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Session 1: Word List

dragon

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

synonym : wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

countryside

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

synonym : rural, rustic, pastoral

(1) **countryside** scenery, (2) **countryside** lifestyle

The small village in the **countryside** was perfect for a quiet getaway.

serpentine

adj. characterized by twists, turns, or curves shaped like a snake; sly, cunning, or devious in behavior or expression

synonym : twisting, winding, curving

(1) **serpentine** road, (2) **serpentine** design

The **serpentine** river snaked through the lush forest.

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.

ram

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
synonym: crash, collide, slam
(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice
The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym: person, being, self
(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom
As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

feudal

adj. relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century
synonym: medieval, feudalistic, aristocratic
(1) a **feudal** lord, (2) **feudal** dictatorship
Lords and serfs characterized the **feudal** system of medieval Europe.

nomadic

adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
synonym: mobile, migratory, wandering
(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen
This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

- raid** *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
synonym : attack, invasion, aggression
(1) make a **raid** on an enemy's camp, (2) air- **raid** siren
Throughout the **raid**, the bank robbers wore masks.
- emperor** *n.* the male ruler of an empire
synonym : ruler, king, dictator
(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**
The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.
- plateau** *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
synonym : mesa, tableland, plain
(1) **plateau** region, (2) **plateau** in performance
The hikers finally reached the **plateau** after a long climb up the mountain.
- pacific** *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
synonym : calm, peaceful, tranquil
(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean
They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.
- barrier** *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
synonym : border, barricade, fence
(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**
The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

invasion

n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

synonym : aggression, attack, raid

(1) the Turkish **invasion**, (2) home **invasion**
An **invasion** would most probably result in a political catastrophe.

defend

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

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat
International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output
They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

predecessor

n. a person who held a position or office before the current holder

synonym : antecedent, forerunner, precursor

(1) the words of a **predecessor**, (2) **predecessor** model
The new CEO is the **predecessor** of the former CEO.

fort

n. a military structure designed to be defended from attack

synonym : stronghold, bastion, fortress

(1) an isolated **fort**, (2) **fort** gate
The stone **fort** was built to protect the city from invading

forces.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

enlist

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym: join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

voluntary

adj. done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced

synonym: voluntary, self-willed, spontaneous

(1) **voluntary** action, (2) **voluntary** participation

The program is **voluntary**, so participants can choose whether or not to take part.

dynasty

n. a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**

During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

forcibly

adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

synonym: violently, roughly, aggressively

(1) **forcibly** remove, (2) **forcibly** taken into a car

The police officer **forcibly** removed the protesters from the public park.

conscript

v. to enlist or draft someone into military service or to compel someone to serve in a certain capacity; to recruit or oblige someone to do something against their will or preference

synonym : draft, enlist, conscribe

(1) **conscript** all non-disabled citizens, (2) **conscript** young men into military service

The army **conscripted** more than 50,000 soldiers during the conflict.

peasant

n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

synonym : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym : offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

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.

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.

suffer

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

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

legend

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

synonym : fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym : worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

grave

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

synonym : tomb, crypt, sepulcher

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

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

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.

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym : hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym :

calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

exhaustion

n. the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength

synonym: fatigue, weariness, tiredness

(1) **exhaustion** of energy, (2) emotional **exhaustion**

The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental **exhaustion**.

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym: daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

invincible

adj. incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable

synonym: unassailable, unbeatable, indomitable

(1) **invincible** army, (2) **invincible** will

The team felt **invincible** after their winning streak.

surmount

v. to overcome or conquer a difficulty, obstacle, or challenge; to rise above or be victorious over something

synonym: overcome, conquer, prevail

(1) **surmount** fears, (2) **surmount** challenges

You can **surmount** any obstacle in your path with determination and hard work.

fortify

v. to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support

synonym: strengthen, reinforce, bolster

(1) **fortify** a building, (2) **fortify** an immune system

He drank a protein shake to **fortify** his muscles before the marathon.

consolidate

v. to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain

synonym: crystallize, concentrate, cement

(1) **consolidate** his debt, (2) **consolidate** a leadership

The two universities will **consolidate** in July next year.

brick

n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

synonym: block, tile, paver

(1) **brick** wall, (2) dressed **brick**

The wall was made of hard **bricks** that had been used for centuries.

kiln

n. an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas

synonym: oven, furnace, hearth

(1) brick **kiln**, (2) electric **kiln**

The pottery was fired in the **kiln** for several hours to harden it.

punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

synonym: emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk

Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym : building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

reinforcement

n. the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support

synonym : strengthening, support, underpinning

(1) social **reinforcement**, (2) **reinforcement** of beliefs

The wall was strengthened with the **reinforcement** of heavy steel beams.

archer

n. a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

synonym : Bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

clan

n. a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland

synonym : family, kin, tribe

(1) **clan** society, (2) tribal **clan**

This **clan** saved people from a world full of violence.

overthrow

v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

synonym: defeat, destroy, conquer

(1) **overthrow** the government, (2) **overthrow** the theory

The group aims to **overthrow** the military regime.

incorporate

v. to include something as a part of a larger entity

synonym: contain, integrate, amalgamate

(1) **incorporate** the current trends, (2) **incorporate** technology into daily life

We will attempt to **incorporate** some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

disrepair

n. a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object

synonym: dilapidation, decay, deterioration

(1) building in **disrepair**, (2) equipment in **disrepair**

The abandoned building fell into **disrepair** after years of neglect.

erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

synonym: wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

plunder

v. to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

synonym: pillage, loot, despoil

(1) **plunder** the enemy's stronghold, (2) **plunder** his reputation

The pirates could **plunder** the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

rumor

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst

human-made disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym: legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

influx

n. the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system

synonym: inflow, arrival, impression

(1) **influx** of capital, (2) **influx** of tourists

The **influx** of immigrants into urban areas can create significant social, economic, and political challenges for local communities.

deteriorate

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

synonym: decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition

The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

preservation

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

synonym: conserving, protection, conservancy

(1) wildlife **preservation**, (2) the **preservation** of food

The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable **preservation**.

acclaim

n. praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly

synonym: praise, admiration, welcome

(1) **acclaim** the winner, (2) treated with royal **acclaim**

The actor's performance in the play earned her widespread **acclaim** from the theater community.

visible

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

synonym: clear, observable, seeable

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

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

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

orbit

n. the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels

synonym: path, course, trajectory

(1) the **orbit** of the moon, (2) a planetary **orbit**

The rocket engine is used to put the satellite into **orbit**.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym: road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

discernible

adj. able to be perceived or recognized; clear or distinguishable

synonym: apparent, noticeable, distinguishable

(1) **discernible** pattern, (2) lack of **discernible** progress

There was a **discernible** change in the atmosphere when the boss walked into the room.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym: anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

branch

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

synonym: limb, twig, bough

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

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

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

monument

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

synonym: memorial, marker, statue

(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring

The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.

achievement

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

synonym: accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. even more unf_____ely | <i>adv.</i> by bad luck; unluckily |
| 2. home in_____on | <i>n.</i> army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it |
| 3. con_____te a leadership | <i>v.</i> to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain |
| 4. f__t gate | <i>n.</i> a military structure designed to be defended from attack |
| 5. the p_t of the stomach | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 6. critical m__s | <i>n.</i> a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together |
| 7. brick k__n | <i>n.</i> an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas |
| 8. mo_____nt honoring | <i>n.</i> a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event |
| 9. information ba_____r | <i>n.</i> a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective |

ANSWERS: 1. unfortunately, 2. invasion, 3. consolidate, 4. fort, 5. pit, 6. mass, 7. kiln, 8. monument, 9. barrier

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| 10. wanted cr_____al | <i>n.</i> a person who has committed a crime |
| 11. su____r bad grades | <i>v.</i> to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant |
| 12. no_____c herdsmen | <i>adj.</i> moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time |
| 13. gov_____nt bureaucracy | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 14. hi_____y system | <i>n.</i> a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities |
| 15. racial or____n | <i>n.</i> the first existence or beginning of something |
| 16. det_____te at a slow pace | <i>v.</i> to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate |
| 17. ind_____al freedom | <i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group |
| 18. pa_____c-natured disposition | <i>adj.</i> peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions |
| 19. fo_____y an immune system | <i>v.</i> to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support |
| 20. de____d my country | <i>v.</i> to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc. |

ANSWERS: 10. criminal, 11. suffer, 12. nomadic, 13. government, 14. highway, 15. origin, 16. deteriorate, 17. individual, 18. pacific, 19. fortify, 20. defend

21. building in di_____ir *n.* a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object
22. co_____pt young men into military service *v.* to enlist or draft someone into military service or to compel someone to serve in a certain capacity; to recruit or oblige someone to do something against their will or preference
23. cou_____de scenery *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
24. hum_____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
25. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
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27. an isolated f__t *n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack
28. ex_____d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
29. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 21. disrepair, 22. conscript, 23. countryside, 24. human-made, 25. span, 26. indicate, 27. fort, 28. expand, 29. government

30. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
31. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
32. skilled la____r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
33. inv_____le will *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
34. ru__r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
35. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
36. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
37. make a r__d on an enemy's camp *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
38. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
39. dy_____y of China *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
40. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
41. fe___l dictatorship *adj.* relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century

ANSWERS: 30. branch, 31. invade, 32. laborer, 33. invincible, 34. rumor, 35. unfortunately, 36. expand, 37. raid, 38. criminal, 39. dynasty, 40. vulnerable, 41. feudal

42. former em____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
43. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
44. vo_____ry action *adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
45. in___x of tourists *n.* the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system
46. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
47. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
48. su_____nt challenges *v.* to overcome or conquer a difficulty, obstacle, or challenge; to rise above or be victorious over something
49. fo_____ly remove *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
50. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
51. gr__e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

ANSWERS: 42. emperor, 43. military, 44. voluntary, 45. influx, 46. defend, 47. grant, 48. surmount, 49. forcibly, 50. improvisation, 51. grave

52. social rei_____ent *n.* the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support
53. pre_____or model *n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder
54. em_____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
55. 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
56. dis_____le pattern *adj.* able to be perceived or recognized; clear or distinguishable
57. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
58. inc_____te the current trends *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
59. a planetary or__t *n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels
60. treated with royal ac_____m *n.* praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly
61. skilled ar____r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

ANSWERS: 52. reinforcement, 53. predecessor, 54. emperor, 55. structure, 56. discernible, 57. sight, 58. incorporate, 59. orbit, 60. acclaim, 61. archer

62. ov_____ow the government *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
63. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
64. the pre_____ion of food *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
65. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
66. vo_____ry participation *adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
67. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
68. student ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
69. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
70. a remarkable ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
71. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
72. en___t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

ANSWERS: 62. overthrow, 63. ram, 64. preservation, 65. accident, 66. voluntary, 67. remarkable, 68. achievement, 69. improvisation, 70. achievement, 71. invade, 72. enlist

73. fo____y a building *v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
74. le____d of King Arthur *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
75. co____pt all non-disabled citizens *v.* to enlist or draft someone into military service or to compel someone to serve in a certain capacity; to recruit or oblige someone to do something against their will or preference
76. ac____m the winner *n.* praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly
77. pl____u region *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
78. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
79. cause an ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
80. during the Ming dy____y *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
81. dressed br__k *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

ANSWERS: 73. fortify, 74. legend, 75. conscript, 76. acclaim, 77. plateau, 78. bury, 79. accident, 80. dynasty, 81. brick

82. pl____u in performance *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
83. air-r__d siren *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
84. inv_____le army *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
85. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
86. ser_____ne road *adj.* characterized by twists, turns, or curves shaped like a snake; sly, cunning, or devious in behavior or expression
87. gr__e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
88. in_____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
89. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
90. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

ANSWERS: 82. plateau, 83. raid, 84. invincible, 85. human-made, 86. serpentine, 87. grave, 88. indicate, 89. tower, 90. regardless

91. dr___n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
92. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
93. vi_____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
94. pu_____te a sentence *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
95. emotional exh_____on *n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
96. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
97. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
98. electric k__n *n.* an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas
99. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
100. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 91. dragon, 92. individual, 93. visible, 94. punctuate, 95. exhaustion, 96. discovery, 97. span, 98. kiln, 99. sight, 100. sect

101. historical he____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
102. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
103. con_____te his debt *v.* to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain
104. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
105. fo_____ly taken into a car *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
106. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
107. basketball le___d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
108. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
109. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
110. er__e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

ANSWERS: 101. heritage, 102. regardless, 103. consolidate, 104. structure, 105. forcibly, 106. empire, 107. legend, 108. reputation, 109. tower, 110. erode

111. vi_____e by X-ray	<i>adj.</i> capable of being seen; or open to easy view
112. pl_____r his reputation	<i>v.</i> to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
113. inc_____te technology into daily life	<i>v.</i> to include something as a part of a larger entity
114. or_____n of information	<i>n.</i> the first existence or beginning of something
115. the Pa_____c Ocean	<i>adj.</i> peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
116. dr_____n fruit	<i>n.</i> a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
117. la_____h a spaceship into orbit	<i>v.</i> to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
118. br_____h office	<i>n.</i> a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
119. no_____c life	<i>adj.</i> moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

ANSWERS: 111. visible, 112. plunder, 113. incorporate, 114. origin, 115. pacific, 116. dragon, 117. launch, 118. branch, 119. nomadic

120. 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
121. ser_____ne design *adj.* characterized by twists, turns, or curves shaped like a snake; sly, cunning, or devious in behavior or expression
122. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
123. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
124. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
125. the words of a pre_____or *n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder
126. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
127. the or__t of the moon *n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels

ANSWERS: 120. labor, 121. serpentine, 122. remarkable, 123. sect, 124. discovery, 125. predecessor, 126. barrier, 127. orbit

128. ex___d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
129. 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
130. 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
131. for_____le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
132. 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
133. pe_____t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
134. ex___d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
135. the Turkish in_____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
136. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
137. rei_____ent of beliefs *n.* the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support

ANSWERS: 128. extend, 129. labor, 130. reputation, 131. formidable, 132. pit, 133. peasant, 134. extend, 135. invasion, 136. empire, 137. reinforcement

138. la____r job *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
139. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
140. tribal c__n *n.* a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland
141. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
142. ar____r's bow *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
143. in____x of capital *n.* the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system
144. wildlife pre_____ion *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
145. su____nt fears *v.* to overcome or conquer a difficulty, obstacle, or challenge; to rise above or be victorious over something
146. humanity's mo____nt *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

ANSWERS: 138. laborer, 139. launch, 140. clan, 141. bury, 142. archer, 143. influx, 144. preservation, 145. surmount, 146. monument

147. a fe___l lord *adj.* relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century
148. det_____te condition *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
149. c__n society *n.* a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland
150. exploited pe_____t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
151. acc_____sh a goal *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
152. er__e trust *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
153. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
154. cou_____de lifestyle *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
155. en___t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

ANSWERS: 147. feudal, 148. deteriorate, 149. clan, 150. peasant, 151. accomplish, 152. erode, 153. accomplish, 154. countryside, 155. enlist

156. br__k wall *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
157. he____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
158. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
159. lack of dis_____le progress *adj.* able to be perceived or recognized; clear or distinguishable
160. for_____le challenge *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
161. an interstate hi_____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
162. exh_____on of energy *n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
163. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
164. equipment in di_____ir *n.* a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object
165. pl_____r the enemy's stronghold *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
166. a false ru__r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

ANSWERS: 156. brick, 157. heritage, 158. suffer, 159. discernible, 160. formidable, 161. highway, 162. exhaustion, 163. grant, 164. disrepair, 165. plunder, 166. rumor

167. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
168. ov_____ow the theory *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
169. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
170. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
171. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
172. pu_____te his talk *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

ANSWERS: 167. mass, 168. overthrow, 169. military, 170. ram, 171. vulnerable, 172. punctuate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The patient's health _____ rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.
v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
2. We will attempt to _____ some of your suggestions into our future strategy.
v. to include something as a part of a larger entity
3. The mountain range was a _____ obstacle for the hikers.
adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
4. The hikers finally reached the _____ after a long climb up the mountain.
n. an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
5. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
6. The new CEO is the _____ of the former CEO.
n. a person who held a position or office before the current holder
7. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
n. a person who has committed a crime

ANSWERS: 1. deteriorated, 2. incorporate, 3. formidable, 4. plateau, 5. mass, 6. predecessor, 7. criminal

8. The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable _____.
- n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
9. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
- n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
10. The police officer _____ removed the protesters from the public park.
- adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
11. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
12. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something
13. This desert is the territory of _____ tribes.
- adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
14. The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental _____.
- n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
15. This _____ has never been formally accepted.
- n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
16. The two universities will _____ in July next year.
- v.* to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain

ANSWERS: 8. preservation, 9. empire, 10. forcibly, 11. sect, 12. origin, 13. nomadic, 14. exhaustion, 15. achievement, 16. consolidate

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

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

18. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

19. The pirates could _____ the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.

v. to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

20. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

21. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

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

22. Strikes had also _____ the preceding weeks.

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

23. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

24. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

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

ANSWERS: 17. defend, 18. accomplish, 19. plunder, 20. invade, 21. branch, 22. punctuated, 23. bury, 24. visible

25. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

26. The actor's performance in the play earned her widespread _____ from the theater community.

n. praise or admiration that is expressed publicly; (verb) to praise or admire someone or something publicly

27. During the Habsburg _____ colonization began.

n. a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

28. An _____ would most probably result in a political catastrophe.

n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

29. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

30. There was a _____ change in the atmosphere when the boss walked into the room.

adj. able to be perceived or recognized; clear or distinguishable

31. Her research team made an important _____.

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

32. The small village in the _____ was perfect for a quiet getaway.

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

ANSWERS: 25. sights, 26. acclaim, 27. dynasty, 28. invasion, 29. government, 30. discernible, 31. discovery, 32. countryside

33. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

34. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

35. 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

36. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

37. The wall was strengthened with the _____ of heavy steel beams.

n. the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support

38. He drank a protein shake to _____ his muscles before the marathon.

v. to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support

39. He slightly modified the ____ of training because it was just before a match.

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

40. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

ANSWERS: 33. remarkable, 34. accident, 35. pit, 36. rammed, 37. reinforcement, 38. fortify, 39. span, 40. heritage

41. The army _____ more than 50,000 soldiers during the conflict.
- v.* to enlist or draft someone into military service or to compel someone to serve in a certain capacity; to recruit or oblige someone to do something against their will or preference
42. The _____ of immigrants into urban areas can create significant social, economic, and political challenges for local communities.
- n.* the arrival or entry of a large number of people, objects, or ideas into a place or system
43. 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
44. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
45. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
- n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
46. In Chinese mythology, _____ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.
- n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
47. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a _____ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.
- n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

ANSWERS: 41. conscripted, 42. influx, 43. reputation, 44. unfortunately, 45. barrier, 46. dragons, 47. peasant,

48. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

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

49. The program is _____ so participants can choose whether or not to take part.

adj. done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced

50. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

51. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

52. The ongoing budget cuts have _____ the quality of education in many schools.

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

53. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.

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

54. The rocket engine is used to put the satellite into _____.

n. the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels

ANSWERS: 48. pacific, 49. voluntary, 50. highway, 51. vulnerable, 52. eroded, 53. graves, 54. orbit

55. The stone _____ was built to commemorate the war heroes.
n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
56. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
57. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
58. The stone _____ was built to protect the city from invading forces.
n. a military structure designed to be defended from attack
59. The team felt _____ after their winning streak.
adj. incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
60. This _____ saved people from a world full of violence.
n. a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland
61. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
62. The wall was made of hard _____ that had been used for centuries.
n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
63. The bridge is a _____ structure and was built to span the river.
adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

ANSWERS: 55. monument, 56. improvisation, 57. granted, 58. fort, 59. invincible, 60. clan, 61. military, 62. bricks, 63. human-made

64. The group aims to _____ the military regime.
- v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
65. The construction site hired many _____ to help with the heavy lifting.
- n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
66. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.
- adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
67. Throughout the _____ the bank robbers wore masks.
- n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
68. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.
- n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
69. The pottery was fired in the _____ for several hours to harden it.
- n.* an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas
70. Lords and serfs characterized the _____ system of medieval Europe.
- adj.* relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century
71. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
- n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

ANSWERS: 64. overthrow, 65. laborers, 66. regardless, 67. raid, 68. rumor, 69. kiln, 70. feudal, 71. tower

72. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
73. The _____ river snaked through the lush forest.
- adj.* characterized by twists, turns, or curves shaped like a snake; sly, cunning, or devious in behavior or expression
74. The abandoned building fell into _____ after years of neglect.
- n.* a state of decay, damage, or neglect that results in the deterioration of the quality, function, or appearance of something, particularly a structure or object
75. Many of the _____ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.
- n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
76. 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
77. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
78. You can _____ any obstacle in your path with determination and hard work.
- v.* to overcome or conquer a difficulty, obstacle, or challenge; to rise above or be victorious over something

ANSWERS: 72. suffers, 73. serpentine, 74. disrepair, 75. legends, 76. structure, 77. launch, 78. surmount

79. The _____ aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.
- n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
80. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
81. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.
- n.* the male ruler of an empire
82. He decided to _____ in the military after graduating from high school.
- v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
83. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.
- v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
84. 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
85. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.
- v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
86. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 79. archer's, 80. expand, 81. Emperor, 82. enlist, 83. extend, 84. labor, 85. indicates, 86. individual,

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