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Session 1: Word List

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

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.

- pat**
- v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
- synonym* : tap, stroke, caress
- (1) **pat** on the back, (2) **pat** a dog
- She **patted** the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.
- permit**
- v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
- synonym* : allow, authorize, concede
- (1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**
- The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.
- hustle**
- v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
- synonym* : bustle, rush, haste
- (1) **hustle** on business, (2) **hustle** up money
- You must **hustle** and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.
- belt**
- v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
- synonym* : sing, hit hard, (noun) strap
- (1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**
- The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.
- bunch**
- n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
- synonym* : group, assemblage, bundle
- (1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls
- One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

cantankerous

adj. bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative; having a difficult and contrary disposition

synonym : ill-tempered, grumpy, irritable

(1) **cantankerous** neighbor, (2) **cantankerous** criticism

The **cantankerous** older man was always complaining and arguing with everyone.

retire

v. to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age

synonym : relinquish, step down, withdraw

(1) **retire** voluntarily, (2) **retire** after four terms

After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to **retire** from her job.

naval

adj. of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy

synonym : marine, seafaring, maritime

(1) **naval** battles, (2) **naval** base

The **naval** officer was responsible for the safety and well-being of the crew on his ship.

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym : aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym : disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

integrate

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

synonym : mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym: association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

cabinet

n. a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister

synonym: cupboard, ministry, authority

(1) member of the **cabinet**, (2) the **cabinet** above the sink
The prime minister decided to reshuffle his **cabinet** to regain support.

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.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

plaque

n. a flat, often rectangular, piece of metal, wood, or other material, inscribed or carved with commemorative text or designs and used as a decoration or award; a soft, sticky film of bacteria that coats teeth and can cause tooth decay

synonym: tablet, plate, medal

(1) arterial **plaque**, (2) commemorative **plaque**

The dentist removed the **plaque** from my teeth during my cleaning appointment.

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.

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym : sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym : thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

haul

v. to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort

synonym : drag, pull, tug

(1) **haul** on a rope, (2) **haul** truck

They had to **haul** the boat out of the water for repairs.

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym : mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

strawberry

n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

(1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse
He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

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.

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.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym: humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**
He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

in-law

n. a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

synonym: relative by marriage, family connection, affinal

(1) future **in-law**, (2) meeting **in-laws**

My sister- **in-law** is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym: refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle
Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

lottery

n. a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s)

determined by a random drawing

synonym : raffle, sweepstakes, drawing

(1) national **lottery**, (2) scratch-off **lottery**

The odds of winning the **lottery** are extremely low, but millions still buy tickets hoping to hit the jackpot.

vendor

n. a person or company that sells goods or services

synonym : seller, merchant, peddler

(1) street **vendor**, (2) food **vendor**

The **vendor** at the market sold the freshest produce I have ever tasted.

ulcer

n. a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems

synonym : lesion, sore, wound

(1) mouth **ulcer**, (2) gastric **ulcer**

The stress of the job caused him to develop an **ulcer** in his stomach.

brew

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

synonym : make, prepare

(1) **brew** a cup of tea, (2) **brew** beer

I am going to **brew** some coffee this morning.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym : astound, surprise, stagger

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

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

bankrupt

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

synonym : insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

controversy

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

synonym: disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse **controversy**

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

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.

boycott

v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change;
(noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change

synonym: protest, abstain, avoid

(1) **boycott** campaign, (2) **boycott** the discussion

Many people have decided to **boycott** the company due to their unethical practices.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym: contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

bribery

n. the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

synonym: graft, bribe

(1) **bribery** scandal, (2) vulnerable to **bribery**

He is currently under accusation of fraud and **bribery**.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

tip

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

synonym: edge, advice, gratuity

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

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

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym : prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

marshal

n. a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

synonym : marshal, commander, organizer

(1) **marshal** the books into their proper places, (2) deputy **marshal**

The event organizer appointed a professional **marshal** to manage the flow of traffic.

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.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym : insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

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.

harp

n. a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers

synonym: lyre, psaltery, clavichord

(1) **harp** strings, (2) Japanese **harp**

She began to play a beautiful melody on her **harp**.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

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.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

mayor

n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government

synonym: governor, leader, chief executive

(1) a deputy **mayor**, (2) **mayor's** race

The incumbent **mayor** announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

whip

v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

synonym: thrash, flog, scourge

(1) **whip** egg whites, (2) **whip** into shape

The jockey **whipped** the horse hard to take first place.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

statue

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

synonym: sculpture, figurine, monument

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

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

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

pants

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

synonym : trousers, breeches, slacks

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

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

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym : clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

formula

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

synonym : expression, recipe, procedure

(1) structural **formula**, (2) a binomial **formula**

The teacher told the students to memorize the math **formula**.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

synonym : noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym: charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym: forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

fingernail

n. the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger

synonym: claw, paw

(1) **fingernail** biting, (2) fake **fingernail**

The car body scraped off with a **fingernail**.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

chef

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
synonym: cook, culinary artist, gastronomer

(1) **chef** knife, (2) master **chef**

The **chef** at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym: philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

demonstration

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

synonym: manifestation, presentation, show

(1) **demonstration** project, (2) a campus **demonstration**

Thousands of people attended the protest **demonstration** against the proposed policy.

elegant

adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

synonym: refined, sophisticated, graceful

(1) **elegant** design, (2) write **elegant** sentences

She wore an **elegant** evening gown to the gala.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. gastric ul__r
n. a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems
3. bla_____th shop
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
4. a seafaring na___n
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
5. hu___e on business
v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
6. ask ch_____y
n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
7. el_____t design
adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
8. h__p strings
n. a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers

ANSWERS: 1. insist, 2. ulcer, 3. blacksmith, 4. nation, 5. hustle, 6. charity, 7. elegant, 8. harp

9. meeting in___ws *n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
10. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
11. 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
12. ba____pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
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14. am___e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
15. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
16. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
17. of___d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

ANSWERS: 9. in-law, 10. tip, 11. movement, 12. bankrupt, 13. belong, 14. amaze, 15. handle, 16. weird, 17. offend

18. bo____t the discussion *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
19. financially ba____pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
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21. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
22. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
23. mouth ul__r *n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems

ANSWERS: 18. boycott, 19. bankrupt, 20. excuse, 21. pun, 22. chase, 23. ulcer

24. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
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29. b__w a cup of tea *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
30. ma_____l the books into their proper places *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

ANSWERS: 24. sacrifice, 25. lift, 26. league, 27. statue, 28. demonstration, 29. brew, 30. marshal

31. a deputy ma__r *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
32. of___d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
33. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
34. vi_____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
35. can_____ous neighbor *adj.* bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative; having a difficult and contrary disposition
36. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
37. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
38. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
39. b__w beer *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
40. re___e after four terms *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
41. medium da____g *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
42. arterial pl___e *n.* a flat, often rectangular, piece of metal, wood, or other material, inscribed or carved with commemorative text or designs and used as a decoration or award; a soft, sticky film of bacteria that coats teeth and can cause tooth decay

ANSWERS: 31. mayor, 32. offend, 33. responsible, 34. visionary, 35. cantankerous, 36. furious, 37. amaze, 38. excuse, 39. brew, 40. retire, 41. darling, 42. plaque

43. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
44. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
45. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
46. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
47. can_____ous criticism *adj.* bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative; having a difficult and contrary disposition
48. put a gr____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
49. hu___e up money *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
50. h__l on a rope *v.* to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort
51. fu____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
52. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
53. his research area of
con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
54. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

ANSWERS: 43. invite, 44. strength, 45. din, 46. involve, 47. cantankerous, 48. grateful, 49. hustle, 50. haul, 51. furious, 52. resilient, 53. concentration, 54. jail

55. ap____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
56. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
57. deputy ma____l *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
58. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
59. in____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
60. w__p egg whites *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
61. member of the ca____t *n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister

ANSWERS: 55. appoint, 56. sophisticated, 57. marshal, 58. pun, 59. involve, 60. whip, 61. cabinet

62. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
63. vi_____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
64. con_____ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
65. arouse con_____sy *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
66. vulnerable to br_____y *n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage
67. b__t him in the face *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
68. l__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
69. dem_____ion project *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
70. fake fin_____il *n.* the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger
71. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 62. integrate, 63. visible, 64. controversial, 65. controversy, 66. bribery, 67. belt, 68. lift, 69. demonstration, 70. fingernail, 71. chase

72. bo____t campaign *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
73. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
74. street ve____r *n.* a person or company that sells goods or services
75. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
76. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
77. p_t a dog *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
78. na__l base *adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
79. go____us sunset *adj.* wonderful and attractive
80. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
81. di____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
82. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 72. boycott, 73. bunch, 74. vendor, 75. communal, 76. sophisticated, 77. pat, 78. naval, 79. gorgeous, 80. conversation, 81. disagree, 82. nation

83. p_t on the back *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
84. na__l battles *adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
85. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
86. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
87. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
88. work pe___t *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
89. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
90. leather b__t *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
91. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
92. the str_____ry pie *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

ANSWERS: 83. pat, 84. naval, 85. resilient, 86. upset, 87. wit, 88. permit, 89. concentration, 90. belt, 91. protest, 92. strawberry

93. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
94. food ve___r *n.* a person or company that sells goods or services
95. h__l truck *v.* to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort
96. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
97. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
98. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
99. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
100. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
101. ma__r's race *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
102. ch_____y work *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
103. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

ANSWERS: 93. melt, 94. vendor, 95. haul, 96. dumb, 97. responsible, 98. bunch, 99. upset, 100. crazy, 101. mayor, 102. charity, 103. tip

104. up___t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
105. fin_____il biting *n.* the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger
106. a gr_____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
107. w__p into shape *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
108. br_____y scandal *n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage
109. pajama pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
110. bla_____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
111. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
112. structural fo_____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
113. c__f knife *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
114. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

ANSWERS: 104. uplift, 105. fingernail, 106. grateful, 107. whip, 108. bribery, 109. pants, 110. blacksmith, 111. urban, 112. formula, 113. chef, 114. disagree

115. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
116. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
117. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
118. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
119. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
120. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
121. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
122. a beautiful st___e *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
123. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
124. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
125. master c__f *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
126. mighty d_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

ANSWERS: 115. fee, 116. invite, 117. emotional, 118. conversation, 119. melt, 120. emotional, 121. belong, 122. statue, 123. core, 124. weird, 125. chef, 126. din

127. ap____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
128. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
129. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
130. commemorative pl____e *n.* a flat, often rectangular, piece of metal, wood, or other material, inscribed or carved with commemorative text or designs and used as a decoration or award; a soft, sticky film of bacteria that coats teeth and can cause tooth decay
131. vi____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
132. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
133. Japanese h__p *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
134. a test pi__t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
135. scratch-off lo____y *n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing

ANSWERS: 127. appoint, 128. jail, 129. communal, 130. plaque, 131. visible, 132. crazy, 133. harp, 134. pilot, 135. lottery

136. 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
137. a go_____us meal *adj.* wonderful and attractive
138. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
139. up___t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
140. 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
141. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
142. national lo_____y *n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing
143. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
144. le___e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

ANSWERS: 136. insist, 137. gorgeous, 138. controversial, 139. uplift, 140. movement, 141. protest, 142. lottery, 143. dumb, 144. league

145. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
146. have a da____g baby *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
147. re____e voluntarily *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
148. write el____t sentences *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
149. ha____e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
150. pe____t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
151. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
152. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
153. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
154. future in____w *n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
155. pi__t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
156. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

ANSWERS: 145. strength, 146. darling, 147. retire, 148. elegant, 149. handle, 150. permit, 151. fee, 152. bomb, 153. bomb, 154. in-law, 155. pilot, 156. wit

157. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
158. a binomial fo____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
159. str____ry greenhouse *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
160. the ca____t above the sink *n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister
161. vi____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
162. woolly pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
163. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
164. in____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
165. con____sy among researchers *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

ANSWERS: 157. core, 158. formula, 159. strawberry, 160. cabinet, 161. visionary, 162. pants, 163. urban, 164. integrate, 165. controversy

166. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 166. sacrifice

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I am going to _____ some coffee this morning.
v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

2. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

3. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

4. He is currently under accusation of fraud and _____.
n. the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

5. The prime minister decided to reshuffle his _____ to regain support.
n. a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister

6. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage

7. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 1. brew, 2. chased, 3. handle, 4. bribery, 5. cabinet, 6. furious, 7. bunch

8. I always wear _____ when I go outside, even in the summer.
- n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
9. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.
- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
10. The teacher told the students to memorize the math _____.
- n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
11. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
- v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
12. The court _____ a guardian for the child.
- v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
13. The odds of winning the _____ are extremely low, but millions still buy tickets hoping to hit the jackpot.
- n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing
14. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.
- adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
15. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 8. pants, 9. tips, 10. formula, 11. amazed, 12. appointed, 13. lottery, 14. dumb, 15. belong

16. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

17. 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

18. 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

19. She _____ the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

20. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

21. The stress of the job caused him to develop an _____ in his stomach.

n. a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems

22. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

23. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

ANSWERS: 16. weird, 17. responsible, 18. insisted, 19. patted, 20. concentration, 21. ulcer, 22. conversation, 23. permit

24. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
25. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
26. After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to _____ from her job.
v. to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
27. The lawyer's ____ for the case was \$10,000.
n. a sum of money charged for a particular service
28. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.
n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
29. The _____ officer was responsible for the safety and well-being of the crew on his ship.
adj. of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
30. 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
31. The ____ at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.
n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

ANSWERS: 24. emotional, 25. visionary, 26. retire, 27. fee, 28. wit, 29. naval, 30. movement, 31. chef

32. She began to play a beautiful melody on her _____.
- n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
33. Many people have decided to _____ the company due to their unethical practices.
- v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
34. The event organizer appointed a professional _____ to manage the flow of traffic.
- n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
35. Thousands of people attended the protest _____ against the proposed policy.
- n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
36. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
- n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
37. The _____ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.
- n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

ANSWERS: 32. harp, 33. boycott, 34. marshal, 35. demonstration, 36. cores, 37. statue

38. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.

- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

39. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.

- v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

40. 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

41. The _____ exercised great care in landing.

- n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

42. She wore an _____ evening gown to the gala.

- adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

43. The car body scraped off with a _____.

- n.* the hard, slightly curved part that covers the outer tip of each finger

44. They entered into _____ with the member of the ruling party.

- n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

45. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.

- v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

ANSWERS: 38. pun, 39. melted, 40. lifted, 41. pilot, 42. elegant, 43. fingernail, 44. controversy, 45. offended

46. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

47. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

48. The incumbent _____ announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government

49. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

50. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

51. I _____ for reasons already stated above.

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

52. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

53. The _____ at the market sold the freshest produce I have ever tasted.

n. a person or company that sells goods or services

54. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 46. league, 47. blacksmith, 48. mayor, 49. Communal, 50. strength, 51. disagree, 52. sophisticated, 53. vendor, 54. excuse

55. He had a _____ smoothie for breakfast.

n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

56. She was _____ for the help he provided.

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

57. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

58. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

59. He was awfully _____ by the news.

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

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

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

61. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

62. The _____ of the city was overwhelming.

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

63. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

ANSWERS: 55. strawberry, 56. grateful, 57. controversial, 58. nation, 59. upset, 60. protest, 61. uplift, 62. din, 63. urban

64. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

65. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

66. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

67. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

68. The jockey _____ the horse hard to take first place.

v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

69. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

70. Unfortunately, the company went _____ and had to close its doors permanently.

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

71. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

ANSWERS: 64. resilient, 65. crazy, 66. jail, 67. visible, 68. whipped, 69. involves, 70. bankrupt, 71. charity

72. The band was _____ out old songs in response to audience requests.

- v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

73. You must _____ and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.

- v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way

74. My sister-in-law _____ is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.

- n. a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

75. The _____ older man was always complaining and arguing with everyone.

- adj. bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative; having a difficult and contrary disposition

76. They had to _____ the boat out of the water for repairs.

- v. to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort

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

- adj. wonderful and attractive

78. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.

- v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

79. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

- v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 72. belting, 73. hustle, 74. in-law, 75. cantankerous, 76. haul, 77. gorgeous, 78. integrate, 79. invite

80. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
- n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
81. My _____ child, I love you so much.
- n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
82. 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
83. The dentist removed the _____ from my teeth during my cleaning appointment.
- n.* a flat, often rectangular, piece of metal, wood, or other material, inscribed or carved with commemorative text or designs and used as a decoration or award; a soft, sticky film of bacteria that coats teeth and can cause tooth decay

ANSWERS: 80. sacrifice, 81. darling, 82. bombs, 83. plaque