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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.

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

1. vi_____t incident
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
2. ex__l in description
v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
3. 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
4. imperial co_____st
n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
5. fierce ri_____y
n. competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business
6. earn el__e status
adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
7. make a co_____st
n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
8. a ti__t game
adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
9. ou_____ss her peers
v. to be far superior to or surpass someone or something in quality, skill, or performance
10. 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

ANSWERS: 1. violent, 2. excel, 3. truce, 4. conquest, 5. rivalry, 6. elite, 7. conquest, 8. tight, 9. outclass, 10. dynasty

21. co____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
22. a very ta____ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
23. 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
24. 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
25. re____t against the dictator *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
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27. na__l battles *adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
28. fairly ty____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
29. ex____es next month *v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.
30. fa____e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

ANSWERS: 21. compete, 22. talented, 23. native, 24. contract, 25. revolt, 26. attract, 27. naval, 28. typical, 29. expire, 30. famine

31. me_____nt bank *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
32. re___t against existing ways of thinking *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
33. 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
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. 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
36. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
37. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
38. 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
39. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
40. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
41. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
42. gu_____er paper *n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive

ANSWERS: 31. merchant, 32. revolt, 33. fortune, 34. fortune, 35. plunder, 36. influence, 37. entirely, 38. counterattack, 39. regularly, 40. dominate, 41. individual, 42. gunpowder

52. 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
53. sp_____y a cause *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
54. an el_____te hat *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
55. 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
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58. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
59. ou_____ss by technology *v.* to be far superior to or surpass someone or something in quality, skill, or performance
60. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 52. decision, 53. specify, 54. elaborate, 55. contract, 56. cowardice, 57. dynasty, 58. regardless, 59. outclass, 60. opportune

61. att____ve men *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
62. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
63. 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
64. greatest gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
65. na__l base *adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
66. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
67. spiritual wa_____e *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
68. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
69. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
70. a cl__h of viewpoints *n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something
71. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
72. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

ANSWERS: 61. attractive, 62. famine, 63. weaponry, 64. glory, 65. naval, 66. dimension, 67. warfare, 68. encouraging, 69. entirely, 70. clash, 71. mere, 72. fulfill

73. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
74. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
75. te_____ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
76. wa_____e aircraft *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
77. inc_____ive evidence *adj.* without any significant results or proof or decision
78. 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
79. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
80. national pr_____ge *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
81. sp_____y an option *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
82. 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.
83. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 73. decision, 74. intense, 75. temporary, 76. warfare, 77. inconclusive, 78. truce, 79. alternative, 80. prestige, 81. specify, 82. outfit, 83. conflict

84. ex_____ve experience *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
85. 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
86. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
87. a te_____ry permit *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
88. a me_____ry enterprise *n.* a professional soldier who will fight for any country or organization that offers payment
89. 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
90. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
91. fu_____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
92. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
93. 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
94. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

ANSWERS: 84. extensive, 85. savvy, 86. hire, 87. temporary, 88. mercenary, 89. weaponry, 90. primarily, 91. fulfill, 92. strike, 93. savvy, 94. Renaissance

95. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
96. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
97. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
98. me_____ry killers *n.* a professional soldier who will fight for any country or organization that offers payment
99. air-r__d siren *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
100. 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
101. former gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
102. 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
103. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

ANSWERS: 95. conflict, 96. Renaissance, 97. distribute, 98. mercenary, 99. raid, 100. pillage, 101. glory, 102. leash, 103. compete

104. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
105. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
106. de___t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
107. vi_____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
108. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
109. 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
110. 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
111. cr__h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
112. unn_____ry expense *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
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: 104. church, 105. release, 106. defeat, 107. victory, 108. encouraging, 109. lever, 110. Catholic, 111. crush, 112. unnecessary, 113. outfit

114. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
115. 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
116. racial or_____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
117. agricultural me_____nt *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
118. el_____te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
119. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
120. non-syn_____us mutation *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
121. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
122. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
123. 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
124. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

ANSWERS: 114. typical, 115. plunder, 116. origin, 117. merchant, 118. elaborate, 119. tight, 120. synonymous, 121. dawn, 122. dominate, 123. commander, 124. regardless

125. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
126. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
127. 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
128. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
129. 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
130. it will ex___e *v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.
131. crack of d___n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
132. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
133. still on_____g *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
134. 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

ANSWERS: 125. representative, 126. government, 127. massacre, 128. humble, 129. cowardice, 130. expire, 131. dawn, 132. replace, 133. ongoing, 134. hail

135. earn his lo____y *n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
136. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
137. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
138. develop in____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
139. ex__l at communication *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
140. vi____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
141. face inc____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
142. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
143. 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
144. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
145. 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
146. ri____y among airlines *n.* competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business

ANSWERS: 135. loyalty, 136. defend, 137. hire, 138. intense, 139. excel, 140. victory, 141. increasingly, 142. government, 143. counterattack, 144. wealth, 145. massacre, 146. rivalry

147. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
148. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
149. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
150. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
151. A 20-year ve_____n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
152. 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
153. syn_____us terms *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
154. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
155. 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
156. ta_____ed athlete *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
157. ve_____n teacher *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

ANSWERS: 147. mere, 148. opportune, 149. military, 150. alternative, 151. veteran, 152. native, 153. synonymous, 154. release, 155. leash, 156. talented, 157. veteran

158. pr____ge company *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
159. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
160. sp____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
161. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
162. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
163. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
164. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
165. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
166. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
167. inc_____ive debate *adj.* without any significant results or proof or decision
168. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 158. prestige, 159. strike, 160. sponsor, 161. defend, 162. origin, 163. influence, 164. dimension, 165. humble, 166. violent, 167. inconclusive, 168. distribute

169. an en____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
170. 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
171. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
172. 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
173. 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
174. intended pr_____ly for young people *adv.* mainly
175. sp_____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
176. have ex_____ve vocabulary *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
177. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 169. engaging, 170. ruthless, 171. representative, 172. con, 173. launch, 174. primarily, 175. sponsor, 176. extensive, 177. attract

178. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
179. on____g support *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
180. cr__h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
181. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
182. 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
183. 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
184. smokeless gu____er *n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
185. 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
186. ind____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 178. elite, 179. ongoing, 180. crush, 181. military, 182. pillage, 183. launch, 184. gunpowder, 185. bandit, 186. individual

187. en____ng story

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

188. a cl__h between the two task forces

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

ANSWERS: 187. engaging, 188. clash

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

3. 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

4. The people tried to _____ to oust the tyrant.
n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

5. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

6. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

7. We are optimistic about our final _____.
n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

8. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.
v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

ANSWERS: 1. massacre, 2. defeat, 3. clash, 4. revolt, 5. compete, 6. dominates, 7. victory, 8. fulfilled

9. He managed to get _____ jobs during the recession.
adj. not lasting or be used for a very long
10. He has always shown great _____ to his friends and family.
n. the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
11. 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
12. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
13. The extra steps in the process were deemed _____ and removed to streamline production.
adj. not needed or required; not essential or important
14. 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
15. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
16. The incident attracted _____ media coverage throughout the world.
adj. covering a large area; having a wide range

ANSWERS: 9. temporary, 10. loyalty, 11. counterattack, 12. intense, 13. unnecessary, 14. ruthless, 15. entirely, 16. extensive

17. 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

18. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.

- adv.* at regular intervals or times

19. 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

20. 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

21. 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

22. 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.

23. 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

24. Throughout the _____ the bank robbers wore masks.

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

ANSWERS: 17. savvy, 18. regularly, 19. strike, 20. lever, 21. outclasses, 22. outfit, 23. conflicts, 24. raid,

25. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

v. to give somebody a job

26. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.

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

27. 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

28. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

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

29. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.

v. to take the place of something

30. He continued to grow his empire through _____.

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

31. You can _____ the font color by clicking the Color tab.

v. to explain or state something clearly and exactly

32. 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

33. 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: 25. hire, 26. renaissance, 27. influence, 28. wealth, 29. replace, 30. conquest, 31. specify, 32. attract, 33. cowardice

34. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

35. 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

36. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

37. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

38. 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

39. 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

40. The company _____ in customer service.

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

41. 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

ANSWERS: 34. violent, 35. famine, 36. opportune, 37. encouraging, 38. truce, 39. regardless, 40. excels, 41. veteran

42. 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
43. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.
n. great honor or success won by notable achievements
44. 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.
45. 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
46. 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
47. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
48. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
49. 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

ANSWERS: 42. prestige, 43. glory, 44. expired, 45. plunder, 46. launch, 47. release, 48. alternative, 49. decision

50. 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
51. His estate was _____ to his sons.
- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
52. 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
53. 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
54. 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
55. The invention of _____ revolutionized warfare.
- n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
56. 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.
57. The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the _____ economic crisis.
- adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening

ANSWERS: 50. warfare, 51. distributed, 52. church, 53. government, 54. crushed, 55. gunpowder, 56. defend, 57. ongoing

58. 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

59. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.

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

60. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are _____.

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

61. The national election was held amid _____ security.

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

62. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.

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

63. The _____ between the two teams was intense and heated.

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

64. 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

65. 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

ANSWERS: 58. individual, 59. sponsors, 60. synonymous, 61. tight, 62. dimensions, 63. rivalry, 64. fortune, 65. catholic

66. 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
67. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.
- adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
68. 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
69. 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
70. This business yields little _____.
- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
71. 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
72. 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
73. 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

ANSWERS: 66. pillage, 67. elites, 68. weaponry, 69. bandits, 70. profit, 71. merchant, 72. native, 73. contract

74. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

75. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

adv. more and more

76. 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

77. 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

78. 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

79. The nobler, the more _____.

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

80. The media _____ had special passes.

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

81. Climate behavior models are frequently _____.

adj. without any significant results or proof or decision

ANSWERS: 74. origin, 75. increasingly, 76. naval, 77. hail, 78. military, 79. humble, 80. representatives, 81. inconclusive

82. 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

83. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

84. 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

85. All peaceful cooperation is based _____ on mutual trust.

- adv.* mainly

86. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.

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

87. He proposed an _____ program of public works.

- adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

88. 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

89. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

- adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming

ANSWERS: 82. con, 83. typical, 84. dynasty, 85. primarily, 86. dawn, 87. elaborate, 88. leash, 89. engaging

90. He lost the election by _____ votes.

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

91. 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

92. 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

93. 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

94. 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

ANSWERS: 90. mere, 91. commander, 92. attractive, 93. talented, 94. mercenary