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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### elect

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

*synonym* : select, choose, prefer

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

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

### 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.

### uncover

*v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

*synonym* : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

### polarization

*n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

*synonym* : polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

## intelligent

*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

*synonym* : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system  
**Intelligent** robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

## bond

*n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

*synonym* : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market  
They had formed a friendship **bond**.

## energetic

*adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy

*synonym* : active, animated, lively

(1) **energetic** density, (2) **energetic** dog

This process caused an **energetic** chemical reaction.

## sushi

*n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

*synonym* : raw fish, sashimi, nigiri

(1) **sushi** bar, (2) **sushi** roll

I love going out for **sushi** with my friends on Friday nights.

## discovery

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

*synonym* : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

## 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.

## politically

*adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

## disappoint

*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

*synonym*: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

## joint

*adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people;  
(noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

*synonym*: collaborative, cooperative, combined

(1) a **joint** venture, (2) the bone of a **joint**

After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a **joint** statement.

## conservative

*adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

*synonym*: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting

future sales.

## volunteer

*n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

*synonym*: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

## 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.

## congressional

*adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

*synonym*: parliamentary, senatorial, legislative

(1) **congressional** approval, (2) suspend a **congressional** meeting

There was a **congressional** probe into the scandal.

## president

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

*synonym*: leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

## prank

*n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others

*synonym*: hoax, trick, stunt

(1) **prank** caller, (2) harmless **prank**

The group of teenagers played an innocent **prank** on their teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.

## magnet

*n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel

*synonym*: magnetite, lodestone, attracting substance

(1) **magnet** attraction, (2) permanent **magnet**

The MRI machine uses **magnets** to produce images of the body's internal organs.

## 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**.

## 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.

## topic

*n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

*synonym*: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

## discuss

*v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

*synonym*: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

## comfort

*n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

*synonym*: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

## zone

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

*synonym* : area, region, territory

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

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

## zero-sum

*adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero

*synonym* : equivalent, balanced, even-handed

(1) **zero-sum** economics, (2) **zero-sum** mentality

In some sports, such as tennis, the competition is a **zero-sum** game, with only one player able to win each match.

## 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.

## argument

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

*synonym* : debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

## affront

*n.* an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally,

often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms

*synonym* : insult, offense, slight

(1) **affront** his pride, (2) **affront** to reputation

The rude remark was an **affront** to her dignity.

## dialogue

*n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film

*synonym* : conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

## debate

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

*synonym* : argument, discussion, dispute

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

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

## engage

*v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

*synonym* : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

## flip

*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

*synonym* : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

## script

*n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

*synonym*: writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

## replace

*v.* to take the place of something

*synonym*: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

## ego

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

*synonym*: self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

## desire

*n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

*synonym*: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

## curiosity

*n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something

*synonym*: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.



## judgment

*n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

*synonym*: conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

## genuine

*adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

*synonym*: actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

## 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.

## perspective

*n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

*synonym*: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

## 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.

## climate

*n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

*synonym*: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

**Climate** and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

## unfortunately

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

*synonym* : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

## extreme

*adj.* very great in amount or degree

*synonym* : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

## relation

*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

*synonym* : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

## release

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

*synonym* : free, let go, discharge

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

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

## poll

*n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

*synonym* : survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

## negative

*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

*synonym* :

minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

## journal

*n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

*synonym*: periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

## cognitive

*adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding

*synonym*: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

## neuroscience

*n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

## emotion

*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

*synonym*: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

## collide

*v.* to hit something violently when moving

*synonym*: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

## invariably

*adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception  
*synonym*: consistently, always, uniformly

(1) **invariably** polite, (2) **invariably** correct

She **invariably** arrived at the office early each day.

## government

*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

*synonym*: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

## polite

*adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

*synonym*: courteous, civil, respectful

(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone

It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.

## 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.

## fond

*adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

*synonym*: liking, enjoying, affectionate

(1) very **fond** of, (2) **fond** memories of the birthday

He is excessively **fond** of alcohol.

## bipartisan

*adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

*synonym*: neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

## opportune

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

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## participate

*v.* to take part in something

*synonym*: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

## annoy

*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

*synonym*: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

## irritate

*v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

*synonym*: annoy, vex, bother

(1) **irritate** skin, (2) **irritate** my partner

The sound of his chewing loudly **irritates** me during dinner.

## march

*v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

*synonym*: parade

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

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

## platform

*n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a

computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

*synonym* : stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise  
The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

## represent

*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

*synonym* : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

## 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.

## sisterhood

*n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women

*synonym* : sisterliness, sisterly relationship, sorority

(1) **sisterhood** bond, (2) **sisterhood** solidarity

Playing on the same sports team has created a **sisterhood** between the athletes.

## solidarity

*n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

*synonym* : unity, cooperation, mutual support

(1) **solidarity** among union members, (2) **solidarity** action  
The workers showed **solidarity** in their strike for better working conditions.

## inauguration

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

*synonym*: swearing-in, investiture, initiation

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

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

## administer

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

*synonym*: allocate, distribute, dispense

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

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

## demonstrate

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

*synonym*: show, illustrate, display

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

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

## norm

*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

*synonym*: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

## 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.

## 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.

## doubt

*n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

*synonym*: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

**Doubt** is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

## condone

*v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

*synonym*: excuse, overlook, tolerate

(1) **condone** the behavior, (2) **condone** the action

The parents refused to **condone** their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.

## rhetoric

*n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

*synonym*: oratory, eloquence, persuasion

(1) the **rhetoric** of a debate, (2) high-flown **rhetoric**

He was known for his powerful **rhetoric** and ability to persuade people with his words.

## aggravate

*v.* to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone

*synonym*: irritate, provoke, worsen

(1) **aggravate** the situation, (2) **aggravate** an injury

Stress can **aggravate** existing health conditions and cause further problems.

## assume

*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

*synonym*: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role



The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

## incredible

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym*: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

## exploit

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

*synonym*: use, abuse, control

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

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

## decision

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

*synonym*: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

## simmer

*v.* to cook food over low heat in a liquid, maintaining a temperature just below boiling point; to be filled with a low level of intense emotion; to be on the verge of expressing strong feelings

*synonym*: stew, boil slowly, cook gently

(1) **simmer** until water evaporates, (2) **simmer** in her mind for years

The soup must **simmer** for at least an hour for all the flavors to blend.

## frustration

*n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

*synonym*: disappointment, discouragement, dissatisfaction

(1) **frustration** level, (2) express **frustration**

He felt a deep **frustration** as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

## motivation

*n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

*synonym*: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

## privilege

*n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

*synonym*: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

## defend

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

*synonym*: protect, guard, support

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

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

## vulnerable

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

*synonym*: susceptible, exposed, weak

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

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

## frank

*adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

*synonym*: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

## alternative

*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice  
*synonym*: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**  
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

## undercurrent

*n.* a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid  
*synonym*: subterranean flow, hidden emotion

(1) **undercurrent** of hostility, (2) economic **undercurrent**  
The **undercurrent** of tension was palpable in the meeting.

## disrespect

*n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something  
*synonym*: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer  
His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

## absolutely

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly  
*synonym*: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl  
I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

## 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.

## trump

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

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**  
The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

## compassionate

*adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

*synonym* : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave

My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

## 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.

## reconcile

*v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

*synonym* : harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

## overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym* : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## candidate

*n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

*synonym* : applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

## primary

*adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

*synonym* : chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

## abstain

v. to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do

*synonym* : refrain, desist, forbear

(1) **abstain** on a vote, (2) **abstain** from food

She chose to **abstain** from alcohol at the party.

## ultimate

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

*synonym* : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

## 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.

## influence

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

*synonym* : power, leverage, effect

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

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

## judicial

*adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

*synonym* : legal, juridical, judicatory

(1) **judicial** review, (2) **judicial** police

The **judicial** system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

## branch

*n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

*synonym* : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

## wrestling

*n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

*synonym* : grappling, fighting, brawling

(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**

He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

## strike

*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

*synonym* : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

## victim

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

*synonym* : prey, target, sufferer

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

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

## confirmation

*n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite

*synonym* : validation, verification, affirmation

(1) **confirmation** of purchase, (2) **confirmation** bias

The **confirmation** of his appointment as CEO was met with mixed reactions.

## bias

*n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

*synonym* : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

## voter

*n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

*synonym* : elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

## attribute

*v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

*synonym* : ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

## 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**.

## divisive

*adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

*synonym* : polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments

The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions from the public.

## unlikely

*adj.* not probable or likely to happen

*synonym* : doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

## disappointment

*n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes

*synonym* : letdown, frustration, discouragement

(1) **disappointment** in the result, (2) **disappointment** with the service

The cancellation of the concert was a huge **disappointment** for the fans.

## 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.

## intent

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

*synonym* : purpose, aim, goal

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

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

## frustrate

*v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

*synonym* : hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members



The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

## critic

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

*synonym*: pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

## inundate

*v.* to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something

*synonym*: flood, submerge, overwhelm

(1) **inundate** swaths of farmland, (2) **inundate** his entire body

The heavy rain **inundated** the low-lying areas and caused flooding.

## polar

*adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

*synonym*: opposing, contrary, contrasting

(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions

**Polar** animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

## misinformation

*n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

*synonym*: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

## presidency

*n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization

*synonym*: leadership, administration, governance

(1) **presidency** term, (2) **presidency** duties

Her candidacy for the **presidency** has been met with both support and criticism.

## pause

*v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

*synonym*: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

## 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.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## recess

*n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

*synonym*: break, interval, pause

(1) a court **recess**, (2) during noon **recess**

The company decided to take a **recess** and reconvene the meeting later that day.

## possibility

*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

*synonym*: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

## preconceived

*adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

(1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions

We should start a discussion from scratch with no **preconceived** ideas.

## limitless

*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

*synonym*: boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

## 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.

## typical

*adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

*synonym*: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

## 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.

## midnight

*n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

*synonym*: middle of the night, witching hour

(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift

I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

## awkward

*adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

*synonym*: embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

## hostility

*n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

*synonym*: antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

## 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.

## elevate

*v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

*synonym*: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

## discourse

*n.* any form of communication in speech or writing

*synonym*: discussion, dialogue, communication

(1) hold **discourse** with him, (2) a **discourse** about art

Sweet **discourse** makes short days and nights.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------------|------|---|
| 1. dem_____te mastery                | v.   | to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience  |
| 2. re_____e a phone                  | v.   | to take the place of something  |
| 3. e_o defense mechanisms            | n.   | a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one |
| 4. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty | n.   | a strong desire to know or learn about something  |
| 5. cir_____nce of birth              | n.   | the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence                              |
| 6. meet his com_____nts              | n.   | a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way  |
| 7. ca_____te selection               | n.   | a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant    |
| 8. st___e a blow                     | v.   | to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon     |
| 9. show ge_____e regret              | adj. | real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed  |
| 10. the ul_____te goal in life       | adj. | furthest or highest in degree or order  |
| 11. a cold cl_____e                  | n.   | the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period   |
| 12. the form of a di_____ue          | n.   | a conversation in a book, play, or film   |

ANSWERS: 1. demonstrate, 2. replace, 3. ego, 4. curiosity, 5. circumstance, 6. commitment, 7. candidate, 8. strike, 9. genuine, 10. ultimate, 11. climate, 12. dialogue

13. the great di\_\_\_\_\_ry of the century      *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
14. si\_\_\_r until water evaporates      *v.* to cook food over low heat in a liquid, maintaining a temperature just below boiling point; to be filled with a low level of intense emotion; to be on the verge of expressing strong feelings
15. ag\_\_\_\_\_te the situation      *v.* to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone
16. fru\_\_\_\_\_on level      *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
17. z\_\_e defense      *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
18. con\_\_\_\_\_ion bias      *n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
19. ab\_\_\_\_\_n from food      *v.* to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do
20. pre\_\_\_\_\_cy duties      *n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization
21. pol\_\_\_\_\_ion effect      *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
22. en\_\_\_e a new employee      *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 13. discovery, 14. simmer, 15. aggravate, 16. frustration, 17. zone, 18. confirmation, 19. abstain, 20. presidency, 21. polarization, 22. engage

23. ze\_\_\_\_um mentality *adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero
24. con\_\_\_\_\_ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
25. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
26. effects of cl\_\_\_\_\_e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
27. a seafaring na\_\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
28. no do\_\_t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
29. ju\_\_\_\_\_al review *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
30. 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
31. a campus dem\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
32. de\_\_\_e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 23. zero-sum, 24. conservative, 25. possibility, 26. climate, 27. nation, 28. doubt, 29. judicial, 30. decide, 31. demonstration, 32. debate

33. res\_\_\_\_\_le for a customer service     *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
34. suppress di\_\_\_\_\_ve arguments     *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
35. un\_\_\_\_\_r the truth     *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
36. re\_\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect     *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
37. presidential ina\_\_\_\_\_ion     *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
38. f\_\_p over the pork chop     *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
39. art cr\_\_\_\_c     *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
40. high-flown rh\_\_\_\_\_ic     *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
41. the bone of a jo\_\_t     *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
42. st\_\_\_\_e up a conversation     *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 33. responsible, 34. divisive, 35. uncover, 36. relation, 37. inauguration, 38. flip, 39. critic, 40. rhetoric, 41. joint, 42. strike



43. unf\_\_\_\_\_ely caught in a shower      *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
44. a com\_\_\_\_\_nt to an alliance      *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
45. jo\_\_\_\_\_l articles      *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
46. a con\_\_\_\_\_ive society      *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
47. de\_\_\_e a question      *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
48. time z\_\_\_e      *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
49. dielectric pol\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
50. br\_\_\_h office      *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
51. improve co\_\_\_\_\_ve function      *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
52. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty for growth      *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
53. 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
54. int\_\_\_\_\_nt assisting system      *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

ANSWERS: 43. unfortunately, 44. commitment, 45. journal, 46. conservative, 47. decide, 48. zone, 49. polarization, 50. branch, 51. cognitive, 52. possibility, 53. maintain, 54. intelligent

55. re\_\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
56. the characters that re\_\_\_\_\_nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
57. dis\_\_\_\_\_ent in the result *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
58. di\_\_\_\_\_s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
59. en\_\_\_\_\_ic dog *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
60. en\_\_\_\_\_ic density *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
61. a serious to\_\_c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
62. a cr\_\_y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
63. an int\_\_\_\_\_nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
64. ab\_\_\_\_\_n on a vote *v.* to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do
65. fairly ty\_\_\_\_\_l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
66. 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

ANSWERS: 55. relation, 56. represent, 57. disappointment, 58. discuss, 59. energetic, 60. energetic, 61. topic, 62. crazy, 63. intelligent, 64. abstain, 65. typical, 66. breath

67. de\_\_\_d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
68. mi\_\_\_\_\_ht snack *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
69. public opinion p\_\_\_ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
70. bitter ho\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
71. b\_\_\_d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
72. fo\_\_\_\_\_ss of liabilities *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
73. di\_\_\_\_\_ent with the service *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
74. re\_\_\_\_\_e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
75. di\_\_\_\_\_ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
76. inc\_\_\_\_\_le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
77. 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

ANSWERS: 67. defend, 68. midnight, 69. poll, 70. hostility, 71. bond, 72. forgiveness, 73. disappointment, 74. release, 75. disagree, 76. incredible, 77. spot

78. perfect ex\_\_\_e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
79. an act of ho\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
80. an arrival pl\_\_\_\_\_rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
81. a hand sc\_\_\_t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
82. an eligible vo\_\_r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
83. don't dis\_\_\_\_\_nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
84. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
85. con\_\_\_\_\_ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
86. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
87. vi\_\_\_m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 78. excuse, 79. hostility, 80. platform, 81. script, 82. voter, 83. disappoint, 84. nation, 85. conversation, 86. government, 87. victim

88. a court re\_\_\_s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
89. in\_\_\_\_\_ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
90. an aw\_\_\_\_\_d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
91. de\_\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
92. at inc\_\_\_\_\_le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
93. adm\_\_\_\_\_er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
94. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
95. a di\_\_\_\_\_se about art *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
96. el\_\_\_\_\_e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
97. in\_\_\_t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 88. recess, 89. influence, 90. awkward, 91. decision, 92. incredible, 93. administer, 94. overlook, 95. discourse, 96. elevate, 97. intent

98. in\_\_\_\_\_te swaths of farmland      *v.* to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
99. at\_\_\_\_\_te the change to their marriage      *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
100. arm wr\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
101. hold di\_\_\_\_\_se with him      *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
102. 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
103. deliver a ju\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
104. a digital pl\_\_\_\_\_rm for enterprise      *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
105. bip\_\_\_\_\_an agreement      *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
106. pa\_\_e for a reaction      *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
107. pr\_\_\_\_\_y school      *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

ANSWERS: 98. inundate, 99. attribute, 100. wrestling, 101. discourse, 102. pun, 103. judgment, 104. platform, 105. bipartisan, 106. pause, 107. primary

108. ju\_\_\_\_al police *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
109. the c\_\_e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
110. pr\_\_k caller *n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
111. during noon re\_\_\_\_s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
112. 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
113. economic und\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid
114. ex\_\_\_\_\_t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
115. de\_\_\_\_e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
116. par\_\_\_\_\_te in the program *v.* to take part in something
117. fr\_\_\_\_\_te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

ANSWERS: 108. judicial, 109. core, 110. prank, 111. recess, 112. maintain, 113. undercurrent, 114. exploit, 115. debate, 116. participate, 117. frustrate

118. it is un\_\_\_\_ly that he would win the game      *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
119. the in\_\_\_\_t of a question      *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
120. dispel do\_\_ts      *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
121. de\_\_\_\_e respect      *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
122. 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
123. el\_\_t the school board      *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
124. an emotional ju\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
125. the sc\_\_\_\_t of a play      *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
126. si\_\_\_\_r in her mind for years      *v.* to cook food over low heat in a liquid, maintaining a temperature just below boiling point; to be filled with a low level of intense emotion; to be on the verge of expressing strong feelings
127. for a li\_\_\_\_ss time      *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

ANSWERS: 118. unlikely, 119. intent, 120. doubt, 121. deserve, 122. recognize, 123. elect, 124. judgment, 125. script, 126. simmer, 127. limitless



128. de\_\_\_\_e this prize  
*v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
129. mean no dis\_\_\_\_\_ct  
*n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
130. ze\_\_\_\_\_um economics  
*adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero
131. ty\_\_\_\_\_l leader  
*adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
132. harmless pr\_\_k  
*n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others
133. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
134. li\_\_\_\_\_ss potential  
*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
135. choose tr\_\_p  
*n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
136. boundless cu\_\_\_\_\_ty  
*n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
137. even more unf\_\_\_\_\_ely  
*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
138. cultural n\_\_m  
*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
139. 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

ANSWERS: 128. deserve, 129. disrespect, 130. zero-sum, 131. typical, 132. prank, 133. confuse, 134. limitless, 135. trump, 136. curiosity, 137. unfortunately, 138. norm, 139. excuse

140. have a b\_\_s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
141. dem\_\_\_\_\_ion project *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
142. el\_\_t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
143. pol\_\_\_\_\_ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
144. pr\_\_\_\_\_ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
145. cr\_\_y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
146. a friendly con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
147. em\_\_\_\_\_al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
148. global b\_\_d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
149. und\_\_\_\_\_ent of hostility *n.* a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid
150. very f\_\_d of *adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

ANSWERS: 140. bias, 141. demonstration, 142. elect, 143. politically, 144. privilege, 145. crazy, 146. conversation, 147. emotional, 148. bond, 149. undercurrent, 150. fond

151. con\_\_\_\_\_ion of purchase *n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite
152. em\_\_\_\_\_al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
153. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
154. vo\_\_r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
155. po\_\_\_e manners *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
156. make a fr\_\_k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
157. the ul\_\_\_\_\_te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
158. pr\_\_\_\_\_nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
159. a pre-election p\_\_l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
160. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
161. a jo\_\_t venture *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

ANSWERS: 151. confirmation, 152. emotional, 153. absolutely, 154. voter, 155. polite, 156. frank, 157. ultimate, 158. president, 159. poll, 160. government, 161. joint

162. 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
163. an aw\_\_\_\_\_d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
164. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
165. vul\_\_\_\_\_le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
166. Platonic di\_\_\_\_\_ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
167. co\_\_\_\_\_al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
168. co\_\_\_\_\_e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving
169. express fru\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
170. research on co\_\_\_\_\_ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
171. promote bip\_\_\_\_\_an cooperation *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
172. f\_\_p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
173. de\_\_\_d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
174. the to\_\_c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

ANSWERS: 162. spot, 163. awkward, 164. opportune, 165. vulnerable, 166. dialogue, 167. communal, 168. collide, 169. frustration, 170. cognitive, 171. bipartisan, 172. flip, 173. defend, 174. topic

175. an alt\_\_\_\_\_ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
176. afraid to show em\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
177. become pol\_\_\_\_\_ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
178. vi\_\_\_\_m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
179. a br\_\_\_\_h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
180. a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
181. ex\_\_\_\_\_t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
182. fr\_\_k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
183. full of em\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
184. mot\_\_\_\_\_on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
185. ina\_\_\_\_\_ion ceremony *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

ANSWERS: 175. alternative, 176. emotion, 177. politically, 178. victim, 179. branch, 180. negative, 181. exploit, 182. frank, 183. empathy, 184. motivation, 185. inauguration

186. ex\_\_\_\_\_e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
187. dis\_\_\_\_\_ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
188. de\_\_\_\_\_te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
189. b\_\_s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
190. adm\_\_\_\_\_er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
191. combat mis\_\_\_\_\_ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
192. ir\_\_\_\_\_te my partner *v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
193. re\_\_\_\_\_le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
194. a selfish de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
195. sol\_\_\_\_\_ty action *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
196. a vul\_\_\_\_\_le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 186. extreme, 187. disrespect, 188. devastate, 189. bias, 190. administer, 191. misinformation, 192. irritate, 193. reconcile, 194. decision, 195. solidarity, 196. vulnerable

197. re\_\_\_\_\_le a dispute      *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
198. di\_\_\_\_\_s options      *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
199. an\_\_y at the time      *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
200. po\_\_r regions      *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
201. a ge\_\_\_\_\_e article      *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
202. a theoretical concept in  
neu\_\_\_\_\_nce      *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
203. vice-pr\_\_\_\_\_nt for finance      *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
204. mi\_\_\_\_\_ht shift      *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
205. sis\_\_\_\_\_od solidarity      *n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women

ANSWERS: 197. reconcile, 198. discuss, 199. annoy, 200. polar, 201. genuine, 202. neuroscience, 203. president, 204. midnight, 205. sisterhood

206. su\_\_i roll *n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
207. re\_\_\_\_\_nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
208. dem\_\_\_\_\_te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
209. the per\_\_\_\_\_ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
210. a blazing ar\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
211. co\_\_\_\_\_e the behavior *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
212. severe cr\_\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
213. the branch of neu\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
214. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
215. pre\_\_\_\_\_ved opinions *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

ANSWERS: 206. sushi, 207. represent, 208. demonstrate, 209. perspective, 210. argument, 211. condone, 212. critic, 213. neuroscience, 214. overlook, 215. preconceived



216. re\_\_\_\_\_e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
217. fleshly de\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
218. suspend a con\_\_\_\_\_nal meeting *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
219. sol\_\_\_\_\_ty among union members *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
220. in\_\_\_\_\_ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
221. as\_\_\_\_\_e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
222. a scientific di\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
223. re\_\_\_\_\_e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
224. ma\_\_h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
225. par\_\_\_\_\_te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
226. unsatisfied de\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
227. a breach of pr\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 216. release, 217. desire, 218. congressional, 219. solidarity, 220. influence, 221. assume, 222. discovery, 223. replace, 224. march, 225. participate, 226. desire, 227. privilege

228. con\_\_\_\_\_nal approval *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
229. el\_\_\_\_\_e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
230. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
231. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
232. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
233. cir\_\_\_\_\_nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
234. de\_\_\_\_\_te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
235. words of co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
236. wr\_\_\_\_\_ng match *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
237. in\_\_\_\_\_te his entire body *v.* to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
238. a pre\_\_\_\_\_ved notion *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
239. res\_\_\_\_\_le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 228. congressional, 229. elevate, 230. confuse, 231. empathy, 232. absolutely, 233. circumstance, 234. devastate, 235. comfort, 236. wrestling, 237. inundate, 238. preconceived, 239. responsible

240. inv\_\_\_\_\_ly polite *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
241. di\_\_\_\_\_ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
242. scientific jo\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
243. ag\_\_\_\_\_te an injury *v.* to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone
244. understand his mot\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
245. pr\_\_\_\_\_y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
246. un\_\_\_\_\_r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
247. at\_\_\_\_\_te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
248. c\_\_e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
249. the ar\_\_\_\_\_nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
250. an\_\_y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

ANSWERS: 240. invariably, 241. disagree, 242. journal, 243. aggravate, 244. motivation, 245. primary, 246. uncover, 247. attribute, 248. core, 249. argument, 250. annoy

251. beg for for\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
252. com\_\_\_\_\_ate leave *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
253. a com\_\_\_\_\_ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
254. permanent ma\_\_\_\_t *n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
255. ma\_\_h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
256. ex\_\_\_\_\_e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
257. inv\_\_\_\_\_ly correct *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
258. there is no other alt\_\_\_\_\_ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
259. ir\_\_\_\_\_te skin *v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
260. 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
261. di\_\_\_\_\_ve question *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
262. f\_\_d memories of the birthday *adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

ANSWERS: 251. forgiveness, 252. compassionate, 253. compassionate, 254. magnet, 255. march, 256. extreme, 257. invariably, 258. alternative, 259. irritate, 260. breath, 261. divisive, 262. fond

263. have a ne\_\_\_\_ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
264. sis\_\_\_\_od bond *n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women
265. co\_\_\_\_t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
266. a per\_\_\_\_ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
267. co\_\_\_\_e the action *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
268. as\_\_\_\_e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
269. my vo\_\_\_\_er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
270. 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
271. un\_\_\_\_ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
272. op\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 263. negative, 264. sisterhood, 265. comfort, 266. perspective, 267. condone, 268. assume, 269. volunteer, 270. recognize, 271. unlikely, 272. opportune

273. co\_\_\_\_al swimming pool      *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
274. af\_\_\_\_t his pride      *n.* an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms
275. en\_\_\_\_e in environmental protection activities      *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
276. tr\_\_p card      *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
277. pa\_\_e a moment      *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
278. 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
279. fr\_\_\_\_\_te the advancement      *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
280. ma\_\_\_\_t attraction      *n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
281. PhD ca\_\_\_\_\_te      *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

ANSWERS: 273. communal, 274. affront, 275. engage, 276. trump, 277. pause, 278. pun, 279. frustrate, 280. magnet, 281. candidate

282. su\_\_i bar *n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
283. control my em\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
284. mis\_\_\_\_\_ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
285. co\_\_\_\_\_e in midair *v.* to hit something violently when moving
286. seek vo\_\_\_\_\_ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
287. dis\_\_\_\_\_nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
288. national e\_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
289. po\_\_r bears *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
290. po\_\_\_e tone *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
291. pre\_\_\_\_\_cy term *n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization
292. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 282. sushi, 283. emotion, 284. misinformation, 285. collide, 286. volunteer, 287. disappoint, 288. ego, 289. polar, 290. polite, 291. presidency, 292. norm

293. the rh\_\_\_\_ic of a debate

*n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

294. af\_\_\_\_t to reputation

*n.* an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms

ANSWERS: 293. rhetoric, 294. affront



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was known for his powerful \_\_\_\_\_ and ability to persuade people with his words.
  - n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
2. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
  - v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
3. It's important to be \_\_\_\_\_ even when you disagree with someone.
  - adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
4. This newspaper is supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_ neutral.
  - adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
5. Many multinational companies are \_\_\_\_\_ in the reconstruction of that country.
  - v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
6. 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
7. How can you \_\_\_\_\_ that the earth is a sphere?
  - v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

ANSWERS: 1. rhetoric, 2. discuss, 3. polite, 4. politically, 5. engaged, 6. breath, 7. demonstrate

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.  
*n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
9. In some sports, such as tennis, the competition is a \_\_\_\_\_ game, with only one player able to win each match.  
*adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero
10. After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a \_\_\_\_\_ statement.  
*adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
11. The legislation was passed with \_\_\_\_\_ support from both parties.  
*adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
12. The former emperor had a particular \_\_\_\_\_ even after he abdicated.  
*n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
13. He recorded the \_\_\_\_\_ at the time of the incident.  
*n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
14. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.  
*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
15. The treatments were done but, \_\_\_\_\_ were unsuccessful.  
*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 8. polarization, 9. zero-sum, 10. joint, 11. bipartisan, 12. influence, 13. dialogue, 14. strike, 15. unfortunately,

16. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the \_\_\_\_\_ of royalty and nobility.

*n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

17. She was constantly trying to boost her \_\_\_\_ by talking about her accomplishments.

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

18. \_\_\_\_\_ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

*n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

19. My father has a serious and \_\_\_\_\_ personality.

*adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

20. She worked very hard not to \_\_\_\_\_ her boss's expectations.

*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

21. 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

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

*n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

23. He continued his investigation and soon \_\_\_\_\_ another crime.

*v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

ANSWERS: 16. privilege, 17. ego, 18. Doubt, 19. compassionate, 20. disappoint, 21. responsible, 22. topic, 23. uncovered

24. \_\_\_\_\_ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

25. The \_\_\_\_\_ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

*n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

26. After the accident, three governmental bodies \_\_\_\_\_ the company.

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

27. The parents refused to \_\_\_\_\_ their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.

*v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

28. 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

29. The MRI machine uses \_\_\_\_\_ to produce images of the body's internal organs.

*n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel

30. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.

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

31. The \_\_\_\_\_ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

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

ANSWERS: 24. Intelligent, 25. candidate's, 26. administer, 27. condone, 28. excuse, 29. magnets, 30. Communal, 31. trump

32. Low sexual \_\_\_\_\_ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.  
*n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
33. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
34. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ of getting the disease will drastically increase.  
*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
36. Eating food in a hurry \_\_\_\_\_ blood glucose levels.  
*v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
37. The workers showed \_\_\_\_\_ in their strike for better working conditions.  
*n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
38. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific \_\_\_\_\_ about vaccines.  
*n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new station was a great success.  
*n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

ANSWERS: 32. desire, 33. discovery, 34. neuroscience, 35. possibility, 36. elevates, 37. solidarity, 38. misinformation, 39. inauguration

40. The animal rights group worked to \_\_\_\_\_ the dolphins back into the wild.  
*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
41. Management must take \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for the accident.  
*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
42. 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
43. She \_\_\_\_\_ arrived at the office early each day.  
*adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
44. His \_\_\_\_\_ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.  
*adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
45. He is excessively \_\_\_\_\_ of alcohol.  
*adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time
46. She chose to \_\_\_\_\_ from alcohol at the party.  
*v.* to choose not to do something, especially something that one wants to do
47. The employee \_\_\_\_\_ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.  
*v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
48. I stayed up until \_\_\_\_\_ watching my favorite movie.  
*n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

ANSWERS: 40. release, 41. ultimate, 42. spot, 43. invariably, 44. cognitive, 45. fond, 46. abstain, 47. deserved, 48. midnight

49. Every five years, the provincial governors are \_\_\_\_\_.

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

50. The \_\_\_\_\_ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

- adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

51. Her candidacy for the \_\_\_\_\_ has been met with both support and criticism.

- n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization

52. He was reluctant to leave his comfort \_\_\_\_\_ and try something new.

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

53. His father's death changed his whole \_\_\_\_\_ on life.

- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

54. We should start a discussion from scratch with no \_\_\_\_\_ ideas.

- adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

55. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.

- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

56. 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

ANSWERS: 49. elected, 50. primary, 51. presidency, 52. zone, 53. perspective, 54. preconceived, 55. Empathy, 56. demonstration

57. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
58. The rude remark was an \_\_\_\_\_ to her dignity.
- n.* an action or statement that causes offense or disrespect to someone's dignity or honor; a deliberate insult or slight; (verb) to insult or offend someone intentionally, often by showing disrespect or disregard for their feelings, beliefs, or social norms
59. International law allows each nation to \_\_\_\_\_ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
60. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ probe into the scandal.
- adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
61. The heavy rain \_\_\_\_\_ the low-lying areas and caused flooding.
- v.* to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
62. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
63. This artwork is \_\_\_\_\_ of her work.
- adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
64. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
65. Full involvement means \_\_\_\_\_ and prompt responses.
- adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 57. norms, 58. affront, 59. defend, 60. congressional, 61. inundated, 62. relations, 63. typical, 64. cores, 65. frank



66. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.  
*n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
67. Her \_\_\_\_\_ are consistently rational and sensible.  
*n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
68. The speaker mounted the \_\_\_\_\_ and started to speak.  
*n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
69. The \_\_\_\_\_ of tension was palpable in the meeting.  
*n.* a concealed or underlying tendency or feeling; a flow below the surface of a fluid
70. The movie has received almost universally \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.  
*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
71. The soup must \_\_\_\_\_ for at least an hour for all the flavors to blend.  
*v.* to cook food over low heat in a liquid, maintaining a temperature just below boiling point; to be filled with a low level of intense emotion; to be on the verge of expressing strong feelings
72. He found \_\_\_\_\_ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.  
*n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
73. She researched gender \_\_\_\_\_ in politics.  
*n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

ANSWERS: 66. disrespectful, 67. judgments, 68. platform, 69. undercurrent, 70. negative, 71. simmer, 72. comfort, 73. bias

74. We \_\_\_\_\_ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
- v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
75. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory;  
a verbal or physical fight or dispute
76. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.
- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
77. The coach explained a strategy to \_\_\_\_\_ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
78. The \_\_\_\_\_ design of the interface made the operation difficult.
- adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
79. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
- n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
80. The designer's \_\_\_\_\_ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective)  
having a strong determination to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 74. exploit, 75. argument, 76. overlook, 77. frustrate, 78. awkward, 79. branch, 80. intent

81. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian \_\_\_\_\_ on a stone monument.  
*n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
82. He always makes a \_\_\_\_\_ estimation when predicting future sales.  
*adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
83. The federal \_\_\_\_\_ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.  
*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
84. The \_\_\_\_\_ system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.  
*adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
85. They had formed a friendship \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
86. The teachers make full use of \_\_\_\_\_ assistance.  
*n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
87. The election administration nullified the election results because of \_\_\_\_\_ fraud.  
*n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
88. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.  
*n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
89. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.  
*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 81. script, 82. conservative, 83. government, 84. judicial, 85. bond, 86. volunteer, 87. voter, 88. victim, 89. incredible

90. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.

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

91. I love going out for \_\_\_\_\_ with my friends on Friday nights.

- n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

92. Stress can \_\_\_\_\_ existing health conditions and cause further problems.

- v.* to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone

93. The physician is reading the \_\_\_\_\_ related to medicine

- n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

94. The company decided to take a \_\_\_\_\_ and reconvene the meeting later that day.

- n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

95. The troops \_\_\_\_\_ shoulder-to-shoulder.

- v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

96. I am \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to his idea because of morality.

- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

97. Sometimes it is challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ science and religion.

- v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

ANSWERS: 90. conversation, 91. sushi, 92. aggravate, 93. journals, 94. recess, 95. marched, 96. absolutely, 97. reconcile

98. She was struggling to make a \_\_\_\_\_ between two job offers.

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

99. Some \_\_\_\_\_ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

100. Is this painting \_\_\_\_\_ or forged?

*adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

101. He felt a deep \_\_\_\_\_ as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

*n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

102. He \_\_\_\_\_ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

*v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

103. Infants and pregnant women are particularly \_\_\_\_\_.

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

104. His business \_\_\_\_\_ took him to the United States.

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

105. Sweet \_\_\_\_\_ makes short days and nights.

*n.* any form of communication in speech or writing

106. We elected him to \_\_\_\_\_ us at the international conference.

*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 98. decision, 99. emotions, 100. genuine, 101. frustration, 102. flipped, 103. vulnerable, 104. commitments, 105. discourse, 106. represent

107. 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

108. The sound of his chewing loudly \_\_\_\_\_ me during dinner.

*v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

109. The \_\_\_\_\_ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

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

110. The passage of the bill is \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* not probable or likely to happen

111. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.

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

112. She explained the \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the accident.

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

113. We are motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ rather than necessity.

*n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something

114. He \_\_\_\_\_ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

*v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

ANSWERS: 107. nation, 108. irritates, 109. debate, 110. unlikely, 111. critics, 112. circumstances, 113. curiosity, 114. attributes

115. Her unconcealed \_\_\_\_\_ made us unpleasant.

*n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

116. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his appointment as CEO was met with mixed reactions.

*n.* a statement, often written, that shows that something is true, correct, or definite

117. 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

118. The group of teenagers played an innocent \_\_\_\_\_ on their teacher, but it backfired, and they got in trouble.

*n.* a playful or mischievous trick, practical joke, or act of mischief performed with the intention of amusing or surprising others

119. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

120. The majority of students actively \_\_\_\_\_ in the college's intramural sports program.

*v.* to take part in something

121. This process caused an \_\_\_\_\_ chemical reaction.

*adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy

122. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

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

ANSWERS: 115. hostility, 116. confirmation, 117. pun, 118. prank, 119. confused, 120. participated, 121. energetic, 122. opportune

123. I \_\_\_\_\_ for reasons already stated above.

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

124. Eventually, the new design will \_\_\_\_\_ all older models.

*v.* to take the place of something

125. Solar gravity creates \_\_\_\_\_ pressures and temperatures.

*adj.* very great in amount or degree

126. The possibilities for scientific discovery are \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

127. The club \_\_\_\_\_ does not have absolute power.

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

128. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

129. Several \_\_\_\_\_ show a decline in the president's approval rating.

*n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

130. 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

131. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which \_\_\_\_\_ coastal areas.

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

ANSWERS: 123. disagree, 124. replace, 125. extreme, 126. limitless, 127. president, 128. assumes, 129. polls, 130. decide, 131. devastate



132. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using \_\_\_\_\_ medicines.

*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

133. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

134. The interests of the two countries \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to hit something violently when moving

135. Human \_\_\_\_\_ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

136. He gained debt \_\_\_\_\_.

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

137. \_\_\_\_\_ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

*adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

138. 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

139. Playing on the same sports team has created a \_\_\_\_\_ between the athletes.

*n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women

ANSWERS: 132. alternative, 133. crazy, 134. collide, 135. emotional, 136. forgiveness, 137. Polar, 138. recognize, 139. sisterhood

140. He had always been interested in sumo \_\_\_\_\_ and decided to try it.

*n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

141. The man \_\_\_\_\_ before opening the door.

*v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

142. \_\_\_\_\_ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

*n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

143. Her constant chatter was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighbors.

*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

144. A significant amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is required to be a teacher.

*n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

145. The cancellation of the concert was a huge \_\_\_\_\_ for the fans.

*n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes

146. The proposed policy has been met with \_\_\_\_\_ reactions from the public.

*adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

147. 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

ANSWERS: 140. wrestling, 141. paused, 142. Climate, 143. annoy, 144. motivation, 145. disappointment, 146. divisive, 147. maintain