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Session 1: Word List

gang

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

synonym : crew, posse, group

(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member

The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

theological

adj. relating to the study of religion or religious belief; relating to the nature of God or divinity

synonym : religious, divine, spiritual

(1) a **theological** school, (2) **theological** virtue

The seminar will explore the **theological** foundations of the

Christian faith.

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.

hallowed

adj. considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect

synonym: sanctified, sacred, revered

(1) **hallowed** tradition, (2) **hallowed** memory

The church was considered a **hallowed** ground for the community, where their ancestors had worshiped for generations.

seminary

n. an educational institution, typically for the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning

synonym: school, academy, college

(1) theological **seminary**, (2) college **seminary**

He enrolled in the **seminary** to study theology and become a minister.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

church

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

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

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

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

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.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym: diminution, decrease, cutback

(1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

ministry

n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

synonym: department, agency, bureau

(1) **ministry** officials, (2) enter the **ministry**

The **ministry** of education is responsible for managing the

schools in the country.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

membership

n. the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.

synonym : belonging, enrollment, participation

(1) a **membership** fee, (2) **membership** in a stock exchange

My application for **membership** in the association was accepted.

preach

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

synonym : expound, advocate, sermonize

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

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

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym : community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

tradition

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

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

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

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

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.

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.

metro

n. a mass transit system in an urban area, such as a subway or light rail system; (short for "metropolitan") a large city, either a capital or a major urban area, often characterized by densely populated areas with significant economic, cultural, and political importance

synonym: subway, underground, tube

(1) **metro** station, (2) **metro** area

I prefer taking the **metro** to drive in heavy traffic.

statistics

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

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

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

homicide

n. the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings

synonym: murder, killing, manslaughter

(1) mass **homicide**, (2) serial **homicide**

The detective was called to investigate a **homicide** in the city.

precipitously

adv. steeply or abruptly; quickly or suddenly, often referring to a dramatic change or decline

synonym : steeply, rapidly, abruptly

(1) fall **precipitously**, (2) the mountain face descends

precipitously

The athlete's performance started to decline **precipitously** after an injury.

trivial

adj. of little value or importance

synonym : insignificant, minor, unimportant

(1) a **trivial** man, (2) for **trivial** reasons

The problem seemed **trivial** initially, but it became a significant issue.

bump

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

synonym : collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

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.

firework

n. a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

synonym : pyrotechnic, sparkler, firecracker

(1) **firework** discharge, (2) grand **firework** display

The children were excited to see the **firework** show.

gunfire

n. the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time

synonym : gunshots, firing, shooting

(1) lethal **gunfire**, (2) burst of **gunfire**

The journalist heard the sound of **gunfire** while reporting in a

war zone.

bedtime

n. the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

synonym: sleep time, night-time

(1) **bedtime** meditation, (2) regular **bedtime**

Reading **bedtime** stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym: crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

gurney

n. a wheeled stretcher used for transporting patients, particularly in hospitals and emergency settings

synonym: stretcher, litter, bed

(1) transport **gurney**, (2) **gurney** pushing

The paramedics lifted the injured man onto the **gurney** and rushed him to the hospital.

Latino

n. a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States

synonym: Hispanic, Chicano

(1) **Latino** coworkers, (2) **Latino** culture

The **Latino** community has had a significant impact on American culture.

venerate

v. to regard with great respect, reverence, or admiration; to honor or hold in high esteem

synonym: worship, adore, honor

(1) **venerate** ancestors, (2) **venerate** the divine

Many people **venerate** Mahatma Gandhi as a symbol of peace and non-violence.

matriarch

n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

synonym: leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

patriarch

n. a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

synonym: father, elder, leader

(1) **Patriarch** of Constantinople, (2) **patriarch** of a religion

The family **patriarch** was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

colleague

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

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

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.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

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**.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

sag

v. to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something

synonym: droop, slump, bend

(1) **sag** my jaw, (2) **sag** with fatigue

The old mattress **sagged** in the middle, making it

uncomfortable to sleep on.

decry

v. to speak out strongly against something, often publicly
synonym: criticize, condemn, denigrate

(1) **decry** a policy, (2) **decry** the situation

I **decry** the decision to cut funding for the program.

at-risk

adj. in danger of being harmed or damaged, or of death or loss

synonym: vulnerable, endangered, precarious

(1) **at-risk** youth, (2) **at-risk** mental state

The school provides extra support for **at-risk** students to help them succeed.

fence

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

synonym: barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**

She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym: creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

rap

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

synonym: hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

sermon

n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

synonym : homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

rev

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

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

careen

v. to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction

synonym : lurch, sway, stagger

(1) **careen** in rough seas, (2) **careens** downhill

The car **careened** off the road and crashed into a tree.

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

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

cigarette

n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

synonym : smoke, cigar, tobacco

(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case

He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.

convenience

n. the state of being suitable or opportune

synonym : availability, usefulness, amenity

(1) **convenience** goods, (2) for **convenience** sake

They offered the **convenience** of an installment plan.

oblivious

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

synonym : forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response

She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to her surroundings.

carrion

n. the decaying flesh of dead animals, often used to refer to the carcasses that serve as food for scavenging animals

synonym : carcass, remains

(1) rotting **carrion**, (2) scavenging **carrion** birds

The vultures were circling above, searching for **carrion** to feast on.

mortal

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

synonym : deathly, perishable, non-eternal

(1) a **mortal** combat, (2) this **mortal** life

All humans are **mortal** and will eventually die.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym : chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

paradox

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

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

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

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

emerging

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

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

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

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

segment

n. a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

synonym: section, part, division

(1) **segment** analysis, (2) market **segment**

The report divided the data into **segments** based on age, gender, and income level.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word
Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

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.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

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

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym: crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

enforcement

n. the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

synonym: implementation, application, execution

(1) **enforcement** action, (2) **enforcement** officer

The **enforcement** of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

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

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

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym: meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

lockstep

n. a way of walking in which people's strides are perfectly synchronized; rigid conformity to a particular plan or set of actions

synonym: uniformity, synchronicity, conformity

(1) follow the rules in **lockstep**, (2) work in **lockstep**

The dancers moved in **lockstep**, perfectly synchronized with one another.

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.

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.

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

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.

tragedy

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

synonym : disaster, adversity, calamity

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

clergy

n. the official leaders of the religious activities, especially of the Christian Church

synonym : priesthood, church, ministry

(1) **clergy** abuse, (2) privilege of **clergy**

The secular **clergy** improved the atmosphere of the meeting.

cadre

n. a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement

synonym : core group, leadership, elite

(1) elite **cadre**, (2) **cadre** of leaders

The **cadre** of experienced soldiers led the attack.

sanctuary

n. a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse

synonym : refuge, safety, haven

(1) an animal **sanctuary**, (2) violate a **sanctuary**

The church offered **sanctuary** to refugees fleeing from war-torn countries.

anomaly

n. something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

synonym : abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly**

The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

collar

n. a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something

synonym : band, neckband

(1) **collar** of a shirt, (2) **collar** of a dog

He put on his **collar** and tie before leaving for work.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym : strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

consistent

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

synonym : coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

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.

enhance

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

synonym: improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla

The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym: fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

detriment

n. something that causes harm, injury, or damage

synonym: harm, damage, injury

(1) **detriment** of society, (2) bring great **detriment**

The new approach resulted in a significant **detriment** to the local economy.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

myth

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

synonym : fable, legend, lore

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

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

dispel

v. to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea

synonym : chase away, allay, disperse

(1) **dispel** a painful feeling, (2) **dispel** baseless rumors

This program aims to **dispel** certain misconceptions about the disease.

characteristic

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

synonym : feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

bold

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

synonym : brave, courageous, fearless

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

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

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

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.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

magnificent

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

synonym: splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain

The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

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.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

synonym: success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the **accomplishment** of a social goal

Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

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

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

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym: aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to

strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

heroin

n. a highly addictive and illegal drug derived from morphine, typically administered by injection and often associated with serious health problems, including overdose and addiction

synonym: dope, smack, narcotics

(1) smoking **heroin**, (2) **heroin** overdose

The withdrawal symptoms from **heroin** can be intense and painful.

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**.

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.

faith

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

synonym: belief, trust, confidence

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

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

probation

n. a period of time during which an offender is released from imprisonment on the condition that they adhere to

particular rules and is supervised by an officer; a time of training and testing the character or abilities of a person who is new to a role or job

synonym: parole, supervision, conditional release

(1) **probation** period, (2) juvenile **probation** official

He was sentenced to two years of **probation** for his crime.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

prosecution

n. the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial

synonym: trial, lawsuit, legal action

(1) criminal **prosecution**, (2) wrongful **prosecution**

The judge denied the motion to dismiss the **prosecution's** case.

jail

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

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

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

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

alleviate

v. to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden

synonym: ease, relieve, lessen

(1) **alleviate** anxiety, (2) **alleviate** stress

Taking ibuprofen can **alleviate** the pain from a headache.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

grindstone

v. a thick, disc-shaped stone that is used for grinding, sharpening, or polishing metal tools or implements; (verb) to sharpen or polish with a grindstone; to work hard and consistently

synonym: (verb) sharpen, (verb) polish

(1) diamond **grindstone**, (2) go back to the **grindstone**

He had to put his nose to the **grindstone** to meet the deadline for the project.

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.

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym: affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym: architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

ploy

n. a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme

synonym: tactic, maneuver, strategy

(1) clever **ploy**, (2) marketing **ploy**

The thief's **ploy** to distract the security guard worked perfectly.

pit

n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

synonym: hole, depression, indentation

(1) the bottomless **pit**, (2) the **pit** of the stomach

The **pit** of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

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.

misconduct

n. behavior that is improper, illegal, or in violation of expected standards or norms, often involving abuse of power or trust

synonym: wrongdoing, misbehavior

(1) employee **misconduct**, (2) ethical **misconduct**

The CEO was fired due to allegations of **misconduct** in the

workplace.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

policy

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

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym: instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym: tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym: idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who

are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

underemployed

adj. employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations

synonym: underutilized, unemployed, idle

(1) **underemployed** population, (2) **underemployed** graduates

The **underemployed** worker was grateful for any job opportunities that came their way

healthcare

n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

(1) **healthcare** agency, (2) rising **healthcare** cost

In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality **healthcare**.

duffel

n. a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities

synonym: gym bag, satchel, knapsack

(1) canvas **duffel**, (2) waterproof **duffel**

He packed all his clothes and gear into his **duffel** bag for the camping trip.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

suppression

n. the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed

synonym: repression, oppression, restriction

(1) the **suppression** of bandits, (2) **suppression** of

estrogen

The government imposed a **suppression** of freedom of speech.

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.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym: division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym: aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. mi_____e person | <i>n.</i> an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God |
| 2. mem_____ip in a stock exchange | <i>n.</i> the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc. |
| 3. re_____nt by a diagram | <i>v.</i> to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute |
| 4. col_____ion between companies | <i>n.</i> the act or situation of working together to create or produce something |
| 5. al_____te anxiety | <i>v.</i> to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden |
| 6. an am_____on for political power | <i>n.</i> a strong wish to do or achieve something |
| 7. religious con_____ion | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 8. private se____r | <i>n.</i> a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity |
| 9. a mem_____ip fee | <i>n.</i> the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc. |

ANSWERS: 1. miracle, 2. membership, 3. represent, 4. collaboration, 5. alleviate, 6. ambition, 7. congregation, 8. sector, 9. membership

10. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
11. ethical mis_____ct *n.* behavior that is improper, illegal, or in violation of expected standards or norms, often involving abuse of power or trust
12. per_____nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
13. di___l baseless rumors *v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
14. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
15. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
16. 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
17. de__y a policy *v.* to speak out strongly against something, often publicly
18. 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
19. re_____on strategy *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
20. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 10. emergency, 11. misconduct, 12. persistent, 13. dispel, 14. collaboration, 15. vast, 16. spot, 17. decry, 18. embrace, 19. reduction, 20. tradition

21. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
22. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
23. serial ho____de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
24. s_g with fatigue *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
25. ha____ed tradition *adj.* considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect
26. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
27. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
28. the aftermath of this tr____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
29. elevate edu____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
30. rotting ca____n *n.* the decaying flesh of dead animals, often used to refer to the carcasses that serve as food for scavenging animals
31. clever p__y *n.* a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme

ANSWERS: 21. creative, 22. engage, 23. homicide, 24. sag, 25. hallowed, 26. relation, 27. vast, 28. tragedy, 29. educational, 30. carrion, 31. ploy

32. und_____yed graduates *adj.* employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations
33. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
34. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
35. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
36. lengthy se___n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
37. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
38. scavenging ca_____n birds *n.* the decaying flesh of dead animals, often used to refer to the carcasses that serve as food for scavenging animals
39. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
40. enf_____nt action *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
41. at_____k mental state *adj.* in danger of being harmed or damaged, or of death or loss

ANSWERS: 32. underemployed, 33. myth, 34. statistics, 35. myth, 36. sermon, 37. preach, 38. carrion, 39. communal, 40. enforcement, 41. at-risk

42. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
43. en_____e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
44. military br_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage
45. privilege of cl____y *n.* the official leaders of the religious activities, especially of the Christian Church
46. proud of his acc_____ents *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
47. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
48. follow the rules in lo_____ep *n.* a way of walking in which people's strides are perfectly synchronized; rigid conformity to a particular plan or set of actions
49. sup_____on of estrogen *n.* the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed
50. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 42. responsible, 43. enhance, 44. brutality, 45. clergy, 46. accomplishment, 47. fiction, 48. lockstep, 49. suppression, 50. rev

51. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
52. s_g my jaw *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
53. ve_____te ancestors *v.* to regard with great respect, reverence, or admiration; to honor or hold in high esteem
54. lethal gu_____e *n.* the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time
55. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
56. enf_____nt officer *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
57. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
58. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
59. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 51. overcome, 52. sag, 53. venerate, 54. gunfire, 55. minister, 56. enforcement, 57. ego, 58. paradox, 59. opposition

60. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
61. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
62. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
63. und_____yed population *adj.* employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations
64. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
65. for con_____ce sake *n.* the state of being suitable or opportune
66. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
67. pr_____on period *n.* a period of time during which an offender is released from imprisonment on the condition that they adhere to particular rules and is supervised by an officer; a time of training and testing the character or abilities of a person who is new to a role or job
68. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

ANSWERS: 60. participate, 61. tragedy, 62. hallway, 63. underemployed, 64. bang, 65. convenience, 66. labor, 67. probation, 68. jail

69. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
70. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
71. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
72. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
73. br_____ty against civilians *n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage
74. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
75. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
76. the_____al virtue *adj.* relating to the study of religion or religious belief; relating to the nature of God or divinity
77. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
78. La___o culture *n.* a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States
79. the acc_____ent of a social goal *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

ANSWERS: 69. amazing, 70. involve, 71. exploit, 72. contemplate, 73. brutality, 74. survival, 75. odd, 76. theological, 77. survival, 78. Latino, 79. accomplishment

80. people who are une_____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
81. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
82. stylistically inn_____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
83. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
84. wrongful pro_____on *n.* the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial
85. my friend's cha_____tic laugh *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
86. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
87. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
88. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
89. canvas du___l *n.* a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities

ANSWERS: 80. unemployed, 81. colleague, 82. innovative, 83. engage, 84. prosecution, 85. characteristic, 86. church, 87. gang, 88. bold, 89. duffel

90. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
91. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
92. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
93. an_____y detection *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
94. en_____e the flavor of the vanilla *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
95. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
96. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
97. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
98. the bottomless p_t *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

ANSWERS: 90. prostitute, 91. violent, 92. decide, 93. anomaly, 94. enhance, 95. volunteer, 96. creative, 97. paradox, 98. pit

99. La___o coworkers *n.* a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States
100. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
101. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
102. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
103. se_____t analysis *n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
104. a the_____al school *adj.* relating to the study of religion or religious belief; relating to the nature of God or divinity
105. a mag_____nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
106. a brushwood fe__e *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
107. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong

ANSWERS: 99. Latino, 100. tradition, 101. faith, 102. distance, 103. segment, 104. theological, 105. magnificent, 106. fence, 107. commit

108. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
109. ob_____us of his promise *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
110. hea_____re agency *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
111. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
112. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
113. regular be_____e *n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
114. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
115. pa_____ch of a religion *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
116. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
117. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 108. preach, 109. oblivious, 110. healthcare, 111. strategy, 112. odd, 113. bedtime, 114. educational, 115. patriarch, 116. emerging, 117. strategy

118. the mountain face descends
pre_____sly
119. b__p up prices
120. get a r_p
121. health po___y
122. bring great de_____nt
123. re_____te a single country
124. Mi_____er for Education
125. cloud his rep_____on
126. frozen as__ts
- adv.* steeply or abruptly; quickly or suddenly, often referring to a dramatic change or decline
- v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
- n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
- n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage
- v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
- n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
- n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
- n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

ANSWERS: 118. precipitously, 119. bump, 120. rap, 121. policy, 122. detriment, 123. recreate, 124. minister, 125. reputation, 126. asset

127. me__o station *n.* a mass transit system in an urban area, such as a subway or light rail system; (short for "metropolitan") a large city, either a capital or a major urban area, often characterized by densely populated areas with significant economic, cultural, and political importance
128. national e_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
129. work in lo_____ep *n.* a way of walking in which people's strides are perfectly synchronized; rigid conformity to a particular plan or set of actions
130. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
131. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
132. mi_____ry officials *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
133. market se_____t *n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
134. for tr_____l reasons *adj.* of little value or importance
135. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
136. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 127. metro, 128. ego, 129. lockstep, 130. prostitute, 131. definition, 132. ministry, 133. segment, 134. trivial, 135. participate, 136. statistics

137. gu___y pushing *n.* a wheeled stretcher used for transporting patients, particularly in hospitals and emergency settings
138. 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
139. assignment for the une_____ed youth *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
140. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
141. 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
142. per_____nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
143. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
144. mass ho_____de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
145. con_____on center *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
146. at_____k youth *adj.* in danger of being harmed or damaged, or of death or loss

ANSWERS: 137. gurney, 138. embrace, 139. unemployed, 140. contemplate, 141. decide, 142. persistent, 143. emerge, 144. homicide, 145. convention, 146. at-risk

147. ar___t the progress *v.* to take into custody
148. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
149. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
150. me__o area *n.* a mass transit system in an urban area, such as a subway or light rail system; (short for "metropolitan") a large city, either a capital or a major urban area, often characterized by densely populated areas with significant economic, cultural, and political importance
151. a mag_____nt plan *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
152. 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
153. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
154. violate a sa_____ry *n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
155. cl___y abuse *n.* the official leaders of the religious activities, especially of the Christian Church
156. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 147. arrest, 148. consistent, 149. bang, 150. metro, 151. magnificent, 152. volunteer, 153. represent, 154. sanctuary, 155. clergy, 156. suddenly

157. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
158. stripes cha_____tic of the zebra *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
159. co____r of a dog *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something
160. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
161. ar____t the thief *v.* to take into custody
162. rising hea_____re cost *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
163. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
164. ruled by a ma_____ch *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
165. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 157. involve, 158. characteristic, 159. collar, 160. exploit, 161. arrest, 162. healthcare, 163. grand, 164. matriarch, 165. movement

166. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
167. speak before a 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
168. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
169. theological se_____ry *n.* an educational institution, typically for the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning
170. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
171. str_____al reorganization *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
172. 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
173. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
174. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
175. smoking he_____n *n.* a highly addictive and illegal drug derived from morphine, typically administered by injection and often associated with serious health problems, including overdose and addiction

ANSWERS: 166. commit, 167. congregation, 168. amazing, 169. seminary, 170. grand, 171. structural, 172. cathedral, 173. judge, 174. aim, 175. heroin

176. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
177. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
178. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
179. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
180. con_____ce goods *n.* the state of being suitable or opportune
181. fi____rk discharge *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
182. a tr____l man *adj.* of little value or importance
183. grand fi____rk display *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
184. 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
185. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
186. de_____nt of society *n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage

ANSWERS: 176. folk, 177. suddenly, 178. develop, 179. reputation, 180. convenience, 181. firework, 182. trivial, 183. firework, 184. spot, 185. structure, 186. detriment

187. al_____te stress *v.* to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden
188. di___l a painful feeling *v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
189. industrial se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
190. use of inn_____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
191. ca__e of leaders *n.* a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement
192. political con_____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
193. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
194. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
195. he___n overdose *n.* a highly addictive and illegal drug derived from morphine, typically administered by injection and often associated with serious health problems, including overdose and addiction

ANSWERS: 187. alleviate, 188. dispel, 189. sector, 190. innovative, 191. cadre, 192. convention, 193. emerging, 194. conversation, 195. heroin

196. 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
197. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
198. marketing p__y *n.* a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme
199. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
200. employee mis_____ct *n.* behavior that is improper, illegal, or in violation of expected standards or norms, often involving abuse of power or trust
201. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
202. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
203. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
204. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
205. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

ANSWERS: 196. miracle, 197. violent, 198. ploy, 199. responsible, 200. misconduct, 201. gulf, 202. profound, 203. fiction, 204. definition, 205. intelligent

206. boundless am_____on	<i>n.</i>	a strong wish to do or achieve something
207. meet with opp_____on	<i>n.</i>	the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
208. ca___n in rough seas	<i>v.</i>	to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction
209. st_____re and function of the brain	<i>n.</i>	the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
210. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s	<i>v.</i>	to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
211. a friendly con_____ion	<i>n.</i>	an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
212. a man of pr_____ty	<i>n.</i>	a thing or things that belong to someone
213. diamond gri_____ne	<i>v.</i>	a thick, disc-shaped stone that is used for grinding, sharpening, or polishing metal tools or implements; (verb) to sharpen or polish with a grindstone; to work hard and consistently
214. de__y the situation	<i>v.</i>	to speak out strongly against something, often publicly
215. ins_____ize a system	<i>v.</i>	to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
216. college se_____ry	<i>n.</i>	an educational institution, typically for the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning

ANSWERS: 206. ambition, 207. opposition, 208. careen, 209. structure, 210. recreate, 211. conversation, 212. property, 213. grindstone, 214. decry, 215. institutionalize, 216. seminary

217. st____le to get the job v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
218. go back to the gri_____ne v. a thick, disc-shaped stone that is used for grinding, sharpening, or polishing metal tools or implements; (verb) to sharpen or polish with a grindstone; to work hard and consistently
219. ro___t fuel n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
220. r_p music n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
221. Pa_____ch of Constantinople n. a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
222. be_____e meditation n. the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
223. liquid as__ts of the company n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

ANSWERS: 217. struggle, 218. grindstone, 219. rocket, 220. rap, 221. patriarch, 222. bedtime, 223. asset

224. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
225. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
226. a mild ci_____te *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
227. the p_t of the stomach *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
228. fall pre_____sly *adv.* steeply or abruptly; quickly or suddenly, often referring to a dramatic change or decline
229. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
230. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
231. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
232. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
233. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 224. bless, 225. bless, 226. cigarette, 227. pit, 228. precipitously, 229. church, 230. chain, 231. judge, 232. structural, 233. struggle

234. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
235. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
236. a pr_____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
237. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
238. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
239. transport gu_____y *n.* a wheeled stretcher used for transporting patients, particularly in hospitals and emergency settings
240. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
241. ha_____ed memory *adj.* considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect
242. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
243. waterproof du_____l *n.* a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities

ANSWERS: 234. hallway, 235. institutionalize, 236. profound, 237. overcome, 238. component, 239. gurney, 240. movement, 241. hallowed, 242. relation, 243. duffel

244. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
245. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
246. po____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
247. criminal pro_____on *n.* the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial
248. chemical pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
249. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
250. burst of gu____e *n.* the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time
251. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
252. ob_____us to our response *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
253. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 244. gang, 245. bold, 246. portray, 247. prosecution, 248. property, 249. faith, 250. gunfire, 251. emerge, 252. oblivious, 253. labor

254. a mo___l combat *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
255. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
256. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
257. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
258. b__p against a wall *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
259. ro___t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
260. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
261. ca___ns downhill *v.* to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction
262. global temperature an_____y *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
263. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
264. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

ANSWERS: 254. mortal, 255. consistent, 256. component, 257. colleague, 258. bump, 259. rocket, 260. folk, 261. careen, 262. anomaly, 263. rev, 264. intelligent

265. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
266. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
267. the sup_____on of bandits *n.* the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed
268. fe__e post *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
269. ma_____ch figure *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
270. co___r of a shirt *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something
271. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
272. an animal sa_____ry *n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
273. 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
274. a lay se___n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

ANSWERS: 265. communal, 266. gulf, 267. suppression, 268. fence, 269. matriarch, 270. collar, 271. aim, 272. sanctuary, 273. cathedral, 274. sermon

275. a ci_____te case *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
276. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
277. enter the mi_____ry *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
278. be in j___l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
279. a gradual re_____on *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
280. elite ca__e *n.* a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement
281. this mo___l life *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
282. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
283. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 275. cigarette, 276. distance, 277. ministry, 278. jail, 279. reduction, 280. cadre, 281. mortal, 282. develop, 283. policy

284. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
285. ve_____te the divine *v.* to regard with great respect, reverence, or admiration; to honor or hold in high esteem
286. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
287. juvenile pr_____on official *n.* a period of time during which an offender is released from imprisonment on the condition that they adhere to particular rules and is supervised by an officer; a time of training and testing the character or abilities of a person who is new to a role or job
288. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

ANSWERS: 284. emergency, 285. venerate, 286. portray, 287. probation, 288. chain

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The journalist heard the sound of _____ while reporting in a war zone.
n. the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time

2. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

3. He was sentenced to two years of _____ for his crime.
n. a period of time during which an offender is released from imprisonment on the condition that they adhere to particular rules and is supervised by an officer; a time of training and testing the character or abilities of a person who is new to a role or job

4. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

5. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

6. He packed all his clothes and gear into his _____ bag for the camping trip.
n. a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities

7. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.
adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 1. gunfire, 2. colleague, 3. probation, 4. church, 5. tradition, 6. duffel, 7. profound

8. The _____ of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.
- n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
9. I prefer taking the _____ to drive in heavy traffic.
- n.* a mass transit system in an urban area, such as a subway or light rail system; (short for "metropolitan") a large city, either a capital or a major urban area, often characterized by densely populated areas with significant economic, cultural, and political importance
10. She was so engrossed in her work that she was _____ to her surroundings.
- adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
11. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
12. The new strategy will _____ the profitability of our company.
- v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
13. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
14. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 8. ministry, 9. metro, 10. oblivious, 11. Communal, 12. enhance, 13. rev, 14. movement

15. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.
adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
16. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.
n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
17. He put on his _____ and tie before leaving for work.
n. a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something
18. The _____ worker was grateful for any job opportunities that came their way
adj. employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations
19. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
20. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.
n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
21. The _____ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.
adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
22. The government imposed a _____ of freedom of speech.
n. the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed
23. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
v. to do something illegal or wrong

ANSWERS: 15. educational, 16. minister, 17. collar, 18. underemployed, 19. amazing, 20. prostitute, 21. magnificent, 22. suppression, 23. committed

24. The CEO was fired due to allegations of _____ in the workplace.
- n.* behavior that is improper, illegal, or in violation of expected standards or norms, often involving abuse of power or trust
25. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
- n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
26. The preacher delivered a powerful _____ on the importance of forgiveness.
- n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
27. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
- n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
28. Reading _____ stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.
- n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
29. Bananas have their _____ taste and odor.
- n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
30. The seminar will explore the _____ foundations of the Christian faith.
- adj.* relating to the study of religion or religious belief; relating to the nature of God or divinity
31. Taking ibuprofen can _____ the pain from a headache.
- v.* to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden

ANSWERS: 24. misconduct, 25. Gulf, 26. sermon, 27. property, 28. bedtime, 29. characteristic, 30. theological, 31. alleviate

32. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
33. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.
- v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
34. All humans are _____ and will eventually die.
- adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
35. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
- n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
36. I _____ the decision to cut funding for the program.
- v.* to speak out strongly against something, often publicly
37. There are many theories to explain this _____.
- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
38. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
39. 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: 32. involves, 33. portray, 34. mortal, 35. hallway, 36. decry, 37. paradox, 38. policy, 39. miracle

40. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
- v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
41. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.
- n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
42. The paramedics lifted the injured man onto the _____ and rushed him to the hospital.
- n.* a wheeled stretcher used for transporting patients, particularly in hospitals and emergency settings
43. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
- v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
44. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
45. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
- n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
46. 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
47. 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

ANSWERS: 40. contemplated, 41. jail, 42. gurney, 43. preached, 44. opposition, 45. sector, 46. relations, 47. congregation

48. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

- v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

49. His grandfather was an ____ man.

- adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

50. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

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

51. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

52. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

- v.* to take part in something

53. The president declared a state of _____.

- n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

54. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.

- adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

55. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

56. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.

- n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

ANSWERS: 48. overcome, 49. odd, 50. exploit, 51. emerged, 52. participated, 53. emergency, 54. persistent, 55. strategy, 56. collaboration

57. The detective was called to investigate a _____ in the city.

- n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings

58. The car _____ off the road and crashed into a tree.

- v.* to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction

59. Who answers _____ knows little.

- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

60. The sudden drop in the stock market was an _____ that puzzled many investors.

- n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

61. 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

62. The family _____ was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

- n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

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

- n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage

64. The street _____ was known for its violent behavior.

- n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

ANSWERS: 57. homicide, 58. careened, 59. suddenly, 60. anomaly, 61. embrace, 62. patriarch, 63. brutality, 64. gang

65. The new ____ album is getting a lot of attention.

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

66. You are not _____ in your behavior.

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

67. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

68. The judge denied the motion to dismiss the _____ case.

n. the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial

69. 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

70. 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

71. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

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

72. A ____ audience viewed the broadcast.

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 65. rap, 66. consistent, 67. blessed, 68. prosecution's, 69. volunteer, 70. responsible, 71. Emerging, 72. vast

73. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

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

74. She accidentally _____ into him in the crowded room.

- v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

75. _____ 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

76. The _____ community has had a significant impact on American culture.

- n.* a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States

77. The _____ of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

- n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

78. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

- n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

79. We _____ for an overseas expansion.

- v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

80. The withdrawal symptoms from _____ can be intense and painful.

- n.* a highly addictive and illegal drug derived from morphine, typically administered by injection and often associated with serious health problems, including overdose and addiction

ANSWERS: 73. faith, 74. bumped, 75. Intelligent, 76. Latino, 77. enforcement, 78. chain, 79. aim, 80. heroin

81. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
- n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
82. Many people _____ Mahatma Gandhi as a symbol of peace and non-violence.
- v.* to regard with great respect, reverence, or admiration; to honor or hold in high esteem
83. The thief's _____ to distract the security guard worked perfectly.
- n.* a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme
84. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
85. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
86. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.
- v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
87. In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality _____.
- n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
88. The vultures were circling above, searching for _____ to feast on.
- n.* the decaying flesh of dead animals, often used to refer to the carcasses that serve as food for scavenging animals

ANSWERS: 81. judge, 82. venerate, 83. ploy, 84. myth, 85. component, 86. bang, 87. healthcare, 88. carrion

89. He enrolled in the _____ to study theology and become a minister.
n. an educational institution, typically for the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning
90. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
91. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.
n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
92. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.
v. to take into custody
93. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.
adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
94. The church was considered a _____ ground for the community, where their ancestors had worshiped for generations.
adj. considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect
95. 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
96. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 89. seminary, 90. conversation, 91. rocket, 92. arrest, 93. innovative, 94. hallowed, 95. decide, 96. distance

97. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
98. My application for _____ in the association was accepted.
n. the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.
99. The problem seemed _____ initially, but it became a significant issue.
adj. of little value or importance
100. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
101. The children were excited to see the _____ show.
n. a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
102. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
103. The church offered _____ to refugees fleeing from war-torn countries.
n. a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
104. The old mattress _____ in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.
v. to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
105. He had to put his nose to the _____ to meet the deadline for the project.
v. a thick, disc-shaped stone that is used for grinding, sharpening, or polishing metal tools or implements; (verb) to sharpen or polish with a grindstone; to work hard and consistently

ANSWERS: 97. folk, 98. membership, 99. trivial, 100. survival, 101. firework, 102. institutionalize, 103. sanctuary, 104. sagged, 105. grindstone

106. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
107. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
108. 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
109. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.
n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
110. They met at biennial _____.
n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
111. The ____ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.
n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
112. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.
adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
113. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.
n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

ANSWERS: 106. recreated, 107. asset, 108. cathedral's, 109. accomplishment, 110. conventions, 111. pit, 112. structural, 113. reduction

114. The report divided the data into _____ based on age, gender, and income level.
- n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
115. 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
116. The athlete's performance started to decline _____ after an injury.
- adv.* steeply or abruptly; quickly or suddenly, often referring to a dramatic change or decline
117. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
118. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
119. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
- n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
120. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
121. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

ANSWERS: 114. segments, 115. spot, 116. precipitously, 117. struggle, 118. violent, 119. definition, 120. develop, 121. tragedy

122. The dancers moved in _____ perfectly synchronized with one another.
n. a way of walking in which people's strides are perfectly synchronized; rigid conformity to a particular plan or set of actions
123. The new approach resulted in a significant _____ to the local economy.
n. something that causes harm, injury, or damage
124. He lit a _____ and leaned against the wall.
n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
125. 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
126. The school provides extra support for _____ students to help them succeed.
adj. in danger of being harmed or damaged, or of death or loss
127. Truth is stranger than _____.
n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
128. The _____ of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.
n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
129. This program aims to _____ certain misconceptions about the disease.
v. to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
130. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 122. lockstep, 123. detriment, 124. cigarette, 125. engaged, 126. at-risk, 127. fiction, 128. matriarch, 129. dispel, 130. creative

131. My father was _____ for so long.

adj. not having a job, although able to work

132. 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

133. 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

134. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural _____ around her garden.

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

135. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

136. Greed and _____ composed his personality.

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

137. They offered the _____ of an installment plan.

n. the state of being suitable or opportune

138. The _____ of experienced soldiers led the attack.

n. a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement

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

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

ANSWERS: 131. unemployed, 132. ego, 133. represent, 134. fence, 135. grand, 136. ambition, 137. convenience, 138. cadre, 139. bold

140. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.

- n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

141. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

142. The secular _____ improved the atmosphere of the meeting.

- n.* the official leaders of the religious activities, especially of the Christian Church

143. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

144. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

ANSWERS: 140. reputation, 141. labor, 142. clergy, 143. structure, 144. statistics