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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### dawn

*n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

*synonym*: daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

### contract

*n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

*synonym*: agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

### mercenary

*n.* a professional soldier who will fight for any country or organization that offers payment

*synonym*: soldier of fortune, financially-motivated

(1) **mercenary** killers, (2) a **mercenary** enterprise

It would be best if you did your work without any **mercenary** spirit.

## commander

*n.* a person who holds authority or control over a group or organization, particularly in a military, naval, or aerospace context; an official in charge of a particular aspect of operations, such as a commander of a ship or a commander of the air force

*synonym*: leader, captain, officer

(1) **commander** in chief, (2) police **commander**

The military **commander** led their troops into battle with precision and strategic planning.

## 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.

## counterattack

*n.* an attack made in response to an attack by an enemy or opponent often intended to stop or oppose against it

*synonym*: retaliation, reprisal, response

(1) gear up for a **counterattack**, (2) launch a **counterattack**

The company launched a **counterattack** against its rivals with a new marketing campaign.

## 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.

## cowardice

*n.* the state or quality of lacking the courage or bravery to face danger, pain, or difficulty; the act of showing fear or running away from danger or difficulty

*synonym*: fearfulness, dastardliness, timidity

(1) **cowardice** in battle, (2) politics of **cowardice**

People who show **cowardice** in the face of danger are not always weak but may lack experience.

## fulfill

*v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

*synonym*: satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

## glory

*n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements

*synonym*: acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**

It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

## conquest

*n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

*synonym*: subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

## dominate

*v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

*synonym*: govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

## warfare

*n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

*synonym*: combat, fighting, conflict

(1) **warfare** aircraft, (2) spiritual **warfare**

The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern **warfare** tactics.

## profit

*n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

*synonym*: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**  
This business yields little **profit**.

## encouraging

*adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring  
*synonym*: uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign  
The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

## intense

*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

*synonym*: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching  
That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

## rivalry

*n.* competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business

*synonym*: competition, contest, struggle

(1) fierce **rivalry**, (2) **rivalry** among airlines  
The **rivalry** between the two teams was intense and heated.

## wealth

*n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

*synonym*: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**  
The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

## representative

*n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

*synonym*: spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**  
The media **representatives** had special passes.

## Catholic

*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church  
Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

## 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.

## merchant

*n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

*synonym*: dealer, trader, retailer

(1) **merchant** bank, (2) agricultural **merchant**

This shipping company has several hundred **merchant** ships.

## compete

*v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

*synonym*: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

## prestige

*n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

*synonym*: honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

## attract

*v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

*synonym*: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

## talented

*adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

*synonym* : gifted, able, skilled

(1) a very **talented** actor, (2) **talented** athlete

She is a **talented** musician, able to play several instruments.

## Renaissance

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

*synonym* : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

## 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.

## conflict

*n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

*synonym* : clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

## entirely

*adv.* completely

*synonym* : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

## elite

*adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

*synonym* : privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

## veteran

*n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

*synonym* : expert, pro, vet

(1) A 20-year **veteran** in the industry, (2) **veteran** teacher

The **veteran** soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

## hail

*v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

*synonym* : greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast

People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

## temporary

*adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long

*synonym* : provisional, short-term, interim

(1) a **temporary** permit, (2) **temporary** housing

He managed to get **temporary** jobs during the recession.

## truce

*n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement

*synonym* : ceasefire, armistice, peace

(1) temporary **truce**, (2) break a **truce**

The two sides agreed to a **truce** and set down their weapons.

## pillage

*n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way

*synonym* : looting, plunder, raid

(1) violent **pillage**, (2) **pillage** gold and other treasures

The army's village **pillage** left the residents without food or shelter.

## fortune

*n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

*synonym*: wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

## 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.

## savvy

*n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity

*synonym*: know-how, expertise, skill

(1) a **savvy** investor, (2) tech- **savvy**

His business **savvy** was evident in the success of his company.

## bandit

*n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

*synonym*: robber, thief, outlaw

(1) wilderness **bandit**, (2) notorious **bandit**

A group of armed **bandits** attacked the villagers during the night.

## opportune

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

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

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

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



- hire** v. to give somebody a job  
*synonym*: employ, engage, lease  
(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour  
We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.
- 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.
- outfit** *n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.  
*synonym*: ensemble, set, suit  
(1) camping **outfit**, (2) a construction **outfit**  
I need to buy a new **outfit** for the wedding I'm attending next weekend.
- tight** *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely  
*synonym*: closed, secured, cramped  
(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget  
The national election was held amid **tight** security.
- leash** *n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions  
*synonym*: tether, lead, restraint  
(1) dog **leash**, (2) walk on a **leash**  
Make sure to put the **leash** on your dog before walking.
- elaborate** *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts  
*synonym*: detailed, intricate, complicated  
(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme

He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

## synonymous

*adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

*synonym*: equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non-**synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

## distribute

*v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

*synonym*: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

## 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.

## mere

*adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

*synonym*: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

## dimension

*n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

*synonym*: extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

## specify

*v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly

*synonym*: establish, pinpoint, identify

(1) **specify** a cause, (2) **specify** an option

You can **specify** the font color by clicking the Color tab.

## 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.

## regularly

*adv.* at regular intervals or times

*synonym*: repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

## expire

*v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.

*synonym*: run out, terminate, cease

(1) **expires** next month, (2) it will **expire**

I forgot to renew my driver's license, and it **expired**.

## ongoing

*adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening

*synonym*: continuous, current, proceeding

(1) still **ongoing**, (2) **ongoing** support

The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the **ongoing** economic crisis.

## loyalty

*n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something

*synonym*: faithfulness, devotion, allegiance

(1) **loyalty** program, (2) earn his **loyalty**

He has always shown great **loyalty** to his friends and family.

## 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.

### primarily

*adv.* mainly

*synonym*: largely, mainly, mostly

(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults

All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.

### extensive

*adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range

*synonym*: ample, comprehensive, vast

(1) **extensive** experience, (2) have **extensive** vocabulary

The incident attracted **extensive** media coverage throughout the world.

### unnecessary

*adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important

*synonym*: redundant, extra, superfluous

(1) **unnecessary** expense, (2) **unnecessary** hassle

The extra steps in the process were deemed **unnecessary** and removed to streamline production.

### clash

*n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something

*synonym*: blow, conflict, disagreement

(1) a **clash** of viewpoints, (2) a **clash** between the two task forces

Her dress was a disturbing **clash** of colors.

### crush

*v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

*synonym*: destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

## victory

*n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

*synonym*: win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

## defeat

*v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

*synonym*: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

## inconclusive

*adj.* without any significant results or proof or decision

*synonym*: ambiguous, unsettled, uncertain

(1) **inconclusive** debate, (2) **inconclusive** evidence

Climate behavior models are frequently **inconclusive**.

## typical

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

*synonym*: characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

## release

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

*synonym*: free, let go, discharge

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

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

## decision

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

*synonym*: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

## ruthless

*adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

*synonym* : heartless, pitiless, merciless

(1) show **ruthless** behavior, (2) **ruthless** brutality

The dictator was known for his **ruthless** tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

## massacre

*n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

*synonym* : slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

## famine

*n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

*synonym* : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

## strike

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

*synonym* : hit, impact, influence

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

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

## revolt

*n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

*synonym* : rebellion, uprising, insurgence

(1) **revolt** against existing ways of thinking, (2) **revolt** against the dictator

The people tried to **revolt** to oust the tyrant.

## 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.

## increasingly

*adv.* more and more

*synonym*: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

## replace

*v.* to take the place of something

*synonym*: substitute, supersede, displace

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

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

## native

*adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

*synonym*: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

## humble

*adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

*synonym*: modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

## 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.

## attractive

*adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

*synonym* : beautiful, fetching, alluring

(1) **attractive** men, (2) **attractive** opportunity

The growth of the "sharing economy" is **attractive** for tech companies.

## alternative

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

*synonym* : choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

## lever

*n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

*synonym* : lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

## influence

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

*synonym* : power, leverage, effect

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

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

## 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.

## excel

*v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

*synonym* : outdo, shine, surpass

(1) **excel** in description, (2) **excel** at communication



The company **excels** in customer service.

## engaging

*adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming

*synonym* : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

## outclass

*v.* to be far superior to or surpass someone or something in quality, skill, or performance

*synonym* : surpass, excel, overshadow

(1) **outclass** by technology, (2) **outclass** her peers

The new sports car **outclasses** all its competitors regarding speed and performance.

## gunpowder

*n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive

*synonym* : ammunition, explosive, bullet

(1) **gunpowder** paper, (2) smokeless **gunpowder**

The invention of **gunpowder** revolutionized warfare.

## weaponry

*n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

*synonym* : arms, munition, artillery

(1) **weaponry** development, (2) advanced **weaponry**

The army used various **weaponry** to defend the country from attack.

## naval

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

*synonym* : marine, seafaring, maritime

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

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

## sponsor

*v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

*synonym* : back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group  
Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

**con**

*n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something

*synonym* : oppose, objection, deception

(1) telemarketing **cons**, (2) the pros and **cons**

The **con** artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. sp____y a cause        | <i>v.</i> to explain or state something clearly and exactly                                                                                  |
| 2. ch___h bell            | <i>n.</i> a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination         |
| 3. inc_____ive debate     | <i>adj.</i> without any significant results or proof or decision                                                                             |
| 4. ex__l at communication | <i>v.</i> to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something                                                                           |
| 5. wilderness ba___t      | <i>n.</i> a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others |
| 6. de_____on authority    | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options             |
| 7. fierce ri_____y        | <i>n.</i> competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business                                               |
| 8. na__l battles          | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy                                                                                    |
| 9. artistic ren_____ce    | <i>n.</i> a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music                                         |

ANSWERS: 1. specify, 2. church, 3. inconclusive, 4. excel, 5. bandit, 6. decision, 7. rivalry, 8. naval, 9. Renaissance

10. reg\_\_\_\_\_ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
11. ta\_\_\_\_\_ed athlete *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
12. show ru\_\_\_\_\_ss behavior *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
13. re\_\_\_\_t against the dictator *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
14. ex\_\_\_\_es next month *v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.
15. re\_\_\_\_\_e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
16. fu\_\_\_\_\_l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
17. post re\_\_\_\_\_ly to a blog *adv.* at regular intervals or times
18. co\_\_\_\_\_ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
19. earn el\_\_\_e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
20. sp\_\_\_\_\_r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

ANSWERS: 10. regardless, 11. talented, 12. ruthless, 13. revolt, 14. expire, 15. release, 16. fulfill, 17. regularly, 18. contract, 19. elite, 20. sponsor

21. small ch\_\_\_h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
22. de\_\_\_d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
23. pi\_\_\_\_\_e gold and other treasures *n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
24. crack of d\_\_n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
25. bit of good fo\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
26. victim of a vi\_\_\_\_\_t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
27. 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
28. wa\_\_\_\_\_e aircraft *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
29. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
30. new di\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

ANSWERS: 21. church, 22. defend, 23. pillage, 24. dawn, 25. fortune, 26. violent, 27. plunder, 28. warfare, 29. opportune, 30. dimension

31. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve experience      *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
32. an en\_\_\_\_\_ng smile      *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
33. the Ca\_\_\_\_\_ic Church      *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
34. ill fo\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
35. syn\_\_\_\_\_us terms      *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
36. h\_\_l forecast      *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
37. telemarketing c\_ns      *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
38. h\_\_l the victorious team with cheers      *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

ANSWERS: 31. extensive, 32. engaging, 33. Catholic, 34. fortune, 35. synonymous, 36. hail, 37. con, 38. hail

39. de\_\_\_d my country      *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
40. dog le\_\_h      *n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions
41. a te\_\_\_\_\_ry permit      *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
42. sp\_\_\_\_\_r a contest      *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
43. tech-sa\_\_y      *n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
44. re\_\_\_t against existing ways of thinking      *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
45. a construction ou\_\_\_t      *n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.
46. att\_\_\_\_\_ve opportunity      *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
47. dis\_\_\_\_\_te video content      *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 39. defend, 40. leash, 41. temporary, 42. sponsor, 43. savvy, 44. revolt, 45. outfit, 46. attractive, 47. distribute

48. co\_\_\_\_e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
49. greatest gl\_\_y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
50. el\_\_\_\_\_te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
51. enc\_\_\_\_\_ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
52. de\_\_t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
53. inc\_\_\_\_\_gly become common *adv.* more and more
54. coal fa\_\_\_e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
55. hu\_\_\_e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
56. m\_\_e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
57. air-r\_\_d siren *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
58. vi\_\_\_\_\_y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
59. we\_\_\_\_\_ry development *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
60. unn\_\_\_\_\_ry expense *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important

ANSWERS: 48. compete, 49. glory, 50. elaborate, 51. encouraging, 52. defeat, 53. increasingly, 54. famine, 55. humble, 56. mere, 57. raid, 58. victory, 59. weaponry, 60. unnecessary



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| 61. an official rep_____ive             | <i>n.</i> someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people                                   |
| 62. spiritual wa_____e                  | <i>n.</i> the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives                                         |
| 63. have ex_____ve vocabulary           | <i>adj.</i> covering a large area; having a wide range                                                                           |
| 64. st___e up a conversation            | <i>v.</i> to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon          |
| 65. na__l base                          | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy                                                                        |
| 66. en_____ng story                     | <i>adj.</i> attracting, pleasant, or charming                                                                                    |
| 67. att_____ve men                      | <i>adj.</i> immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable |
| 68. former gl__y                        | <i>n.</i> great honor or success won by notable achievements                                                                     |
| 69. a cl__h between the two task forces | <i>n.</i> a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something                    |
| 70. a mi_____ry leader                  | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare                       |
| 71. imperial co_____st                  | <i>n.</i> the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation                                                  |
| 72. gov_____nt funding                  | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state                                                       |

ANSWERS: 61. representative, 62. warfare, 63. extensive, 64. strike, 65. naval, 66. engaging, 67. attractive, 68. glory, 69. clash, 70. military, 71. conquest, 72. government

73. national pr\_\_\_\_ge *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
74. launch a cou\_\_\_\_\_ack *n.* an attack made in response to an attack by an enemy or opponent often intended to stop or oppose against it
75. a mi\_\_\_\_ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
76. el\_\_e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
77. the pros and c\_ns *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
78. gu\_\_\_\_\_er paper *n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
79. or\_\_\_\_n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
80. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
81. pr\_\_\_\_ge company *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

ANSWERS: 73. prestige, 74. counterattack, 75. military, 76. elite, 77. con, 78. gunpowder, 79. origin, 80. government, 81. prestige

82. there is no other alt\_\_\_\_\_ve  
*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
83. still on\_\_\_\_\_g  
*adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
84. reg\_\_\_\_\_ss of the difficulties  
*adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
85. cr\_\_h coffee beans  
*v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
86. the crosswise di\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
87. violent pi\_\_\_\_\_e  
*n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
88. earn his lo\_\_\_\_\_y  
*n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
89. non-syn\_\_\_\_\_us mutation  
*adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
90. fa\_\_\_e relief  
*n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
91. h\_\_e a guide  
*v.* to give somebody a job
92. he was en\_\_\_\_\_ly to blame  
*adv.* completely
93. an el\_\_\_\_\_te hat  
*adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

ANSWERS: 82. alternative, 83. ongoing, 84. regardless, 85. crush, 86. dimension, 87. pillage, 88. loyalty, 89. synonymous, 90. famine, 91. hire, 92. entirely, 93. elaborate

94. in\_\_\_\_\_ce a child's future      *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
95. break a tr\_\_\_e      *n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement
96. na\_\_\_e to Africa      *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
97. the co\_\_\_\_\_ct between good and evil      *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
98. ru\_\_\_\_\_ss brutality      *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
99. 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
100. a me\_\_\_\_\_ry enterprise      *n.* a professional soldier who will fight for any country or organization that offers payment
101. walk on a le\_\_h      *n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions
102. at\_\_\_\_\_t attention      *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 94. influence, 95. truce, 96. native, 97. conflict, 98. ruthless, 99. dynasty, 100. mercenary, 101. leash, 102. attract

103. vi\_\_\_\_\_t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
104. en\_\_\_\_\_ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
105. agricultural me\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
106. dis\_\_\_\_\_te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
107. ty\_\_\_\_\_l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
108. sales rep\_\_\_\_\_ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
109. the wan light of d\_\_n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
110. vi\_\_\_\_\_y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
111. do\_\_\_\_\_te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
112. le\_\_r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
113. camping ou\_\_\_\_t *n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.

ANSWERS: 103. violent, 104. entirely, 105. merchant, 106. distribute, 107. typical, 108. representative, 109. dawn, 110. victory, 111. dominate, 112. lever, 113. outfit

114. re\_\_\_\_\_ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
115. ma\_\_\_\_\_re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
116. a selfish de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
117. re\_\_\_\_\_e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
118. police co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who holds authority or control over a group or organization, particularly in a military, naval, or aerospace context; an official in charge of a particular aspect of operations, such as a commander of a ship or a commander of the air force
119. employment co\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
120. inc\_\_\_\_\_ive evidence *adj.* without any significant results or proof or decision
121. make a pr\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
122. ca\_\_\_\_\_ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 114. regularly, 115. massacre, 116. decision, 117. release, 118. commander, 119. contract, 120. inconclusive, 121. profit, 122. Catholic

123. temporary tr\_\_e *n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement
124. student on a ti\_\_t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
125. material we\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
126. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
127. enc\_\_\_\_\_ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
128. 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
129. develop in\_\_\_\_\_e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
130. politics of co\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the state or quality of lacking the courage or bravery to face danger, pain, or difficulty; the act of showing fear or running away from danger or difficulty
131. pr\_\_\_\_\_ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
132. ve\_\_\_\_\_n teacher *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
133. it will ex\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.

ANSWERS: 123. truce, 124. tight, 125. wealth, 126. opportune, 127. encouraging, 128. dynasty, 129. intense, 130. cowardice, 131. primarily, 132. veteran, 133. expire

134. the longstanding co\_\_\_\_\_ct      *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
135. do\_\_\_\_\_te possession      *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
136. pl\_\_\_\_\_r his reputation      *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
137. a private ind\_\_\_\_\_al      *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
138. me\_\_\_\_\_nt bank      *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
139. a hu\_\_\_e cottage      *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
140. h\_\_\_e a car by the hour      *v.* to give somebody a job
141. ind\_\_\_\_\_al freedom      *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
142. sp\_\_\_\_\_y an option      *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
143. advanced we\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
144. co\_\_\_\_\_er in chief      *n.* a person who holds authority or control over a group or organization, particularly in a military, naval, or aerospace context; an official in charge of a particular aspect of operations, such as a commander of a ship or a commander of the air force

ANSWERS: 134. conflict, 135. dominate, 136. plunder, 137. individual, 138. merchant, 139. humble, 140. hire, 141. individual, 142. specify, 143. weaponry, 144. commander



145. a cl\_\_h of viewpoints *n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something
146. ou\_\_\_\_\_ss her peers *v.* to be far superior to or surpass someone or something in quality, skill, or performance
147. A 20-year ve\_\_\_\_\_n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
148. notorious ba\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
149. la\_\_\_\_h a spaceship into orbit *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
150. industrial ren\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
151. smokeless gu\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
152. a very ta\_\_\_\_\_ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
153. animal ma\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

ANSWERS: 145. clash, 146. outclass, 147. veteran, 148. bandit, 149. launch, 150. Renaissance, 151. gunpowder, 152. talented, 153. massacre

154. unn\_\_\_\_\_ry hassle *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
155. de\_\_\_t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
156. a sa\_\_y investor *n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
157. co\_\_\_\_\_e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
158. at\_\_\_\_\_t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
159. co\_\_\_\_\_ce in battle *n.* the state or quality of lacking the courage or bravery to face danger, pain, or difficulty; the act of showing fear or running away from danger or difficulty
160. make a co\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
161. intended pr\_\_\_\_\_ly for young people *adv.* mainly
162. 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
163. m\_\_e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

ANSWERS: 154. unnecessary, 155. defeat, 156. savvy, 157. compete, 158. attract, 159. cowardice, 160. conquest, 161. primarily, 162. launch, 163. mere

164. make a r\_\_d on an enemy's camp     *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
165. fairly ty\_\_\_\_l symptoms     *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
166. majority of his we\_\_\_\_h     *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
167. fu\_\_\_\_l a lifetime dream     *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
168. na\_\_\_\_e language     *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
169. lo\_\_\_\_y program     *n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
170. re\_\_\_\_e a phone     *v.* to take the place of something
171. re\_\_\_\_e one word with another     *v.* to take the place of something
172. gross pr\_\_\_\_t     *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
173. in\_\_\_\_e heat     *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
174. ri\_\_\_\_y among airlines     *n.* competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business
175. me\_\_\_\_ry killers     *n.* a professional soldier who will fight for any country or organization that offers payment

ANSWERS: 164. raid, 165. typical, 166. wealth, 167. fulfill, 168. native, 169. loyalty, 170. replace, 171. replace, 172. profit, 173. intense, 174. rivalry, 175. mercenary

176. cr\_\_h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
177. gear up for a cou\_\_\_\_\_ack *n.* an attack made in response to an attack by an enemy or opponent often intended to stop or oppose against it
178. racial or\_\_\_n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
179. te\_\_\_\_\_ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
180. in\_\_\_\_\_ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
181. on\_\_\_\_\_g support *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
182. ou\_\_\_\_\_ss by technology *v.* to be far superior to or surpass someone or something in quality, skill, or performance
183. ex\_\_l in description *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
184. face inc\_\_\_\_\_gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
185. a ti\_\_t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
186. st\_\_\_e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
187. a gear change le\_\_r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

ANSWERS: 176. crush, 177. counterattack, 178. origin, 179. temporary, 180. influence, 181. ongoing, 182. outclass, 183. excel, 184. increasingly, 185. tight, 186. strike, 187. lever

188. an alt\_\_\_\_\_ve plan

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

ANSWERS: 188. alternative

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The nobler, the more \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
2. He has always shown great \_\_\_\_\_ to his friends and family.  
*n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
3. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ musician, able to play several instruments.  
*adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
4. This shipping company has several hundred \_\_\_\_\_ ships.  
*n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
5. Missile assaults on the capital continued around \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
6. It is preferable to die in \_\_\_\_\_ than to live in dishonor.  
*n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
7. The army's village \_\_\_\_\_ left the residents without food or shelter.  
*n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
8. The car was completely \_\_\_\_\_ in the accident.  
*v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

ANSWERS: 1. humble, 2. loyalty, 3. talented, 4. merchant, 5. dawn, 6. glory, 7. pillage, 8. crushed

9. The test results were \_\_\_\_\_ and showed improvement.

*adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

10. He lost the election by \_\_\_\_\_ votes.

*adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

11. The dictator was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

*adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

12. Her dress was a disturbing \_\_\_\_\_ of colors.

*n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something

13. He managed to get \_\_\_\_\_ jobs during the recession.

*adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long

14. His business \_\_\_\_\_ was evident in the success of his company.

*n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity

15. The extra steps in the process were deemed \_\_\_\_\_ and removed to streamline production.

*adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important

16. People who show \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of danger are not always weak but may lack experience.

*n.* the state or quality of lacking the courage or bravery to face danger, pain, or difficulty; the act of showing fear or running away from danger or difficulty

ANSWERS: 9. encouraging, 10. mere, 11. ruthless, 12. clash, 13. temporary, 14. savvy, 15. unnecessary, 16. cowardice

17. People in the area were forced to \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.
- v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
18. We are optimistic about our final \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
19. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using \_\_\_\_\_ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
20. He proposed an \_\_\_\_\_ program of public works.
- adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
21. You can \_\_\_\_\_ the font color by clicking the Color tab.
- v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
22. The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the \_\_\_\_\_ economic crisis.
- adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
23. The severe \_\_\_\_\_ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
- n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
24. The former emperor had a particular \_\_\_\_\_ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 17. hail, 18. victory, 19. alternative, 20. elaborate, 21. specify, 22. ongoing, 23. famine, 24. influence



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

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

26. 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

27. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two teams was intense and heated.

*n.* competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business

28. I need to buy a new \_\_\_\_\_ for the wedding I'm attending next weekend.

*n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.

29. Our company found it \_\_\_\_\_ difficult to keep up with the competition.

*adv.* more and more

30. He and I often had \_\_\_\_\_ not only in personality but also in ideology.

*n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

31. The \_\_\_ artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.

*n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something

32. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

ANSWERS: 25. decision, 26. military, 27. rivalry, 28. outfit, 29. increasingly, 30. conflicts, 31. con, 32. synonymous

33. The protesters became \_\_\_\_\_ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

34. 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.

35. The invention of \_\_\_\_\_ revolutionized warfare.

*n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive

36. This artwork is \_\_\_\_\_ of her work.

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

37. The company signed a \_\_\_\_\_ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

*n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

38. The company launched a \_\_\_\_\_ against its rivals with a new marketing campaign.

*n.* an attack made in response to an attack by an enemy or opponent often intended to stop or oppose against it

39. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.

*v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

40. The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern \_\_\_\_\_ tactics.

*n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

ANSWERS: 33. violent, 34. defend, 35. gunpowder, 36. typical, 37. contract, 38. counterattack, 39. defeat, 40. warfare

41. There are various hypotheses concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.  
*n.* the first existence or beginning of something
42. The army used various \_\_\_\_\_ to defend the country from attack.  
*n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
43. Our company \_\_\_\_\_ numerous disabled athletes.  
*v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ inequality was unavoidable.  
*n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
45. You must \_\_\_\_\_ with others to obtain this position.  
*v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
46. It was the first time for her, but she \_\_\_\_\_ the role of Priest.  
*v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
47. His estate was \_\_\_\_\_ to his sons.  
*v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
48. 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

ANSWERS: 41. origin, 42. weaponry, 43. sponsors, 44. wealth, 45. compete, 46. fulfilled, 47. distributed, 48. dynasty,

49. 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
50. The two sides agreed to a \_\_\_\_\_ and set down their weapons.
- n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement
51. The university has great \_\_\_\_\_ in the academic community.
- n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
52. Very few educational \_\_\_\_\_ go to Oxford or Cambridge.
- adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
53. The national election was held amid \_\_\_\_\_ security.
- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
54. The people tried to \_\_\_\_\_ to oust the tyrant.
- n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
55. 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
56. A group of armed \_\_\_\_\_ attacked the villagers during the night.
- n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

ANSWERS: 49. plunder, 50. truce, 51. prestige, 52. elites, 53. tight, 54. revolt, 55. government, 56. bandits

57. She was disbarred for her \_\_\_\_\_ in fraud.

*adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming

58. 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

59. This site \_\_\_\_\_ shares high-quality academic materials.

*adv.* at regular intervals or times

60. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

61. The company \_\_\_\_\_ in customer service.

*v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

62. The vegetation here is almost wholly \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

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

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

64. The \_\_\_\_\_ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

*n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

ANSWERS: 57. engaging, 58. regardless, 59. regularly, 60. fortune, 61. excels, 62. native, 63. opportune, 64. massacre

65. Make sure to put the \_\_\_\_\_ on your dog before walking.

*n.* a long, flexible cord or chain used to restrain or control a dog (or other animals); a figurative tool used to control or limit someone's behavior or actions

66. The growth of the "sharing economy" is \_\_\_\_\_ for tech companies.

*adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

67. The military \_\_\_\_\_ led their troops into battle with precision and strategic planning.

*n.* a person who holds authority or control over a group or organization, particularly in a military, naval, or aerospace context; an official in charge of a particular aspect of operations, such as a commander of a ship or a commander of the air force

68. That statement by the prime minister drew \_\_\_\_\_ international criticism.

*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

69. 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

70. The perspective of his right brain \_\_\_\_\_ his consciousness.

*v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

71. This initiative will be a \_\_\_\_\_ for increasing company sales.

*n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

72. Climate behavior models are frequently \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* without any significant results or proof or decision

ANSWERS: 65. leash, 66. attractive, 67. commander, 68. intense, 69. church, 70. dominates, 71. lever, 72. inconclusive

73. The government is eager to \_\_\_\_\_ international investment.

*v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

74. The animal rights group worked to \_\_\_\_\_ the dolphins back into the wild.

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

75. All peaceful cooperation is based \_\_\_\_\_ on mutual trust.

*adv.* mainly

76. Sociologists are now interested in \_\_\_\_\_ world peace.

*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

77. The media \_\_\_\_\_ had special passes.

*n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

78. Later, his claim was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ false.

*adv.* completely

79. Overall \_\_\_\_\_ are approximately 400x200mm.

*n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

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

*v.* to take the place of something

81. The \_\_\_\_\_ officer was responsible for the safety and well-being of the crew on his ship.

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

ANSWERS: 73. attract, 74. release, 75. primarily, 76. catholic, 77. representatives, 78. entirely, 79. dimensions, 80. replace, 81. naval

82. This business yields little \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

83. Folk music is now experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

84. I forgot to renew my driver's license, and it \_\_\_\_\_.

- v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.

85. 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

86. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

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

87. The new sports car \_\_\_\_\_ all its competitors regarding speed and performance.

- v.* to be far superior to or surpass someone or something in quality, skill, or performance

88. Throughout the \_\_\_\_\_ the bank robbers wore masks.

- n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft

89. The incident attracted \_\_\_\_\_ media coverage throughout the world.

- adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range

ANSWERS: 82. profit, 83. renaissance, 84. expired, 85. launch, 86. strike, 87. outclasses, 88. raid, 89. extensive



90. 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

91. We should always be prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ talented recruits.

*v.* to give somebody a job

92. It would be best if you did your work without any \_\_\_\_\_ spirit.

*n.* a professional soldier who will fight for any country or organization that offers payment

93. The \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

*n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

94. He continued to grow his empire through \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

ANSWERS: 90. individual, 91. hire, 92. mercenary, 93. veteran, 94. conquest