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Session 1: Word List

utter

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

synonym : absolute, complete, total

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

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

pray

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

synonym : implore, supplicate, entreat

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

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

stain

v. to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove

synonym : discolor, tarnish, defile

(1) **stain** the carpet, (2) red wine **stain**

The allegations of corruption **stained** her reputation, and she struggled to regain public trust.

cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

synonym : church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

kneel

v. to rest on someone's knee or knees

synonym : genuflect, crouch, bend

(1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest

The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.

congregation

n. a group of people assembled, typically in a church or synagogue, for religious worship or other communal purposes; a gathering or collection of people or things in a specific location or context

synonym : assembly, gathering, collection

(1) speak before a **congregation**, (2) religious **congregation**

The church's youth group organized a retreat for the whole **congregation**.

dip

v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again

synonym : dunk, dive, plunge

(1) **dip** a pen in ink, (2) **dip** a chip in the sauce

Please **dip** up a bucketful of water from the well.

holy

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

synonym : sacred, religious, divine

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

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

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym : seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

trinity

n. the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)

synonym: triad, triune, three-in-one

(1) **trinity** doctrine, (2) the Blessed **Trinity**

The Christian doctrine of the Holy **Trinity** states that there is one God in three persons.

droop

v. to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality

synonym: sag, slump, wilt

(1) **droop** with disappointment, (2) **droop** under their own weight

The flowers began to **droop** in the scorching heat.

pew

n. a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services

synonym: seat, church bench

(1) empty **pew**, (2) wooden **pew**

The church was filled with people sitting on the **pews**, listening to the sermon.

befriend

v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

synonym: support, advise, patronize

(1) **befriend** a young boy, (2) **befriend** other members

I'm willing to **befriend** the weak and the poor.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

sin

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

synonym : misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

salvage

n. the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

synonym : rescue, recovery

(1) **salvage** operation, (2) **salvage** a sunken ship

The **salvage** yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym : disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

tongue

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

synonym : lingo, language, vocabulary

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

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

sham

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

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

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

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

linger

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

synonym : dawdle, tarry, loiter

(1) **linger** in the mind, (2) **linger** over your work

She **lingered** for a moment before leaving the room.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

sanctity

n. the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something

synonym: holiness, sacredness, purity

(1) **sanctity** of life, (2) violate the **sanctity**

The **sanctity** of human life is a fundamental principle of many religions.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

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.

snapback

n. a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time

(1) vintage **snapback**, (2) **snapback** trend

I love wearing **snapback** hats because they're stylish and comfortable.

grin

v. to smile broadly

synonym: smile, smirk, chuckle

(1) **grin** from ear to ear, (2) **grin** with pleasure

He couldn't help but **grin** as he remembered the good times.

credible

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

synonym: reasonable, believable, plausible

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

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

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

anatomy

n. the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants

(1) animal **anatomy**, (2) **anatomy** of a country's collapse

The professor explained the **anatomy** of the nervous system.

tightrope

n. a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure

synonym: rope walk, high wire, funambulism

(1) **tightrope** performer, (2) **tightrope** act

The **tightrope** walker balanced precariously above the crowd.

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.

apologetic

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

synonym: sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

phase

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

synonym: degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym: believe, consider, suppose

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

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

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my

childhood.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym: shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

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

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

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym: straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

childbearing

n. the act of giving birth to or bearing a child (or children), often in the context of medical or demographic research or public policy

synonym: accouchement, childbirth, maternity

(1) **childbearing** capacity, (2) **childbearing** at a later age

Many women delay **childbearing** until their careers are established.

swallow

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

synonym: consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail
I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect;
(verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

synonym: affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

slur

v. to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

synonym: defame, slander, denigrate

(1) **slur** a drink, (2) **slur** his reputation

He shouldn't be allowed to **slur** people based on race or sexuality.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym: by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

closet

n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

synonym: cabinet, cupboard, locker

(1) **closet** full of suits, (2) walk-in **closets**

He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the **closet**.

permit

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

synonym: allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

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.

lesbian

n. a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women

synonym : gay woman, female homosexual, tribade

(1) **lesbian** love, (2) **lesbian** relationship

The **lesbian** couple was denied the right to marry due to the conservative laws in their state.

ken

n. knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight;
(verb) to be aware of or know

synonym : knowledge, understanding, familiarity

(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person

He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

evacuate

v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

synonym : empty, clear out, vacate

(1) **evacuate** the building, (2) **evacuate** civilians

The town was forced to **evacuate** due to the hurricane approaching.

invite

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

synonym : ask, request, summon

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

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

floorboard

n. a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the

other

synonym : plank, board, panel

(1) **floorboard** creaks, (2) hardwood **floorboard**

The **floorboard** in my bedroom is creaking and needs to be repaired.

fade

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

synonym : languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

echo

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

synonym : reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

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.

claim

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

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

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

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

mausoleum

n. a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground

synonym: tomb, sepulcher, crypt

(1) visit a **mausoleum**, (2) marble **mausoleum**

The imperial **mausoleum** was built to honor the late king.

casket

n. a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation

synonym: coffin, sarcophagus, chest

(1) plain **casket**, (2) wooden **casket**

The funeral director closed the **casket** and secured it with screws.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym: marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

brutality

n. the quality or state of being cruel or savage

synonym: cruelty, ferocity, savagery

(1) military **brutality**, (2) **brutality** against civilians

The protesters were outraged by the police **brutality** they witnessed at the demonstration.

asterisk

n. a symbol (*) used in text to indicate a footnote, omission of letters, or a reference to additional information; in sports, a symbol used to indicate a special achievement

synonym: star, mark, symbol

(1) add an **asterisk**, (2) annotate with an **asterisk**

The **asterisk** on the sign indicated that there were additional terms and conditions.

flesh

n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

synonym: meat, muscle, tissue

(1) grow in **flesh**, (2) **flesh** eating

The **flesh** of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym: sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

perverse

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

synonym: stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude

His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

ensnare

v. to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally

synonym : entangle, trap, ensnarl

(1) **ensnare** victims, (2) **ensnare** a suspect

The spider used its web to **ensnare** its prey.

consent

n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

synonym : approval, authorization, concession

(1) **consent** for surgery, (2) give silent **consent**

She gave her **consent** to the company's proposal.

feast

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

synonym : banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

regurgitate

v. to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original

synonym : repeat, echo, restate

(1) **regurgitate** food, (2) **regurgitate** information

The biology student had to **regurgitate** all the material she had learned for the final exam.

skeleton

n. the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

synonym : bones, frame, structure

(1) the steel **skeleton** of a building, (2) **skeleton** hand

Scientists studied the ancient **skeleton** to learn more about the creature's anatomy.

attraction

n. a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a

specific area or do a specific activity

synonym : allure, appeal, interest

(1) the big **attraction** of the event, (2) popular tourist **attraction**

She felt an instant **attraction** toward him.

coffin

n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

synonym : casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

misspell

v. to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word

synonym : miscopy, mismark

(1) **misspell** words, (2) **misspell** his name

Please be careful not to **misspell** any of the words in your essay.

grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym : tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
synonym: foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor
He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

hashtag

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

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**
Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

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.

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.

oncoming

adj. approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer

synonym: approaching, incoming, imminent

(1) **oncoming** traffic, (2) **oncoming** disaster
The driver had to swerve to avoid an **oncoming** car that veered into his lane.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym : non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym : self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

redundant

adj. unnecessarily repetitive or excessive; exceeding what is necessary or essential; characterized by unnecessary repetition or duplication of efforts

synonym : unnecessary, superfluous, surplus

(1) **redundant** worker, (2) **redundant** equipment

The report contained **redundant** information that could have been eliminated.

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.

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. religious con_____ion
n. a group of people assembled, typically in a church or synagogue, for religious worship or other communal purposes; a gathering or collection of people or things in a specific location or context
2. en_____e a suspect
v. to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally
3. wax a ha_____y floor
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
4. wooden co_____n
n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
5. my_____y novel
n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
6. ca_____al choir
n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
7. answer in a wh_____r
v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
8. br_____ty against civilians
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24. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
25. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
26. li___r over your work *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
27. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
28. native to___e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

ANSWERS: 19. decide, 20. redundant, 21. phase, 22. breath, 23. trinity, 24. stick, 25. echo, 26. linger, 27. attempt, 28. tongue

37. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
38. vintage sn_____ck *n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time
39. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
40. be_____nd a young boy *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
41. rei_____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
42. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
43. gr___e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
44. sk_____on hand *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
45. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 37. invite, 38. snapback, 39. attempt, 40. befriend, 41. reintroduce, 42.

nostalgia, 43. grave, 44. skeleton, 45. shadow

55. em____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
56. the head of a ha____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
57. d_p a chip in the sauce *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
58. d_p a pen in ink *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
59. on____ng disaster *adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer
60. f__e in importance *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
61. ti____pe act *n.* a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure
62. on____ng traffic *adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer
63. s__r a drink *v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

ANSWERS: 55. embrace, 56. hallway, 57. dip, 58. dip, 59. oncoming, 60. fade, 61. tightrope, 62. oncoming, 63. slur

64. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
65. the steel sk_____on of a building *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
66. flo_____rd creaks *n.* a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the other
67. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
68. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
69. be_____nd other members *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
70. st__n the carpet *v.* to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove
71. sa_____ty of life *n.* the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something
72. sn_____ck trend *n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time

ANSWERS: 64. gender, 65. skeleton, 66. floorboard, 67. nostalgia, 68. traffic, 69. befriend, 70. stain, 71. sanctity, 72. snapback

73. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
74. tra_____er rights *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
75. f__e away almost completely *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
76. grow in fl__h *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
77. economic mi_____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
78. sa_____e a sunken ship *n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation
79. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
80. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
81. an_____y of a country's collapse *n.* the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants

ANSWERS: 73. judgment, 74. transgender, 75. fade, 76. flesh, 77. miracle, 78. salvage, 79. conversation, 80. deem, 81. anatomy

82. a h__y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
83. mi____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
84. gr__e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
85. a nightly fe__t *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
86. at____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
87. ca____al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
88. apo____ic letter *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
89. trending ha____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
90. the big att____on of the event *n.* a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity

ANSWERS: 82. holy, 83. miracle, 84. grave, 85. feast, 86. attitude, 87. cathedral, 88. apologetic, 89. hashtag, 90. attraction

91. dr__p under their own weight *v.* to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality
92. mi_____ll his name *v.* to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word
93. reg_____te food *v.* to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original
94. het_____ual relationship *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
95. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
96. pe___t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
97. commit su_____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
98. 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
99. dr__p with disappointment *v.* to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality
100. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

ANSWERS: 91. droop, 92. misspell, 93. regurgitate, 94. heterosexual, 95. sham, 96. permit, 97. suicide, 98. recognize, 99. droop, 100. embrace

101. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
102. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
103. marble ma_____um *n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
104. g__n from ear to ear *v.* to smile broadly
105. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
106. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
107. empty p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
108. cl___t full of suits *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
109. ut__r nonsense *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

ANSWERS: 101. invite, 102. silent, 103. mausoleum, 104. grin, 105. traffic, 106. conversation, 107. pew, 108. closet, 109. utter

110. pretty sp_____le *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
111. an intentional in____t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
112. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
113. a cr_____le story *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
114. animal an_____y *n.* the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants
115. apo_____ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
116. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
117. visit a ma_____um *n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground

ANSWERS: 110. spectacle, 111. insult, 112. shadow, 113. credible, 114. anatomy, 115. apologetic, 116. naturally, 117. mausoleum

118. wooden p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
119. kn__l down and worship *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
120. rei____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
121. g__n with pleasure *v.* to smile broadly
122. le____n love *n.* a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
123. fl__h eating *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
124. ev____te civilians *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
125. en____e victims *v.* to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally
126. hardwood flo____rd *n.* a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the other
127. two-ph__e structure *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
128. mi____ll words *v.* to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word
129. ut__r a big sigh *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

ANSWERS: 118. pew, 119. kneel, 120. reintroduce, 121. grin, 122. lesbian, 123. flesh, 124. evacuate, 125. ensnare, 126. floorboard, 127. phase, 128. misspell, 129. utter

130. re_____nt worker *adj.* unnecessarily repetitive or excessive; exceeding what is necessary or essential; characterized by unnecessary repetition or duplication of efforts
131. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
132. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
133. 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
134. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
135. plain ca____t *n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation
136. 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
137. add an as_____sk *n.* a symbol (*) used in text to indicate a footnote, omission of letters, or a reference to additional information; in sports, a symbol used to indicate a special achievement

ANSWERS: 130. redundant, 131. whisper, 132. gender, 133. discuss, 134. silent, 135. casket, 136. recognize, 137. asterisk

138. su____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
139. an aw____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
140. pe____se idea *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
141. s_n of omission *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
142. ev____te the building *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk
143. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
144. tr____y doctrine *n.* the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
145. popular tourist att____on *n.* a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity
146. give silent co____t *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
147. li____r in the mind *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

ANSWERS: 138. suicide, 139. awkward, 140. perverse, 141. sin, 142. evacuate, 143. trace, 144. trinity, 145. attraction, 146. consent, 147. linger

148. in__t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
149. a fe__t for the eyes *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
150. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
151. di____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
152. reg____te information *v.* to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original
153. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
154. co__n lid *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
155. le____n relationship *n.* a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
156. an emotional ju____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

ANSWERS: 148. insult, 149. feast, 150. claim, 151. dissolve, 152. regurgitate, 153. sham, 154. coffin, 155. lesbian, 156. judgment

157. chi_____ing capacity *n.* the act of giving birth to or bearing a child (or children), often in the context of medical or demographic research or public policy
158. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
159. sw_____w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
160. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
161. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
162. forgive a s_n *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
163. a sw_____w tail *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
164. 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
165. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

ANSWERS: 157. childbearing, 158. naturally, 159. swallow, 160. identity, 161. awkward, 162. sin, 163. swallow, 164. discuss, 165. deem

166. military br_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage
167. kn__l in protest *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
168. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
169. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
170. sa_____e operation *n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation
171. annotate with an as_____sk *n.* a symbol (*) used in text to indicate a footnote, omission of letters, or a reference to additional information; in sports, a symbol used to indicate a special achievement
172. co_____t for surgery *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
173. a h__y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
174. violate the sa_____ty *n.* the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something

ANSWERS: 166. brutality, 167. kneel, 168. stick, 169. trace, 170. salvage, 171. asterisk, 172. consent, 173. holy, 174. sanctity

175. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
176. walk-in cl__ts *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
177. officially di____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
178. 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: 175. echo, 176. closet, 177. dissolve, 178. breath

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The priest prayed over the _____ before it was lowered into the ground.
n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
2. The _____ of the fruit is sweet and juicy.
n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
3. The Christian doctrine of the Holy _____ states that there is one God in three persons.
n. the union of three people, especially the Christian doctrine of the three persons in one Godhead (the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
4. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.
n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
5. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
6. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.
n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
7. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.
n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

ANSWERS: 1. coffin, 2. flesh, 3. Trinity, 4. sins, 5. gender, 6. echoed, 7. miracle

8. Please ___ up a bucketful of water from the well.
v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
9. He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the _____.
n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
10. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.
adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
11. His _____ sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.
adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
12. The spider used its web to _____ its prey.
v. to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally
13. She had the _____ that work was fun.
n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
14. The royal _____ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.
n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
15. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.
n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
16. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 8. dip, 9. closet, 10. awkward, 11. perverse, 12. ensnare, 13. attitude, 14. feast, 15. insult, 16. sham

17. She could not help watching the sad _____.
- n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
18. The _____ in my bedroom is creaking and needs to be repaired.
- n.* a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the other
19. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
- v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
20. The woods _____ the house.
- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
21. The _____ yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.
- n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation
22. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
- adj.* without any or little sound
23. The driver had to swerve to avoid an _____ car that veered into his lane.
- adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer
24. The _____ walker balanced precariously above the crowd.
- n.* a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure

ANSWERS: 17. spectacle, 18. floorboard, 19. deemed, 20. embrace, 21. salvage, 22. silent, 23. oncoming, 24. tightrope

25. They didn't have any _____ evidence of his innocence.

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

26. He was _____ for being late to the meeting.

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

27. I love wearing _____ hats because they're stylish and comfortable.

n. a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time

28. Many women delay _____ until their careers are established.

n. the act of giving birth to or bearing a child (or children), often in the context of medical or demographic research or public policy

29. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

30. The protesters were outraged by the police _____ they witnessed at the demonstration.

n. the quality or state of being cruel or savage

31. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 25. credible, 26. apologetic, 27. snapback, 28. childbearing, 29. conversation, 30. brutality, 31. mystery

32. I'm willing to _____ the weak and the poor.
- v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
33. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.
- v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
34. Scientists studied the ancient _____ to learn more about the creature's anatomy.
- n. the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
35. I _____ my anger and kept quiet.
- v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
36. The church was filled with people sitting on the _____ listening to the sermon.
- n. a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
37. The funeral director closed the _____ and secured it with screws.
- n. a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation
38. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.
- adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
39. The biology student had to _____ all the material she had learned for the final exam.
- v. to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original

ANSWERS: 32. befriend, 33. reintroduce, 34. skeleton, 35. swallowed, 36. pews, 37. casket, 38. holy, 39. regurgitate

40. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

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

41. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.

- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

42. The allegations of corruption _____ her reputation, and she struggled to regain public trust.

- v.* to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove

43. She gave her _____ to the company's proposal.

- n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

44. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

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

45. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

- adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

46. 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

ANSWERS: 40. tongue, 41. rot, 42. stained, 43. consent, 44. claim, 45. transgender, 46. decide

47. He identified as _____ and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.
adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
48. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
49. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
50. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
51. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
52. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.
n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
53. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

ANSWERS: 47. heterosexual, 48. nostalgia, 49. prayed, 50. judgments, 51. shadow, 52. graves, 53. dissolved

54. He couldn't help but _____ as he remembered the good times.

v. to smile broadly

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

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

56. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial _____ of history.

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

57. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

58. She _____ for a moment before leaving the room.

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

59. 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

60. The flowers began to _____ in the scorching heat.

v. to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality

61. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 54. grin, 55. utter, 56. phase, 57. hallway, 58. lingered, 59. recognize, 60. droop, 61. traffic

62. She felt an instant _____ toward him.
- n.* a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity
63. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.
- n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
64. The _____ couple was denied the right to marry due to the conservative laws in their state.
- n.* a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
65. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.
- v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
66. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
67. Our brand's campaign uses a unique _____ to track engagement and reach.
- n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
68. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
69. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

ANSWERS: 62. attraction, 63. suicide, 64. lesbian, 65. trace, 66. invite, 67. hashtag, 68. identity, 69. headline

70. The church's youth group organized a retreat for the whole _____.
- n.* a group of people assembled, typically in a church or synagogue, for religious worship or other communal purposes; a gathering or collection of people or things in a specific location or context
71. The professor explained the _____ of the nervous system.
- n.* the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants
72. The players are _____ during the national anthem.
- v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
73. The report contained _____ information that could have been eliminated.
- adj.* unnecessarily repetitive or excessive; exceeding what is necessary or essential; characterized by unnecessary repetition or duplication of efforts
74. My memory will _____ but my heart will live on.
- v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
75. The imperial _____ was built to honor the late king.
- n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
76. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.
- v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
77. 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

ANSWERS: 70. congregation, 71. anatomy, 72. kneeling, 73. redundant, 74. fade, 75. mausoleum, 76. permit, 77. discuss

78. The _____ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.
- n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
79. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
- v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
80. He had a good ____ of the city and could easily find his way around.
- n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
81. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
82. He shouldn't be allowed to _____ people based on race or sexuality.
- v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
83. The _____ of human life is a fundamental principle of many religions.
- n.* the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something
84. He was _____ gifted.
- adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
85. The town was forced to _____ due to the hurricane approaching.
- v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

ANSWERS: 78. cathedral's, 79. whispered, 80. ken, 81. stick, 82. slur, 83. sanctity, 84. naturally, 85. evacuate

86. The _____ on the sign indicated that there were additional terms and conditions.

- n.* a symbol (*) used in text to indicate a footnote, omission of letters, or a reference to additional information; in sports, a symbol used to indicate a special achievement

87. Please be careful not to _____ any of the words in your essay.

- v.* to spell incorrectly or wrongly; to use an incorrect spelling for a word

88. The third _____ was far more successful.

- n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

89. 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

ANSWERS: 86. asterisk, 87. misspell, 88. attempt, 89. breath