appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.
adj. without life; dead
110. The fragrance of this material _____ over weeks to months.
v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
111. The _____ deadline for the project is next week.
n. the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
112. Only the _____ God has the power to brighten this dark land.
adj. very large, powerful, or strong
113. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 105. impotent, 106. Repetition, 107. landscape, 108. affair, 109. lifeless, 110. wanes, 111. submission, 112. mighty, 113. committed

114. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

115. The professor specialized in the _____ of the early church.

n. the study of the nature of God and religious belief

116. 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

117. The forest's _____ provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

n. a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

118. She _____ the book from the shelf.

v. to find or get something back

119. During the hurricane, we felt _____ against the winds and rain.

adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

120. The room was _____ of any furniture or decorations.

adj. completely lacking or free from something

121. The _____ chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

ANSWERS: 114. tragedy, 115. theology, 116. rolled, 117. canopy, 118. retrieved, 119. powerless, 120. devoid, 121. utter

122. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

123. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

124. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

125. She had a _____ look and was determined to complete the task.

adj. having a specific aim or purpose; determined

126. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

127. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

128. His _____ apology did not seem sincere at all.

adj. carried out with minimal effort or interest; done as a routine or duty without enthusiasm, care, or attention to detail; lacking thoroughness or sincerity

129. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

ANSWERS: 122. fundamental, 123. relate, 124. relevance, 125. purposeful, 126. lifted, 127. complaining, 128. perfunctory, 129. racism

130. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

131. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

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

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

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

133. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

134. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.

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

135. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

136. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

137. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

138. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 130. preached, 131. suppose, 132. violent, 133. rhythm, 134. breath, 135. engaging, 136. encounter, 137. sake, 138. shift

139. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
140. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
141. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
v. to connect similar things
142. The judge set _____ at \$20,000.
n. the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court
143. The waves are beating against the _____.
n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
144. You are not _____ in your behavior.
adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
145. _____ grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.
n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
146. 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

ANSWERS: 139. intensify, 140. responsible, 141. interconnect, 142. bail, 143. shore, 144. consistent, 145. Moss, 146. colleague

147. The rise of far-right _____ has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.
- n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
148. The _____ influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.
- adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
149. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
- n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
150. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
- v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
151. Discrimination and harassment against transgender individuals is a form of _____ still prevalent in many parts of the world.
- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or hostility towards transgender people or people who do not conform to traditional gender roles or expectations
152. _____ 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
153. 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

ANSWERS: 147. extremism, 148. pernicious, 149. bombs, 150. proclaimed, 151. transphobia, 152. Christmas, 153. harassed

154. 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

155. _____ scrolling on social media can be a time waster.

- adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

156. We strongly oppose the _____ ban.

- n.* the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage

157. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

158. The _____ languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.

- adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

159. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

- adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

160. She was _____ by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

- v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

161. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.

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

ANSWERS: 154. claim, 155. Mindless, 156. abortion, 157. survive, 158. Semitic, 159. firm, 160. stigmatized, 161. protest

162. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
- v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
163. The detective followed a _____ of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.
- n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
164. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
165. Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional _____ of a doctor.
- n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
166. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
- n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
167. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.
- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

ANSWERS: 162. oppressed, 163. thread, 164. maintain, 165. ethos, 166. independence, 167. stake

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

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

169. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

170. She is a hard worker but not very _____.

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

171. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.

n. a newly established company or business

172. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

173. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

174. She had a _____ hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

175. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

176. He acted in _____ of our decision.

n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

ANSWERS: 168. Jewish, 169. jealousy, 170. imaginative, 171. start-up, 172. reserve, 173. publicly, 174. precarious, 175. atheist, 176. defiance

177. The church _____ teaches that all are equal in the eyes of God.
n. a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups
178. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
179. She suffered from a deep sense of _____ following the loss of her loved one.
n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
180. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.
n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
181. They celebrated their 10th _____ with a romantic dinner.
n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
182. Take a right turn at the next _____.
n. a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
183. She departed hurriedly because of some significant _____ in their affairs.
n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
184. The students were taught math facts through _____ repetition but struggled to apply them to new problems.
n. repetition of something to the point of memorization, especially of facts, without fully understanding it
185. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 177. doctrine, 178. rethink, 179. anguish, 180. essence, 181. anniversary, 182. intersection, 183. urgency, 184. rote, 185. tradition

186. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.
- n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
187. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
188. After a long day of work, he lay _____ on the couch, completely exhausted.
- adj.* lying flat, face down, or completely stretched out on the ground; physically or emotionally incapacitated or overcome; completely submissive or humble
189. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
- n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
190. The cloistered ____ devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.
- n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
191. The bomb squad had to _____ the suspicious package found at the train station.
- v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
192. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
193. His vast _____ was equitably divided among the brothers.
- n.* the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors

ANSWERS: 186. Mosque, 187. decide, 188. prostrate, 189. globe, 190. nun, 191. detonate, 192. crisis, 193. inheritance

194. He looked out the window at the _____ stream of people.

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

195. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

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

196. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

197. This restaurant is known for its _____ approach to cuisine, using locally sourced and sustainable ingredients.

adj. (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture

ANSWERS: 194. endless, 195. deserved, 196. compassion, 197. indie