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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### responsible

*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

*synonym* : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

### plot

*n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

*synonym* : scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

### statistics

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

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

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

## combine

*v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

*synonym* : coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

## arresting

*adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

*synonym* : striking, impressive, captivating

(1) an **arresting** image, (2) an **arresting** sight

The painting's **arresting** beauty made it difficult to look away.

## corruptible

*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

*synonym* : bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

## politician

*n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

*synonym* : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

## gang

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

*synonym* : crew, posse, group

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

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

## crooked

*adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

*synonym* : bent, curved, twisted

(1) **crooked** smile, (2) **crooked** line

The table leg was **crooked**, causing all the cups to slide to one side.

## elect

*v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

*synonym* : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

## pursue

*v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

*synonym* : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

## consume

*v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

*synonym* : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

## bureau

*n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information

*synonym* : agency, department, office

(1) **bureau** of statistics, (2) travel **bureau**

I went to the **bureau** of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.

## domestic

*adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

*synonym* : endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

## terrorism

*n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act

(1) **terrorism** against civilians, (2) anti- **terrorism** bill

Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of **terrorism**.

## fraud

*n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

*synonym*: trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

## corruption

*n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

*synonym*: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

## tradition

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

*synonym*: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

## criminal

*n.* a person who has committed a crime

*synonym*: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

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

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

## prosecution

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

*synonym*: trial, lawsuit, legal action

(1) criminal **prosecution**, (2) wrongful **prosecution**  
The judge denied the motion to dismiss the **prosecution's** case.

## conclude

*v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

*synonym*: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy  
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

## marathon

*n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers

*synonym*: endurance, race, event

(1) run a **marathon**, (2) watch a **marathon**  
She successfully completed her first **marathon** with a personal best time.

## bomb

*n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

*synonym*: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**  
The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

## brag

*v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

*synonym*: boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge  
Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

## foil

*n.* a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions

*synonym*: enhancer, transparency, (verb) curb

(1) aluminum **foil**, (2) **foil** a terror plot

The baker covered the cake with **foil** to prevent it from burning in the oven.

## arrest

v. to take into custody

*synonym*: capture, detain, imprison

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

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

## aggressive

*adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

*synonym*: assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

## undercover

*adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

*synonym*: covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist

The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

## sting

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

*synonym*: bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face

Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

## 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.

## economical

*adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

*synonym* : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal  
It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

## desperate

*adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

*synonym* : anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt  
He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

## edict

*n.* an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation

*synonym* : decree, order, command

(1) religious **edict**, (2) royal **edict**  
The **edict** issued by the king had to be obeyed by all his subjects.

## soil

*n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

*synonym* : earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**  
**Soil** moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

## 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.

## recruit

*v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

*synonym* : raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

## nationwide

*adj.* extending throughout an entire nation

*synonym*: countrywide, national

(1) **nationwide** strike, (2) **nationwide** network

This is a **nationwide** campaign to recruit women into trade unions.

## 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.

## spy

*n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

*synonym*: agent, undercover operative

(1) **spy** cameras, (2) digital **spy** tools

The government recruited a **spy** to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

## communal

*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

*synonym*: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

**Communal** elections were held in several European countries.



- nab** *v.* to catch someone in the act of doing something wrong or illegal  
*synonym*: catch, apprehend, arrest  
(1) **nab** traffic offender, (2) **nab** the opportunity  
The police were able to **nab** the thief before he could escape.
- huff** *n.* a fit of anger, annoyance, or resentment; a state of irritation or sulking; (verb) to exhale forcefully or audibly in a show of annoyance, anger, or frustration  
*synonym*: miff, tantrum, indignation  
(1) **huff** and puff upstairs, (2) give a **huff** of relief  
She let out a **huff** of frustration after the difficult workout.
- gasoline** *n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.  
*synonym*: gas, petrol, fuel  
(1) lead-free **gasoline**, (2) small **gasoline** engine  
Luxury cars often require high-octane **gasoline** as fuel.
- attempt** *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult  
*synonym*: endeavor, effort, try  
(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**  
The third **attempt** was far more successful.
- suicide** *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally  
*synonym*: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se  
(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack  
In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.
- schizoaffective** *adj.* of or relating to a mental disorder characterized by a combination of schizophrenia symptoms, such as hallucinations, delusions, or disorganized thinking, and mood disorder symptoms, such as depression or mania  
*synonym*: psychotic, mood disorder, mental illness

(1) treatment for **schizoaffective**, (2) **schizoaffective** symptoms

**Schizoaffective** disorder is a mental illness characterized by symptoms of both schizophrenia and mood disorders.

## disorder

*n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions

*synonym*: chaos, disturbance, disease

(1) the files are in complete **disorder**, (2) people with bipolar **disorder**

The doctor prescribed some medicine for the mental **disorder**.

## distinguish

*v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

*synonym*: determine, differentiate, characterize

(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals

This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.

## fantasy

*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

*synonym*: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

## conspire

*v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

*synonym*: plot, scheme, collude

(1) **conspire** his ruin, (2) **conspire** to corner the market

The group of friends **conspired** to pull a prank on their teacher.

## 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.

## convict

*v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;  
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

*synonym* : condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

## rap

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

*synonym* : hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

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

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

## molest

*v.* to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way

*synonym* : harass, harm, abuse

(1) **molest** a woman on a train, (2) sexually **molest** his stepchild

The organization campaigns for stricter penalties for those who **molest** children.

## flee

*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

*synonym* : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

## murder

*n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

*synonym*: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

## synagogue

*n.* (also "shul") a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices

*synonym*: temple, shul, tabernacle

(1) reconstructed **synagogue**, (2) historical **synagogue**

We attended services at the local **synagogue** during the High Holidays.

## defendant

*n.* a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law

*synonym*: accused, prisoner, litigant

(1) **defendant** in court, (2) the **defendant's** testimony

The **defendant's** lawyer argued that his client was not responsible for the crime.

## employee

*n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

*synonym*: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

## participate

*v.* to take part in something

*synonym*: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

## intercept

*v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

*synonym* : ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

## involve

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

*synonym* : implicate, include, engage

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

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

## nonetheless

*adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

*synonym* : nevertheless, regardless, still

(1) we are **nonetheless** confident, (2) love him

**nonetheless**

They each choose **nonetheless** to battle.

## introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

*synonym* : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

## pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

*synonym* : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

## lure

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

*synonym* : tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

## blur

*n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

*synonym*: smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

## equip

*v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

*synonym*: prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

## farce

*n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor

*synonym*: comedy, parody, spoof

(1) sports **farce**, (2) theatrical **farce**

The political scandal was like a **farce** straight out of a TV sitcom.

## judge

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

*synonym*: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

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

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

## conversation

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

*synonym* : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**  
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

## sealed

*adj.* closed or secured with

*synonym* : closed, impenetrable

(1) **sealed** orders, (2) **sealed** jar

We packed and shipped the product in **sealed** containers.

## transcript

*n.* a written or printed version of something, especially a dictated or recorded speech, interview, or conversation; an official record of a student's coursework and grades at a school or university

*synonym* : record, certificate, report

(1) academic **transcript**, (2) official **transcript**

The court reporter was responsible for creating a **transcript** of the trial proceedings.

## squad

*n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team

*synonym* : team, unit, group

(1) a bomb-disposal **squad**, (2) antiriot **squad**

The police department assembled a special **squad** to handle the situation.

## supervisor

*n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others

*synonym* : manager, boss, overseer

(1) **supervisor** of elections, (2) immediate **supervisor**

I have to check with my **supervisor** before making any changes.

## would-be

*adj.* indicating a person who aspires or attempts to be something but has not yet achieved that status or position

*synonym* : aspiring, wannabe, potential

(1) **would-be** actor, (2) **would-be** entrepreneur

The **would-be** burglar was caught on the security camera and arrested by the police.

## retarded

*adj.* (considered derogatory) delayed or impeded in intellectual or emotional development; slow to learn

*synonym*: delayed, impeded, slow

(1) **retarded** growth, (2) **retarded** child

The project was delayed due to some technical problems, and it was considered **retarded**.

## ambition

*n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something

*synonym*: purpose, aim, endeavor

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

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

## wishy-washy

*adj.* lacking firmness or clarity; indecisive or uncertain; weak or ineffective in character, resulting in a lack of conviction or clear direction

*synonym*: indecisive, namby-pamby, undecided

(1) **wishy-washy** response, (2) a **wishy-washy** policy

The politician's **wishy-washy** stance on the issue left voters feeling uncertain.

## scenario

*n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

*synonym*: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different

**scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

## martyrdom

*n.* the act or experience of suffering or dying for a cause, belief, or principle, which often implies sacrifice and is associated with individuals who endure persecution or hardship due to their convictions

*synonym*: calvary, sacrifice, self-sacrifice

(1) **martyrdom** stories, (2) religious **martyrdom**



Many individuals have died as a result of their **martyrdom** for their beliefs.

**cab** *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven  
*synonym*: taxi, hack, cabriolet  
(1) taxi **cab**, (2) yellow **cab**  
I hailed a **cab** to take me to the airport.

**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.

**terror** *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm  
*synonym*: fear, alarm, horror  
(1) **terror** attack, (2) **terror** group  
The bomb blast spread **terror** among the people.

**nation** *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture  
*synonym*: country, state, sovereign entity  
(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**  
The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

**unwitting** *adj.* without purpose or intent  
*synonym*: unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended  
(1) **unwitting** victims, (2) an **unwitting** mistake  
His rudeness was **unwitting**, not intentional.

**choreograph** *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

## accusation

*n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

*synonym*: charge, indictment, imputation

(1) criminal **accusation**, (2) false **accusation**

The **accusation** of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

## grant

*v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

*synonym*: allocate, authorize, give

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

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

## investigate

*v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

*synonym*: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

## assistant

*n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

*synonym*: aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor

An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.

## database

*n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

## provocateur

*n.* a person who deliberately behaves in a way to provoke or challenge others, often to incite strong reactions or controversy

*synonym* : inciter, agitator, instigator

(1) political **provocateur**, (2) social media **provocateur**

The movie director is considered a **provocateur** for his controversial films that often address taboo subjects.

## submit

*v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

*synonym* : hand in, present, propose

(1) agree to **submit** the bill, (2) **submit** an application

Please **submit** the assignment to me.

## journalism

*n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

*synonym* : reporting, news media, writing

(1) **journalism** ethics, (2) tabloid **journalism**

She plans to study **journalism** in college and become a reporter.

## cofounder

*n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

## 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.

## leak

*v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

*synonym* : outflow, divulge, disclose

(1) **leak** data, (2) **leak** a classified memo

He **leaked** serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.

## claim

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

*synonym* : assert, declare, maintain

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

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

## 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.

## irreparable

*adj.* not able to be repaired or fixed; beyond repair or remedy

*synonym* : irreversible, permanent, unfixable

(1) **irreparable** harm, (2) **irreparable** loss

Unfortunately, the damage to the car was **irreparable**, and it had to be scrapped.

## damage

*v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

*synonym* : harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

## enforcement

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

*synonym* : implementation, application, execution

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

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

## strategy

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

*synonym*: approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

## journalist

*n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

*synonym*: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine  
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

## sensitive

*adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

*synonym*: exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

## highlight

*v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

*synonym*: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

## 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.

## orchestrate

*v.* to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music

*synonym* : plan, coordinate, arrange

(1) **orchestrate** a takeover, (2) **orchestrate** the political reinstatement

He carefully **orchestrated** the details of his business plan.

## essentially

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

*synonym* : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

**Essentially**, a society is an organism.

## conspiracy

*n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

*synonym* : plot, collaboration, scheme

(1) political **conspiracy**, (2) **conspiracy** theory

There was a **conspiracy** of silence about illegal police interrogation.

## suspect

*v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

*synonym* : assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

## flavor

*n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

*synonym* : taste, savor, essence

(1) a delicate **flavor**, (2) **flavor** enhancer

The **flavor** of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

## initially

*adv.* at the beginning; at first

*synonym* : originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor  
This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

## passport

*n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel

*synonym*: travel document, ID, identity

(1) **passport** renewal, (2) **passport** document

Carrying a valid **passport** is mandatory when traveling to most foreign countries.

## unclear

*adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive

*synonym*: ambiguous, fuzzy, obscure

(1) an **unclear** match, (2) in no **unclear** terms

It is important not to undertake tasks with **unclear** objectives to improve productivity.

## 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.

## amazing

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

*synonym*: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. sch\_\_\_\_\_ive symptoms  
*adj.* of or relating to a mental disorder characterized by a combination of schizophrenia symptoms, such as hallucinations, delusions, or disorganized thinking, and mood disorder symptoms, such as depression or mania
2. a delicate fl\_\_\_r  
*n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
3. give a h\_\_f of relief  
*n.* a fit of anger, annoyance, or resentment; a state of irritation or sulking; (verb) to exhale forcefully or audibly in a show of annoyance, anger, or frustration
4. de\_\_\_\_\_te attempt  
*adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
5. eq\_\_p our children with some special skills  
*v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
6. watch a ma\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
7. wo\_\_\_\_\_be entrepreneur  
*adj.* indicating a person who aspires or attempts to be something but has not yet achieved that status or position
8. b\_\_r image  
*n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

ANSWERS: 1. schizoaffective, 2. flavor, 3. huff, 4. desperate, 5. equip, 6. marathon, 7. would-be, 8. blur



9. am\_\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
10. an un\_\_\_\_\_r match *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
11. re\_\_\_\_\_t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
12. ar\_\_\_\_t the thief *v.* to take into custody
13. mu\_\_\_\_r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
14. re\_\_\_\_\_e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
15. f\_\_e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
16. official tra\_\_\_\_\_pt *n.* a written or printed version of something, especially a dictated or recorded speech, interview, or conversation; an official record of a student's coursework and grades at a school or university
17. the files are in complete di\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions
18. develop a st\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
19. ju\_\_e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 9. amazing, 10. unclear, 11. recruit, 12. arrest, 13. murder, 14. release, 15. flee, 16. transcript, 17. disorder, 18. strategy, 19. judge

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| 20. n_b the opportunity               | v.   | to catch someone in the act of doing something wrong or illegal  |
| 21. 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            |
| 22. the de_____nt's testimony         | n.   | a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law                                       |
| 23. gov_____nt funding                | n.   | the group of people with authority to control a country or state   |
| 24. confuse fa_____y with reality     | n.   | a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen |
| 25. her de_____te screams             | adj. | feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation                  |
| 26. res_____le for a customer service | adj. | answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management                                       |
| 27. lead-free ga_____ne               | n.   | a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.                          |
| 28. antiriot sq__d                    | n.   | a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team                   |
| 29. wanted cr_____al                  | n.   | a person who has committed a crime   |
| 30. co_____e a large of alcohol       | v.   | to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount  |

ANSWERS: 20. nab, 21. strike, 22. defendant, 23. government, 24. fantasy, 25. desperate, 26. responsible, 27. gasoline, 28. squad, 29. criminal, 30. consume

31. se\_\_\_d jar *adj.* closed or secured with
32. re\_\_\_\_\_e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
33. re\_\_\_\_\_ed child *adj.* (considered derogatory) delayed or impeded in intellectual or emotional development; slow to learn
34. cor\_\_\_\_\_on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
35. a bomb-disposal sq\_\_\_d *n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
36. in\_\_\_\_\_e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
37. religious ed\_\_\_t *n.* an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation
38. a China-based jou\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
39. federal cor\_\_\_\_\_on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
40. love him non\_\_\_\_\_ss *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
41. political con\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

ANSWERS: 31. sealed, 32. release, 33. retarded, 34. corruption, 35. squad, 36. involve, 37. edict, 38. journalist, 39. corruption, 40. nonetheless, 41. conspiracy

42. irr\_\_\_\_\_le harm *adj.* not able to be repaired or fixed; beyond repair or remedy
43. an eco\_\_\_\_\_al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
44. te\_\_\_r attack *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
45. p\_\_t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
46. anti-te\_\_\_\_\_sm bill *n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
47. get a r\_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
48. diagnosed in\_\_\_\_\_ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
49. gr\_\_t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
50. eq\_\_p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
51. b\_\_g about my knowledge *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
52. in\_\_\_\_\_ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first

ANSWERS: 42. irreparable, 43. economical, 44. terror, 45. plot, 46. terrorism, 47. rap, 48. initially, 49. grant, 50. equip, 51. brag, 52. initially

53. historical sy\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* (also "shul") a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
54. co\_\_\_\_\_t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
55. cor\_\_\_\_\_le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
56. royal ed\_\_t *n.* an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation
57. con\_\_\_\_\_ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
58. wo\_\_\_\_\_be actor *adj.* indicating a person who aspires or attempts to be something but has not yet achieved that status or position
59. se\_\_\_\_\_ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
60. re\_\_\_\_\_t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
61. nat\_\_\_\_\_de network *adj.* extending throughout an entire nation
62. el\_\_t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 53. synagogue, 54. convict, 55. corruptible, 56. edict, 57. conversation, 58. would-be, 59. sensitive, 60. recruit, 61. nationwide, 62. elect

63. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
64. sexually mo\_\_\_\_t his stepchild *v.* to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way
65. theatrical fa\_\_e *n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor
66. cho\_\_\_\_\_ph a stage performance *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
67. a mi\_\_\_\_\_ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
68. a reckless at\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
69. st\_\_g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
70. cr\_\_\_\_\_al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
71. te\_\_\_\_r group *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
72. number of different sc\_\_\_\_\_ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
73. pa\_\_\_\_\_rt renewal *n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel

ANSWERS: 63. government, 64. molest, 65. farce, 66. choreograph, 67. military, 68. attempt, 69. sting, 70. criminal, 71. terror, 72. scenario, 73. passport

74. aluminum f\_\_l *n.* a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions
75. 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
76. a corrupt pol\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
77. nat\_\_\_\_\_de strike *adj.* extending throughout an entire nation
78. military st\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
79. eco\_\_\_\_\_al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
80. wis\_\_\_\_\_hy response *adj.* lacking firmness or clarity; indecisive or uncertain; weak or ineffective in character, resulting in a lack of conviction or clear direction
81. su\_\_\_t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

ANSWERS: 74. foil, 75. con, 76. politician, 77. nationwide, 78. strategy, 79. economical, 80. wishy-washy, 81. submit

82. co\_\_\_\_re to corner the market      *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
83. ess\_\_\_\_\_ly correct      *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
84. und\_\_\_\_\_er operation      *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
85. disarm the b\_\_b      *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
86. run a ma\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
87. taxi c\_b      *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
88. g\_\_g member      *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
89. co\_\_\_\_\_t him of manslaughter      *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
90. agree to su\_\_\_\_t the bill      *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
91. co\_\_\_\_\_al swimming pool      *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
92. an el\_\_\_\_\_te hat      *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

ANSWERS: 82. conspire, 83. essentially, 84. undercover, 85. bomb, 86. marathon, 87. cab, 88. gang, 89. convict, 90. submit, 91. communal, 92. elaborate



93. irr\_\_\_\_\_le loss *adj.* not able to be repaired or fixed; beyond repair or remedy
94. p\_\_e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
95. do\_\_\_\_\_ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
96. tabloid jou\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
97. a do\_\_\_\_\_ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
98. late co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
99. da\_\_\_e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
100. false cl\_\_m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
101. b\_\_g to each other *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

ANSWERS: 93. irreparable, 94. pose, 95. domestic, 96. journalism, 97. domestic, 98. cofounder, 99. damage, 100. claim, 101. brag

102. co\_\_\_\_\_e augmented reality      *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
103. vi\_\_\_\_\_t incident      *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
104. te\_\_\_\_\_sm against civilians      *n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
105. p\_\_t twist      *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
106. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling      *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
107. und\_\_\_\_\_er journalist      *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
108. treatment for sch\_\_\_\_\_ive      *adj.* of or relating to a mental disorder characterized by a combination of schizophrenia symptoms, such as hallucinations, delusions, or disorganized thinking, and mood disorder symptoms, such as depression or mania
109. pu\_\_\_e freedoms      *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
110. hi\_\_\_\_\_ht a string in red      *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

ANSWERS: 102. combine, 103. violent, 104. terrorism, 105. plot, 106. amazing, 107. undercover, 108. schizo affective, 109. pursue, 110. highlight

111. su\_\_\_\_e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
112. a mi\_\_\_\_ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
113. co\_\_\_\_e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
114. cr\_\_\_\_d smile *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
115. in\_\_\_\_pt X rays *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
116. in no un\_\_\_\_r terms *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
117. un\_\_\_\_ng victims *adj.* without purpose or intent
118. wrongful pro\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial
119. victim of a vi\_\_\_\_t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
120. people with bipolar di\_\_\_\_er *n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions

ANSWERS: 111. suicide, 112. military, 113. combine, 114. crooked, 115. intercept, 116. unclear, 117. unwitting, 118. prosecution, 119. violent, 120. disorder

121. an agg\_\_\_\_\_ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
122. academic tra\_\_\_\_\_pt *n.* a written or printed version of something, especially a dictated or recorded speech, interview, or conversation; an official record of a student's coursework and grades at a school or university
123. an un\_\_\_\_\_ng mistake *adj.* without purpose or intent
124. co\_\_\_\_\_de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
125. par\_\_\_\_\_te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
126. cor\_\_\_\_\_le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
127. cl\_\_m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
128. inv\_\_\_\_\_te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
129. sup\_\_\_\_\_or of elections *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
130. inv\_\_\_\_\_te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

ANSWERS: 121. aggressive, 122. transcript, 123. unwitting, 124. conclude, 125. participate, 126. corruptible, 127. claim, 128. investigate, 129. supervisor, 130. investigate

131. exquisitely cho\_\_\_\_\_phed *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
132. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
133. jou\_\_\_\_\_sm ethics *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
134. fa\_\_\_\_\_y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
135. a friendly con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
136. attempted mu\_\_\_\_r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
137. st\_\_g his face *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
138. p\_\_e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
139. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
140. travel bu\_\_\_\_u *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information

ANSWERS: 131. choreograph, 132. opportune, 133. journalism, 134. fantasy, 135. conversation, 136. murder, 137. sting, 138. pose, 139. statistics, 140. bureau

141. criminal pro\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial
142. sports fa\_\_e *n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor
143. da\_\_\_e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
144. dis\_\_\_\_\_sh these two things *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
145. l\_\_e prey *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
146. co\_\_\_\_\_al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
147. jou\_\_\_\_\_st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
148. r\_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

ANSWERS: 141. prosecution, 142. farce, 143. damage, 144. distinguish, 145. lure, 146. communal, 147. journalist, 148. rap

149. a tr\_\_\_\_\_on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
150. reconstructed sy\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* (also "shul") a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
151. 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
152. yellow c\_b *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
153. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
154. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
155. pu\_\_\_e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
156. an associate ju\_\_e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 149. tradition, 150. synagogue, 151. lever, 152. cab, 153. nation, 154. statistics, 155. pursue, 156. judge

157. cr\_\_\_\_d line *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
158. 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
159. par\_\_\_\_te in the program *v.* to take part in something
160. fl\_\_\_\_r enhancer *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
161. em\_\_\_\_ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
162. get money by fr\_\_d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
163. religious ma\_\_\_\_om *n.* the act or experience of suffering or dying for a cause, belief, or principle, which often implies sacrifice and is associated with individuals who endure persecution or hardship due to their convictions
164. f\_\_l a terror plot *n.* a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions

ANSWERS: 157. crooked, 158. lever, 159. participate, 160. flavor, 161. employee, 162. fraud, 163. martyrdom, 164. foil



165. an agg\_\_\_\_\_ve war      *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
166. su\_\_\_\_\_t that he is sick      *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
167. h\_\_f and puff upstairs      *n.* a fit of anger, annoyance, or resentment; a state of irritation or sulking; (verb) to exhale forcefully or audibly in a show of annoyance, anger, or frustration
168. co\_\_\_\_\_de that he is healthy      *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
169. se\_\_\_\_d orders      *adj.* closed or secured with
170. motion b\_\_r      *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
171. ma\_\_\_\_\_om stories      *n.* the act or experience of suffering or dying for a cause, belief, or principle, which often implies sacrifice and is associated with individuals who endure persecution or hardship due to their convictions
172. co\_\_\_\_\_re his ruin      *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
173. the worst case sc\_\_\_\_\_io      *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

ANSWERS: 165. aggressive, 166. suspect, 167. huff, 168. conclude, 169. sealed, 170. blur, 171. martyrdom, 172. conspire, 173. scenario

174. con\_\_\_\_\_cy theory *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
175. the at\_\_\_\_\_t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
176. small ga\_\_\_\_\_ne engine *n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
177. employee da\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
178. enf\_\_\_\_\_nt action *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
179. pa\_\_\_\_\_rt document *n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel
180. in\_\_\_\_\_pt an enemy force *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
181. atomic b\_\_bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
182. self-int\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 174. conspiracy, 175. attempt, 176. gasoline, 177. database, 178. enforcement, 179. passport, 180. intercept, 181. bomb, 182. introduction

183. el\_\_\_\_\_te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
184. we are non\_\_\_\_\_ss confident *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
185. da\_\_\_\_\_se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
186. l\_\_k a classified memo *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
187. a pol\_\_\_\_\_an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
188. boundless am\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
189. parched s\_\_l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
190. mo\_\_\_t a woman on a train *v.* to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way
191. a seafaring na\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
192. an ar\_\_\_\_\_ng image *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

ANSWERS: 183. elaborate, 184. nonetheless, 185. database, 186. leak, 187. politician, 188. ambition, 189. soil, 190. molest, 191. nation, 192. arresting

193. digital s\_y tools *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
194. f\_\_e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
195. dis\_\_\_\_\_sh man from the other animals *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
196. l\_\_k data *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
197. in\_\_\_\_\_e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
198. em\_\_\_\_\_ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
199. an ar\_\_\_\_\_ng sight *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
200. political pro\_\_\_\_\_ur *n.* a person who deliberately behaves in a way to provoke or challenge others, often to incite strong reactions or controversy
201. s\_\_ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

ANSWERS: 193. spy, 194. flee, 195. distinguish, 196. leak, 197. involve, 198. employee, 199. arresting, 200. provocateur, 201. soil

202. res\_\_\_\_\_le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
203. immediate sup\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
204. as\_\_\_\_\_nt professor *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
205. enf\_\_\_\_\_nt officer *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
206. victim of fr\_\_d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
207. co\_\_\_\_\_er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
208. co\_\_\_\_\_e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
209. commit su\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
210. criminal acc\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
211. a wis\_\_\_\_\_hy policy *adj.* lacking firmness or clarity; indecisive or uncertain; weak or ineffective in character, resulting in a lack of conviction or clear direction
212. baby with se\_\_\_\_\_ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

ANSWERS: 202. responsible, 203. supervisor, 204. assistant, 205. enforcement, 206. fraud, 207. cofounder, 208. consume, 209. suicide, 210. accusation, 211. wishy-washy, 212. sensitive

213. a motorcycle g\_\_g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
214. an unwilling as\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
215. st\_\_\_e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
216. an am\_\_\_\_\_on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
217. int\_\_\_\_\_ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
218. become ess\_\_\_\_\_ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
219. n\_b traffic offender *v.* to catch someone in the act of doing something wrong or illegal
220. social media pro\_\_\_\_\_ur *n.* a person who deliberately behaves in a way to provoke or challenge others, often to incite strong reactions or controversy
221. hi\_\_\_\_\_ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
222. l\_\_\_e foreign investment *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
223. bu\_\_\_u of statistics *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information

ANSWERS: 213. gang, 214. assistant, 215. strike, 216. ambition, 217. introduction, 218. essentially, 219. nab, 220. provocateur, 221. highlight, 222. lure, 223. bureau

224. false acc\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
225. el\_\_t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
226. ar\_\_\_t the progress *v.* to take into custody
227. su\_\_\_\_\_t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
228. 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
229. s\_y cameras *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
230. orc\_\_\_\_\_te a takeover *v.* to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music
231. orc\_\_\_\_\_te the political reinstatement *v.* to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly; (noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music

ANSWERS: 224. accusation, 225. elect, 226. arrest, 227. suspect, 228. con, 229. spy, 230. orchestrate, 231. orchestrate

232. re\_\_\_\_\_ed growth      *adj.* (considered derogatory) delayed or impeded in intellectual or emotional development; slow to learn
233. gr\_\_t a new license      *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
234. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
235. against tr\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
236. de\_\_\_\_\_nt in court      *n.* a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law

ANSWERS: 232. retarded, 233. grant, 234. opportune, 235. tradition, 236. defendant



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The investigation \_\_\_\_\_ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
  - v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
  
2. The teacher is very \_\_\_\_\_ to children's feelings.
  - adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
  
3. His rudeness was \_\_\_\_\_ not intentional.
  - adj. without purpose or intent
  
4. In an economically prosperous country, most male \_\_\_\_\_ is due to child support problems.
  - n. the act of killing yourself intentionally
  
5. This study \_\_\_\_\_ four different ways to run a business.
  - v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
  
6. This train departed later than \_\_\_\_\_ scheduled.
  - adv. at the beginning; at first
  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.
  - adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
  
8. He was \_\_\_\_\_ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
  - v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

ANSWERS: 1. involves, 2. sensitive, 3. unwitting, 4. suicide, 5. distinguished, 6. initially, 7. Communal, 8. convicted

9. A smaller car will \_\_\_\_\_ less fuel.

*v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

10. The \_\_\_\_\_ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

*n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

11. She intends to \_\_\_\_\_ a political career.

*v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

12. \_\_\_\_\_ disorder is a mental illness characterized by symptoms of both schizophrenia and mood disorders.

*adj.* of or relating to a mental disorder characterized by a combination of schizophrenia symptoms, such as hallucinations, delusions, or disorganized thinking, and mood disorder symptoms, such as depression or mania

13. We packed and shipped the product in \_\_\_\_\_ containers.

*adj.* closed or secured with

14. The \_\_\_\_\_ lawyer argued that his client was not responsible for the crime.

*n.* a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law

15. The cops \_\_\_\_\_ him of being the killer.

*v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

16. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.

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

ANSWERS: 9. consume, 10. politician, 11. pursue, 12. Schizoaffective, 13. sealed, 14. defendant's, 15. suspected, 16. amazing

17. She's a \_\_\_\_\_ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

18. She successfully completed her first \_\_\_\_\_ with a personal best time.

*n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers

19. 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

20. The salesperson used a special offer to \_\_\_\_\_ customers into buying the product.

*v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something

21. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

22. The court reporter was responsible for creating a \_\_\_\_\_ of the trial proceedings.

*n.* a written or printed version of something, especially a dictated or recorded speech, interview, or conversation; an official record of a student's coursework and grades at a school or university

23. They each choose \_\_\_\_\_ to battle.

*adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

24. This intriguing \_\_\_\_\_ mystery remains unsolved.

*n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

ANSWERS: 17. responsible, 18. marathon, 19. military, 20. lure, 21. fantasy, 22. transcript, 23. nonetheless, 24. murder

25. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.
- n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
26. Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from \_\_\_\_\_ about his success.
- v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
27. He had \_\_\_\_\_ the dance in this play himself.
- v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
28. The \_\_\_\_\_ issued by the king had to be obeyed by all his subjects.
- n.* an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation
29. It is important not to undertake tasks with \_\_\_\_\_ objectives to improve productivity.
- adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
30. The project was delayed due to some technical problems, and it was considered \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* (considered derogatory) delayed or impeded in intellectual or emotional development; slow to learn
31. It is more \_\_\_\_\_ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
- adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

ANSWERS: 25. enforcement, 26. bragging, 27. choreographed, 28. edict, 29. unclear, 30. retarded, 31. economical

32. The judge denied the motion to dismiss the \_\_\_\_\_ case.
- n.* the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial
33. It is a basic instinct to \_\_\_\_\_ from a dangerous situation.
- v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
34. The chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ him the right to speak.
- v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
35. The police arrested them for committing insurance \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
36. It is illegal to \_\_\_\_\_ police radio.
- v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
38. Hydrogen and oxygen \_\_\_\_\_ to form water.
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
39. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 32. prosecution's, 33. flee, 34. granted, 35. fraud, 36. intercept, 37. statistics, 38. combine, 39. strategy

40. The table leg was \_\_\_\_\_ causing all the cups to slide to one side.  
*adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
41. She plans to study \_\_\_\_\_ in college and become a reporter.  
*n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
42. The strict \_\_\_\_\_ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.  
*n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
43. Rampant \_\_\_\_\_ led to a loss of trust in the government.  
*n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
44. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to \_\_\_\_\_ a blood vessel.  
*v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
45. The group of friends \_\_\_\_\_ to pull a prank on their teacher.  
*v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
46. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ and chairman of this tech company.  
*n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 40. crooked, 41. journalism, 42. judge, 43. corruption, 44. damage, 45. conspired, 46. cofounder

47. \_\_\_\_\_ a society is an organism.

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

48. I hailed a \_\_\_\_ to take me to the airport.

*n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven

49. Luxury cars often require high-octane \_\_\_\_\_ as fuel.

*n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.

50. The third \_\_\_\_\_ was far more successful.

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

51. The police department assembled a special \_\_\_\_\_ to handle the situation.

*n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team

52. The organization campaigns for stricter penalties for those who \_\_\_\_\_ children.

*v.* to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way

53. He was \_\_\_\_\_ when he lost all his money by gambling.

*adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

54. Please \_\_\_\_\_ the assignment to me.

*v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

ANSWERS: 47. Essentially, 48. cab, 49. gasoline, 50. attempt, 51. squad, 52. molest, 53. desperate, 54. submit

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

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

56. \_\_\_\_\_ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

*n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

57. The politician's \_\_\_\_\_ stance on the issue left voters feeling uncertain.

*adj.* lacking firmness or clarity; indecisive or uncertain; weak or ineffective in character, resulting in a lack of conviction or clear direction

58. I went to the \_\_\_\_\_ of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.

*n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information

59. He carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the details of his business plan.

*v.* to plan, coordinate, or arrange something, especially skillfully or cleverly;  
(noun) the act of organizing or directing the elements of a composition, especially in music

60. The president prepared several possible \_\_\_\_\_ for an enemy attack.

*n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

61. Bureaucracies are more \_\_\_\_\_ than other systems or organizations.

*adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

62. Carrying a valid \_\_\_\_\_ is mandatory when traveling to most foreign countries.

*n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel

ANSWERS: 55. opportune, 56. Soil, 57. wishy-washy, 58. bureau, 59. orchestrated, 60. scenarios, 61. corruptible, 62. passport



63. The painting's \_\_\_\_\_ beauty made it difficult to look away.

*adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

64. The \_\_\_\_\_ of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

*n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

65. Many individuals have died as a result of their \_\_\_\_\_ for their beliefs.

*n.* the act or experience of suffering or dying for a cause, belief, or principle, which often implies sacrifice and is associated with individuals who endure persecution or hardship due to their convictions

66. Each country's officials can access the central \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

67. We attended services at the local \_\_\_\_\_ during the High Holidays.

*n.* (also "shul") a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices

68. 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

69. The police are searching for the \_\_\_\_\_ who stole the jewels.

*n.* a person who has committed a crime

ANSWERS: 63. arresting, 64. accusation, 65. martyrdom, 66. database, 67. synagogue, 68. con, 69. criminal

70. The introduction \_\_\_\_\_ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant  
*v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
71. Unfortunately, the damage to the car was \_\_\_\_\_ and it had to be scrapped.  
*adj.* not able to be repaired or fixed; beyond repair or remedy
72. The protesters became \_\_\_\_\_ when the police tried to disperse them.  
*adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
73. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ campaign to recruit women into trade unions.  
*adj.* extending throughout an entire nation
74. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.  
*n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
75. The animal rights group worked to \_\_\_\_\_ the dolphins back into the wild.  
*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
76. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.  
*n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
77. He \_\_\_\_\_ serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.  
*v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

ANSWERS: 70. highlighted, 71. irreparable, 72. violent, 73. nationwide, 74. plot, 75. release, 76. flavor, 77. leaked

78. The committee \_\_\_\_\_ several apparent inconsistencies.
- v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
79. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
80. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a \_\_\_\_\_ of colors and shapes.
- n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
81. Foreign TV crews and \_\_\_\_\_ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
82. He proposed an \_\_\_\_\_ program of public works.
- adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
83. A police officer has the authority to \_\_\_\_\_ a criminal.
- v.* to take into custody
84. The chemicals \_\_\_\_\_ a massive health risk.
- v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
85. GDP stands for gross \_\_\_\_\_ product.
- adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

ANSWERS: 78. investigated, 79. conversation, 80. blur, 81. journalists, 82. elaborate, 83. arrest, 84. pose, 85. domestic

86. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
87. The new \_\_\_ album is getting a lot of attention.
- n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
88. The police were able to \_\_\_ the thief before he could escape.
- v.* to catch someone in the act of doing something wrong or illegal
89. The political scandal was like a \_\_\_\_\_ straight out of a TV sitcom.
- n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor
90. The baker covered the cake with \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent it from burning in the oven.
- n.* a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions
91. Greed and \_\_\_\_\_ composed his personality.
- n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
92. Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
93. The \_\_\_\_\_ police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.
- adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

ANSWERS: 86. tradition, 87. rap, 88. nab, 89. farce, 90. foil, 91. ambition, 92. terrorism, 93. undercover

94. She let out a \_\_\_\_\_ of frustration after the difficult workout.
- n.* a fit of anger, annoyance, or resentment; a state of irritation or sulking; (verb) to exhale forcefully or audibly in a show of annoyance, anger, or frustration
95. An executive \_\_\_\_\_ director administers each branch.
- n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
96. 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
97. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
98. Bees \_\_\_\_\_ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.
- v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
99. We \_\_\_\_\_ a cease-fire.
- v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
100. 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
101. The \_\_\_\_\_ burglar was caught on the security camera and arrested by the police.
- adj.* indicating a person who aspires or attempts to be something but has not yet achieved that status or position

ANSWERS: 94. huff, 95. assistant, 96. lever, 97. nation, 98. sting, 99. concluded, 100. strike, 101. would-be

102. The bomb blast spread \_\_\_\_\_ among the people.

*n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

103. The government recruited a \_\_\_\_ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

*n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

104. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the new class was informative and engaging.

*n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

105. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ of silence about illegal police interrogation.

*n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

106. An \_\_\_\_\_ tide wrecked the ship.

*adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

107. The use of cluster \_\_\_\_\_ is strictly prohibited by international law.

*n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

108. The doctor prescribed some medicine for the mental \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions

ANSWERS: 102. terror, 103. spy, 104. introduction, 105. conspiracy, 106. aggressive, 107. bombs, 108. disorder

109. The majority of students actively \_\_\_\_\_ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v. to take part in something
110. The colonial government \_\_\_\_\_ militia support when civil war broke out.
- v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
111. The street \_\_\_\_\_ was known for its violent behavior.
- n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
112. I have to check with my \_\_\_\_\_ before making any changes.
- n. a person who oversees or directs the work of others
113. The \_\_\_\_\_ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
- n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
114. The movie director is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ for his controversial films that often address taboo subjects.
- n. a person who deliberately behaves in a way to provoke or challenge others, often to incite strong reactions or controversy
115. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
116. The construction company \_\_\_\_\_ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
- v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

ANSWERS: 109. participated, 110. recruited, 111. gang, 112. supervisor, 113. employee, 114. provocateur, 115. claim, 116. equipped

117. 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

118. Every five years, the provincial governors are \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 117. government, 118. elected