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Session 1: Word List

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

princess

n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

synonym: royal, noble, queen

(1) crown **princess**, (2) a Royal **Princess**

The prince fell in love with the **princess** and asked her to marry him.

sprinkler

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

synonym : sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation

The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

fairy

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

synonym : sprite, pixie, elf

(1) **fairy** tale, (2) a water **fairy**

The mischievous **fairy** flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

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.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym : plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

swag

n. a decorative arrangement of fabric or material; stolen goods or loot; a slang term for confident style or coolness

synonym : booty, loot, plunder

(1) stolen **swag**, (2) **swag** outfit

The rapper showed off his new **swag** during his performance on stage.

restriction

n. a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something

synonym : limitation, constraint, control

(1) nutritional **restriction**, (2) **restriction** on trade

The **restriction** on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

copyright

n. the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work

synonym : patent, trademark, intellectual property

(1) artistic **copyright**, (2) **copyright** infringement

The company is taking legal action against those who have violated their **copyright** on the software.

lawsuit

n. a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

synonym : suit, legal action, litigation

(1) **lawsuit** settlement, (2) file a **lawsuit**

The company is facing a **lawsuit** for its alleged discrimination against employees.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
synonym : alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

blazing

adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

synonym : burning, fiery, scorching

(1) **blazing** fury, (2) **blazing** fire

The **blazing** sun beat down on the desert.

schedule

n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

synonym : agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**

So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

temporary

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

synonym : provisional, short-term, interim

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

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

tattoo

n. a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design

synonym : emblem, symbol

(1) a **tattoo** artist, (2) a person who has a **tattoo**

Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital **tattoo** for life.

meltdown

n. a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically

synonym : collapse, disaster, failure

(1) **meltdown** disaster, (2) economic **meltdown**

The nuclear **meltdown** in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.

cardboard

n. a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials

synonym: corrugated board, paperboard

(1) **cardboard** box, (2) **cardboard** cutout

I made a **cardboard** box to store my winter clothes in.

cutout

n. a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

synonym: silhouette, shape, form

(1) **cutout** from magazines, (2) **cutout** of flowers

The artist used a star **cutout** to make a unique art piece.

snowflake

n. a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement

synonym: flake, crystal, ice pellet

(1) delicate **snowflake**, (2) **snowflake** pattern

The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with delicate **snowflake** ornaments.

glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

synonym: sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

icicle

n. a hanging, tapering formation of ice that is formed by the freezing of dripping water, often seen hanging from the

eaves of buildings or cliffs, especially in cold weather conditions

synonym : spike

(1) melting **icicle**, (2) sharp **icicles**

The **icicles** hanging from the roof were beautiful to look at.

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.

vantage

n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

synonym : advantage, benefit, edge

(1) strategic **vantage**, (2) gain a **vantage**

From our **vantage** point, we could see the whole city skyline.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym : immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

rivet

n. a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together

synonym : bolt, fastener, clinch

(1) **rivet** gun, (2) button-head **rivet**

The **rivets** on the airplane's wings were inspected to ensure they were secure.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

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

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

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym: thrill, exhilaration, incitement

(1) the **excitement** in the business world, (2) aesthetic **excitement**

The **excitement** of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

unfurl

v. to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or become revealed or disclosed

synonym: unfold, expand, spread out

(1) **unfurl** my banner, (2) **unfurl** the sails

The flag slowly **unfurled** in the wind atop the flagpole.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

decadence

n. a state of moral or cultural decline or decay; a period of decline or decay; a period of great moral or cultural decline

synonym: degeneration, corruption, depravity

(1) **decadence** of society, (2) moral **decadence**

Society was in a state of **decadence** and moral decay.

mesmerize

v. to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

synonym: captivate, trance, enchant

(1) **mesmerize** a subject, (2) **mesmerize** with magic

The magician's performance **mesmerized** the audience.

haggard

adj. looking exhausted, worn out, or gaunt, as from fatigue, illness, or overwork; having a worn or wild appearance, as if from lack of food or rest

synonym: gaunt, emaciated, exhausted

(1) **haggard** complexion, (2) **haggard** appearance

The prisoners looked **haggard** and emaciated due to the inhumane conditions in the jail.

clerk

n. a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers

synonym: worker, record-keeper, letter-writer

(1) **clerk** job, (2) **clerk** position

The **clerk** at the store helped me find what I needed.

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.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym: immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym: proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

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.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**
Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

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.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym : preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**
The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym : break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

polar

adj. relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

synonym: opposing, contrary, contrasting

(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions

Polar animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

diameter

n. the length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference

synonym: diam, width

(1) **diameter** of an oval, (2) a particle **diameter**

Draw a circle five centimeters in **diameter**.

unequivocal

adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

synonym: apparent, absolute, undeniable

(1) **unequivocal** evidence, (2) receive an **unequivocal** answer

It is **unequivocal** that human activities are the cause of global warming.

pro-choice

adj. advocating for the right of women to have control over their reproductive health and decisions, especially regarding abortion

synonym: pro-abortion, pro-reproductive rights, pro-women's choice

(1) **pro-choice** movement, (2) **pro-choice** stance

Those who are **pro-choice** believe in providing women with access to safe and legal abortions.

penalty

n. a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract

synonym: punishment, sentence, fine

(1) death **penalty**, (2) corner of the **penalty** area

The lawyer was reinstated after paying the **penalty**.

proponent

n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

synonym: advocate, devotee, follower

(1) enthusiastic **proponent**, (2) **proponent** of world peace

Einstein was a **proponent** of the theory of relativity.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

pro-life

adj. describing beliefs, policies, or advocacy that support the protection and preservation of human life, particularly about issues such as abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment, focusing on the value and rights of the unborn or vulnerable individuals

synonym: anti-abortion, pro-birth, anti-choice

(1) **pro-life** legislation, (2) **pro-life** stance

The **pro-life** movement advocates for the protection of unborn children.

pro-death

adj. an ideology, belief, or policy that supports or advocates for actions, practices, or decisions that result in or hasten death, particularly in the context of euthanasia or capital punishment; the belief that individuals have the right to choose to have an abortion

synonym: anti-life, pro-mortality, death-promoting

(1) **pro-death** ideology, (2) **pro-death** activists

The documentary shed light on some countries' ethical implications of **pro-death** policies.

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym: non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

amendment

n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law

synonym: modification, revision, emendation

(1) constitutional **amendment**, (2) make an **amendment** to a contract

The opposition politicians jointly proposed an **amendment** to that law.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym: complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym: settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

individuality

n. the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind

synonym: personality, distinctiveness, eccentricity

(1) your **individuality**, (2) emphasize **individuality**

He has a strong sense of **individuality**.

contradictory

adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

synonym: conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence

His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

attain

v. to achieve or reach a goal or level of success

synonym: accomplish, achieve, reach

(1) **attain** success, (2) **attain** a complete victory

She is determined to **attain** her degree in computer science.

harmonious

adj. characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

synonym: concordant, consistent, melodious

(1) **harmonious** relationship, (2) **harmonious** blend

The painting's **harmonious** composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym: paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

dual

adj. having two parts, aspects, or elements

synonym: twofold, binary, double

(1) **dual** purpose, (2) **dual** nationality

This laptop has a **dual-core** processor, making it fast and efficient.

simultaneous

adj. happening or being done at the same time
synonym: concurrent, accompanying, coexisting

- (1) the **simultaneous** release of the album,
(2) **simultaneous** equations

The **simultaneous** translation made it possible for everyone to understand the speaker.

Catholic

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

- (1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

feminist

adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women;
(noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

synonym: egalitarian

- (1) **feminist** movement, (2) **feminist** perspective

The **feminist** ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

hijab

n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

synonym: veil, headscarf, cover

- (1) woman's **hijab**, (2) **hijab** garment

Many Muslim women wear a **hijab** as a symbol of their religious beliefs.

veteran

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

synonym: expert, pro, vet

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

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

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

server

n. a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant

synonym: computer, waiter, waitperson

(1) a mail **server**, (2) work as a **server** in a restaurant

After the airing of the TV commercial, many people accessed the website, and the **server** went down.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

span

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

synonym: interval, period, length

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

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

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the

part of his competence when making an investment decision.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

devout

adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

synonym: pious, religious, faithful

(1) **devout** Buddhist, (2) act in a **devout** manner

The **devout** monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

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.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

scarf

n. a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons

synonym : shawl, wrap, kerchief

(1) knit a **scarf**, (2) dotted **scarf**

She wrapped a **scarf** around her neck to keep warm.

lull

n. a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation

synonym : calm, stillness, tranquility

(1) **lull** in the battle, (2) the **lull** before the storm

The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing **lull** on the listeners.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

bravado

n. a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere

synonym : boldness, swagger, arrogance

(1) lose my **bravado**, (2) heroic **bravado**

The show of **bravado** by the bully only served to mask his insecurity and fear.

macho

adj. characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant

or aggressive

synonym : masculine, aggressive, virile

(1) **macho** culture, (2) maintain a **macho** image

His **macho** posturing was just a cover for his insecurities and lack of confidence.

ash

n. the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

synonym : cinder, soot, dust

(1) **ash** tree, (2) soda **ash**

The volcanic **ash** covered the island after the eruption.

smug

adj. excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent

synonym : self-satisfied, complacent, self-assured

(1) in a **smug** manner, (2) **smug** attitude

She felt **smug** about her performance in the competition.

maternal

adj. relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child

synonym : motherly, maternalistic, maternal-like

(1) on the **maternal** side, (2) **maternal** care

She had a very **maternal** instinct towards her newborn baby.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

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.

lifeline

n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person
in danger or distress; vital or necessary support,
connection, or source of help

synonym: savior, support, safety net

(1) **lifeline** support, (2) emotional **lifeline**

My best friend has been my **lifeline** throughout all of my
hardships.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong,
fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

compass

n. a navigational instrument for finding directions with a
needle that can move easily and that always points to
the north; the limit or range of capability

synonym: guideline, borderline, ambit

(1) read a **compass**, (2) sailing without a **compass**

The results were beyond our **compass** of imagination.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in
certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the

beginning of each hand.

stance

n. a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

synonym: attitude, standpoint, viewpoint

(1) change her **stance**, (2) the batting **stance**

He continued to support her political **stance**.

gay

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

synonym: cheerful, lively, joyful

(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights

The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

heritage

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

synonym: legacy, tradition, inheritance

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

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

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

morality

n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

synonym: decency, rectitude, righteousness

(1) business **morality**, (2) sense of **morality**

She found fault with the **morality** of politicians.

integrity

n. the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided

synonym: honesty, honor, morality

(1) a person of **integrity**, (2) **integrity** of data

The company's reputation for honesty and **integrity** is highly valued among its customers.

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.

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

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

convenient

adj. useful, helpful, or quick to do

synonym: timely, fortunate, suitable

(1) **convenient** way, (2) **convenient** location

The airport offers five **convenient** access routes.

inappropriate

adj. not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person

synonym: improper, unsuitable, unacceptable

(1) **inappropriate** behavior, (2) **inappropriate** language

It was highly **inappropriate** to make jokes during a serious business meeting.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the

reconstruction of that country.

overly

adv. to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable

synonym : excessively, too much

(1) **overly** excessive, (2) **overly** unnecessary

The movie was **overly** dramatic, with exaggerated emotions and cliched plot twists.

pornography

n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

synonym : obscenity, indecency, smut

(1) **pornography** addiction, (2) violent **pornography**

The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of **pornography** easier than ever before.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

homophobia

n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports

The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a

particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

xenophobia

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

synonym : fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym : affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

decision

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

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

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

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

squeeze

v. to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

synonym : compress, crush, clamp

(1) **squeeze** a lemon, (2) **squeeze** a confession

She **squeezed** the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.

tight

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

synonym : closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

victory

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

synonym : win, triumph, success

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

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

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

cowardice

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

synonym : fearfulness, dastardliness, timidity

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

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

disappointment

n. the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes

synonym : letdown, frustration, discouragement

(1) **disappointment** in the result, (2) **disappointment** with the service

The cancellation of the concert was a huge **disappointment** for the fans.

struggle

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

synonym : toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

fluff

n. soft, light particles or fibers that are often shed from fabrics or stuffing materials; excessively or trivially sentimental language or ideas that lack substance or depth; (verb) to make something soft, light, or loose by shaking or stirring it up; to make a mistake or blunder, especially while performing or speaking in public

synonym : down, fuzz, lint

(1) **fluff** ball, (2) **fluff** formation

The teddy bear's fur was so soft and full of **fluff**.

grit

n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

synonym : determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym : pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory
The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym: spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

contradiction

n. the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial

synonym: inconsistency, opposition, contravention

(1) **contradiction** of capitalism, (2) apparent **contradiction**

His statement was filled with **contradictions** that made it difficult to take seriously.

frazzle

v. to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork

synonym: exhaust, wear out, (noun) fatigue

(1) **frazzle** my nerves, (2) **frazzle-free** hair

The long hours of studying for the exam **frazzled** my brain.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym: interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym: perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

rage

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

synonym: fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**

She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

humiliation

n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

synonym: mortification, degradation, embarrassment

(1) an intolerable **humiliation**, (2) a taste of **humiliation**

His public **humiliation** resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym: concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs **simultaneously**

Two students answered the teacher's question

simultaneously.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym : hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

tirade

n. a long, angry speech or outburst of criticism or condemnation

synonym : rant, diatribe, harangue

(1) **tirade** against him, (2) launch a **tirade**

The politician went on a **tirade** about the opposition party's policies.

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym : rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

synonym : creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

frustration

n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

synonym : disappointment, discouragement, dissatisfaction

(1) **frustration** level, (2) express **frustration**

He felt a deep **frustration** as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

purple

adj. of a color intermediate between red and blue

synonym : violet

(1) deep **purple**, (2) **purple** sweet potatoes

The plant has a stunning **purple** blossom.

ounce

n. a unit of weight equal to approximately 28 grams

(1) **ounce** weight, (2) have an **ounce** of confidence

One **ounce** of gold is worth much money.

accustomed

adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

synonym : familiar, customary, habitual

(1) **accustomed** routine, (2) **accustomed** to complaints

I am **accustomed** to waking up early for work.

apologetic

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

synonym : sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

willingness

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something

synonym : readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to change

Her **willingness** to help others earned her many friends.

disarm

v. to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary

synonym : demilitarize, neutralize

(1) **disarm** opponents, (2) **disarm** a bomb

The police were able to **disarm** the suspect without any violence.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

skip

v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

synonym : bounce, spring, neglect

(1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast

We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.

boulder

n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

synonym : rock, stone, clump

(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**

The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.

Session 2: Spelling

1. me ____wn disaster
n. a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
2. inc _____le amount
adj. unbelievable; enormous
3. h__e a car by the hour
v. to give somebody a job
4. linguistic xen _____ia
n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
5. the l__l before the storm
n. a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
6. pr _____fe stance
adj. describing beliefs, policies, or advocacy that support the protection and preservation of human life, particularly about issues such as abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment, focusing on the value and rights of the unborn or vulnerable individuals
7. s__p across the country
v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
8. ab _____te loyalty
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

ANSWERS: 1. meltdown, 2. incredible, 3. hire, 4. xenophobia, 5. lull, 6. pro-life, 7. skip, 8. absolute

9. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
10. get in_____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
11. hom_____ia in sports *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
12. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
13. fe_____st movement *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
14. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
15. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
16. on the ma_____al side *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child

ANSWERS: 9. compromise, 10. instant, 11. homophobia, 12. decision, 13. feminist, 14. communal, 15. decision, 16. maternal

17. deep pu___e *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
18. me_____ze a subject *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
19. fe_____st perspective *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
20. cross-co___n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
21. bo_____r field *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
22. apparent con_____ion *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
23. fl__f ball *n.* soft, light particles or fibers that are often shed from fabrics or stuffing materials; excessively or trivially sentimental language or ideas that lack substance or depth; (verb) to make something soft, light, or loose by shaking or stirring it up; to make a mistake or blunder, especially while performing or speaking in public
24. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 17. purple, 18. mesmerize, 19. feminist, 20. cousin, 21. boulder, 22. contradiction, 23. fluff, 24. phenomenon

25. de___t Buddhist *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
26. g__t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
27. 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
28. un___l my banner *v.* to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or become revealed or disclosed
29. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
30. te_____ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
31. li_____ne support *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
32. have com_____on toward the accident *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
33. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
34. s__p breakfast *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

ANSWERS: 25. devout, 26. grit, 27. tradition, 28. unfurl, 29. combination, 30. temporary, 31. lifeline, 32. compassion, 33. greet, 34. skip

35. heroic br____o *n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere
36. ti___e against him *n.* a long, angry speech or outburst of criticism or condemnation
37. perfect ut___a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
38. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
39. sn_____ke pattern *n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
40. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
41. enthusiastic pr_____nt *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
42. acc_____ed routine *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
43. a bouncing ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
44. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 35. bravado, 36. tirade, 37. utopia, 38. invisible, 39. snowflake, 40. span, 41. proponent, 42. accustomed, 43. niece, 44. conclude

45. ex____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
46. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
47. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
48. an intolerable hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
49. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
50. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
51. nutritional res_____on *n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
52. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
53. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
54. cl__k job *n.* a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers
55. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

ANSWERS: 45. explode, 46. union, 47. incredible, 48. humiliation, 49. constant, 50. crawl, 51. restriction, 52. excite, 53. instantly, 54. clerk, 55. invisible

56. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
57. economic me_____wn *n.* a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
58. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
59. a heavy sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
60. maintain a ma__o image *adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive
61. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
62. he_____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
63. fru_____on level *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
64. bl_____g fire *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
65. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 56. moral, 57. meltdown, 58. separate, 59. schedule, 60. macho, 61. engage, 62. heritage, 63. frustration, 64. blazing, 65. individual

66. fl__f formation *n.* soft, light particles or fibers that are often shed from fabrics or stuffing materials; excessively or trivially sentimental language or ideas that lack substance or depth; (verb) to make something soft, light, or loose by shaking or stirring it up; to make a mistake or blunder, especially while performing or speaking in public
67. ap___y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
68. ha____d complexion *adj.* looking exhausted, worn out, or gaunt, as from fatigue, illness, or overwork; having a worn or wild appearance, as if from lack of food or rest
69. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
70. cu___t from magazines *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
71. di___m a bomb *v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
72. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 66. fluff, 67. apathy, 68. haggard, 69. empathy, 70. cutout, 71. disarm, 72. phenomenon

73. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
74. melting ic_____e *n.* a hanging, tapering formation of ice that is formed by the freezing of dripping water, often seen hanging from the eaves of buildings or cliffs, especially in cold weather conditions
75. gl_____r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
76. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
77. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
78. a_h tree *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
79. un_____l the sails *v.* to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or become revealed or disclosed
80. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
81. pro_____ce stance *adj.* advocating for the right of women to have control over their reproductive health and decisions, especially regarding abortion

ANSWERS: 73. spectrum, 74. icicle, 75. glitter, 76. contrast, 77. compromise, 78. ash, 79. unfurl, 80. conservative, 81. pro-choice

82. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
83. une_____al evidence *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
84. cl__k position *n.* a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers
85. apo_____ic letter *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
86. fr_____e my nerves *v.* to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork
87. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
88. sq_____e a confession *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
89. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 82. split, 83. unequivocal, 84. clerk, 85. apologetic, 86. frazzle, 87. emotion, 88. squeeze, 89. responsible

90. at___n a complete victory *v.* to achieve or reach a goal or level of success
91. a taste of hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
92. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
93. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
94. suffer from xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
95. play with her ni___e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
96. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
97. your ind_____ity *n.* the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind
98. a water fa___y *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
99. receive an une_____al answer *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
100. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
101. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 90. attain, 91. humiliation, 92. courage, 93. entrepreneur, 94. xenophobia, 95. niece, 96. individual, 97. individuality, 98. fairy, 99. unequivocal, 100. immediately, 101. stereotype

102. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
103. a person of in_____ty *n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
104. con_____nt location *adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
105. file a la_____t *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
106. the sim_____ous release of the album *adj.* happening or being done at the same time
107. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
108. the batting st____e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
109. har_____us relationship *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
110. g_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
111. have an ou__e of confidence *n.* a unit of weight equal to approximately 28 grams

ANSWERS: 102. explode, 103. integrity, 104. convenient, 105. lawsuit, 106. simultaneous, 107. accord, 108. stance, 109. harmonious, 110. gay, 111. ounce

112. an ab____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
113. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
114. po__r bears *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
115. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
116. pr____fe legislation *adj.* describing beliefs, policies, or advocacy that support the protection and preservation of human life, particularly about issues such as abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment, focusing on the value and rights of the unborn or vulnerable individuals
117. in a s__g manner *adj.* excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent
118. ina____ate behavior *adj.* not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person
119. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
120. a mail se____r *n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant
121. el____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
122. di____er of an oval *n.* the length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference

ANSWERS: 112. absolute, 113. tight, 114. polar, 115. fury, 116. pro-life, 117. smug, 118. inappropriate, 119. communal, 120. server, 121. eliminate, 122. diameter

123. hom_____ia awareness *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
124. sp_____er irrigation *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
125. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
126. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
127. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
128. a te_____ry permit *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
129. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
130. dis_____ent with the service *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
131. ina_____ate language *adj.* not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person

ANSWERS: 123. homophobia, 124. sprinkler, 125. sight, 126. opportune, 127. environment, 128. temporary, 129. sham, 130. disappointment, 131. inappropriate

132. pro_____ce movement *adj.* advocating for the right of women to have control over their reproductive health and decisions, especially regarding abortion
133. a particle di_____er *n.* the length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference
134. por_____hy addiction *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
135. sense of mo_____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
136. work as a se____r in a restaurant *n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant
137. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
138. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
139. cr__l away from a car *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
140. g__t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

ANSWERS: 132. pro-choice, 133. diameter, 134. pornography, 135. morality, 136. server, 137. struggle, 138. gay, 139. crawl, 140. grit

141. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
142. 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
143. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
144. express fru_____on *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
145. d__l nationality *adj.* having two parts, aspects, or elements
146. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
147. fr_____e-free hair *v.* to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork
148. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
149. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
150. sw__l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern

ANSWERS: 141. empathy, 142. tradition, 143. immediately, 144. frustration, 145. dual, 146. union, 147. frazzle, 148. religion, 149. conversation, 150. swirl

151. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
152. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
153. soda a_h *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
154. read a co_____s *n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
155. sq_____e a lemon *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
156. fa__y tale *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
157. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
158. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
159. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 151. bond, 152. simultaneously, 153. ash, 154. compass, 155. squeeze, 156. fairy, 157. unexpected, 158. tight, 159. span

160. con_____ory evidence *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
161. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
162. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
163. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
164. sim_____ous equations *adj.* happening or being done at the same time
165. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
166. launch a ti____e *n.* a long, angry speech or outburst of criticism or condemnation
167. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
168. ma__o culture *adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive
169. a Royal Pr_____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

ANSWERS: 160. contradictory, 161. conclude, 162. gender, 163. conservative, 164. simultaneous, 165. unexpected, 166. tirade, 167. toy, 168. macho, 169. princess

170. pr_____th activists *adj.* an ideology, belief, or policy that supports or advocates for actions, practices, or decisions that result in or hasten death, particularly in the context of euthanasia or capital punishment; the belief that individuals have the right to choose to have an abortion
171. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
172. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
173. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
174. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
175. cu___t of flowers *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
176. gain a va_____e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
177. indicate a wil_____ss to change *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
178. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 170. pro-death, 171. conversation, 172. greet, 173. relation, 174. complexity, 175. cutout, 176. vantage, 177. willingness, 178. accord

179. ov___y excessive *adv.* to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
180. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
181. acc_____ed to complaints *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
182. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
183. l___l in the battle *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
184. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
185. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
186. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
187. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
188. dotted sc___f *n.* a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons
189. in_____ty of data *n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided

ANSWERS: 179. overly, 180. afford, 181. accustomed, 182. Catholic, 183. lull, 184. interaction, 185. decide, 186. eliminate, 187. opposition, 188. scarf, 189. integrity

190. aesthetic exc_____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
191. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
192. dis_____ent in the result *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
193. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
194. strategic va_____e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
195. ha_____d appearance *adj.* looking exhausted, worn out, or gaunt, as from fatigue, illness, or overwork; having a worn or wild appearance, as if from lack of food or rest
196. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
197. vi_____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
198. fall into a r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
199. apo_____ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
200. con_____nt way *adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do

ANSWERS: 190. excitement, 191. religion, 192. disappointment, 193. fury, 194. vantage, 195. haggard, 196. afford, 197. victory, 198. rage, 199. apologetic, 200. convenient

201. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
202. har_____us blend *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
203. uncontrollable r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
204. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
205. pr_____nt of world peace *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
206. change her st___e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
207. delicate sn_____ke *n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
208. hi__b garment *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
209. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
210. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 201. amazing, 202. harmonious, 203. rage, 204. entrepreneur, 205. proponent, 206. stance, 207. snowflake, 208. hijab, 209. defend, 210. sham

211. ov___y unnecessary *adv.* to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
212. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
213. con_____ion of capitalism *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
214. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
215. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
216. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
217. emphasize ind_____ity *n.* the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind
218. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
219. business mo_____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
220. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
221. emotional li_____ne *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

ANSWERS: 211. overly, 212. environment, 213. contradiction, 214. responsible, 215. moral, 216. trump, 217. individuality, 218. combination, 219. morality, 220. toy, 221. lifeline

222. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
223. corner of the pe____y area *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
224. a ut___a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
225. make an am_____nt to a contract *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
226. a ta___o artist *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
227. apparently con_____ory *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
228. s__g outfit *n.* a decorative arrangement of fabric or material; stolen goods or loot; a slang term for confident style or coolness
229. crown pr_____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
230. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 222. decide, 223. penalty, 224. utopia, 225. amendment, 226. tattoo, 227. contradictory, 228. swag, 229. princess, 230. courage

231. feel com_____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
232. de_____ce of society *n.* a state of moral or cultural decline or decay; a period of decline or decay; a period of great moral or cultural decline
233. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
234. research on anti-ra____m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
235. me_____ze with magic *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
236. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
237. sharp ic____es *n.* a hanging, tapering formation of ice that is formed by the freezing of dripping water, often seen hanging from the eaves of buildings or cliffs, especially in cold weather conditions
238. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
239. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 231. compassion, 232. decadence, 233. Catholic, 234. racism, 235. mesmerize, 236. grab, 237. icicle, 238. sweat, 239. struggle

240. lava bo____r *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
241. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
242. stubborn dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
243. pr_____th ideology *adj.* an ideology, belief, or policy that supports or advocates for actions, practices, or decisions that result in or hasten death, particularly in the context of euthanasia or capital punishment; the belief that individuals have the right to choose to have an abortion
244. stolen s__g *n.* a decorative arrangement of fabric or material; stolen goods or loot; a slang term for confident style or coolness
245. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
246. knit a sc__f *n.* a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons
247. d__l purpose *adj.* having two parts, aspects, or elements
248. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
249. in_____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
250. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 240. boulder, 241. excite, 242. disbeliever, 243. pro-death, 244. swag, 245. amazing, 246. scarf, 247. dual, 248. interaction, 249. internal, 250. defend

251. violent por_____hy *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
252. constitutional am_____nt *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
253. act in a de___t manner *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
254. be killed in_____ly *adv.* immediately
255. wil_____ss to help *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
256. woman's hi__b *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
257. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
258. sw__l the wine *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
259. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
260. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
261. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 251. pornography, 252. amendment, 253. devout, 254. instantly, 255. willingness, 256. hijab, 257. opposition, 258. swirl, 259. immigrant, 260. contrast, 261. gender

262. ca_____rd cutout *n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials
263. sim_____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
264. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
265. res_____on on trade *n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
266. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
267. button-head ri__t *n.* a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together
268. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
269. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
270. vi_____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
271. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
272. all in a sw__t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

ANSWERS: 262. cardboard, 263. simultaneously, 264. engage, 265. restriction, 266. distracted, 267. rivet, 268. grab, 269. absolutely, 270. victory, 271. trump, 272. sweat

273. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
274. po__r regions *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
275. historical he____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
276. artistic co____ht *n.* the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work
277. infrared sp____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
278. di___m opponents *v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
279. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
280. public education ad____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
281. a co____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
282. death pe____y *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
283. gl____r against her skin *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

ANSWERS: 273. sight, 274. polar, 275. heritage, 276. copyright, 277. spectrum, 278. disarm, 279. relation, 280. advocate, 281. constant, 282. penalty, 283. glitter

284. s__g attitude *adj.* excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent
285. the at____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
286. abs____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
287. dis____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
288. road sp____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
289. ca____rd box *n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials
290. an in____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
291. co____n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
292. politics of co____ce *n.* the state or quality of lacking the courage or bravery to face danger, pain, or difficulty; the act of showing fear or running away from danger or difficulty
293. the in____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
294. pu____e sweet potatoes *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
295. persuade a dis____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

ANSWERS: 284. smug, 285. attempt, 286. absolutely, 287. distracted, 288. sprinkler, 289. cardboard, 290. instant, 291. cousin, 292. cowardice, 293. internal, 294. purple, 295. disbeliever

296. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
297. arrange my sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
298. the exc_____nt in the business world *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
299. co_____ce in battle *n.* the state or quality of lacking the courage or bravery to face danger, pain, or difficulty; the act of showing fear or running away from danger or difficulty
300. at____n success *v.* to achieve or reach a goal or level of success
301. sailing without a co_____s *n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
302. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
303. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
304. lose my br_____o *n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere
305. bl_____g fury *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

ANSWERS: 296. complexity, 297. schedule, 298. excitement, 299. cowardice, 300. attain, 301. compass, 302. advocate, 303. separate, 304. bravado, 305. blazing

306. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
307. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
308. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
309. co_____ht infringement *n.* the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work
310. ve_____n teacher *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
311. moral de_____ce *n.* a state of moral or cultural decline or decay; a period of decline or decay; a period of great moral or cultural decline
312. ou__e weight *n.* a unit of weight equal to approximately 28 grams
313. la_____t settlement *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
314. systemic ra____m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

ANSWERS: 306. immigrant, 307. attempt, 308. stereotype, 309. copyright, 310. veteran, 311. decadence, 312. ounce, 313. lawsuit, 314. racism

315. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
316. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
317. control my em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
318. political ap___y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
319. ri__t gun *n.* a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together
320. A 20-year ve_____n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
321. ma_____al care *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child
322. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
323. a person who has a ta___o *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
324. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 315. split, 316. bond, 317. emotion, 318. apathy, 319. rivet, 320. veteran, 321. maternal, 322. hire, 323. tattoo, 324. opportune

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The results were beyond our _____ of imagination.
n. a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
2. The third _____ was far more successful.
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
3. This laptop has a _____ processor, making it fast and efficient.
adj. having two parts, aspects, or elements
4. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
5. The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing _____ on the listeners.
n. a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
6. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.
adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
7. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
8. The prince fell in love with the _____ and asked her to marry him.
n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

ANSWERS: 1. compass, 2. attempt, 3. dual-core, 4. decision, 5. lull, 6. catholic, 7. relations, 8. princess

9. So far, the meeting is going according to _____.
- n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
10. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.
- adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
11. The chef expertly _____ the sauce onto the plate.
- v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
12. Those who are _____ believe in providing women with access to safe and legal abortions.
- adj.* advocating for the right of women to have control over their reproductive health and decisions, especially regarding abortion
13. Her dress _____ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.
- v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
14. He has a strong sense of _____.
- n.* the qualities or characters that distinguish a particular person or thing from others of the same kind
15. The national election was held amid _____ security.
- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
16. The plant has a stunning _____ blossom.
- adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue

ANSWERS: 9. schedule, 10. conservative, 11. swirled, 12. pro-choice, 13. glittered, 14. individuality, 15. tight, 16. purple

17. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

18. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

19. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

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

20. The _____ monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

21. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

22. The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with delicate _____ ornaments.

n. a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement

23. She was filled with a burning _____ at the injustice she had witnessed.

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

24. The prisoners looked _____ and emaciated due to the inhumane conditions in the jail.

adj. looking exhausted, worn out, or gaunt, as from fatigue, illness, or overwork; having a worn or wild appearance, as if from lack of food or rest

ANSWERS: 17. concluded, 18. eliminate, 19. opposition, 20. devout, 21. immigrants, 22. snowflake, 23. rage, 24. haggard

25. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.
- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
26. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
27. She wrapped a _____ around her neck to keep warm.
- n.* a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons
28. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive _____ and powerlessness.
- n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
29. The politician went on a _____ about the opposition party's policies.
- n.* a long, angry speech or outburst of criticism or condemnation
30. The painting's _____ composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.
- adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
31. She found fault with the _____ of politicians.
- n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
32. The rapper showed off his new _____ during his performance on stage.
- n.* a decorative arrangement of fabric or material; stolen goods or loot; a slang term for confident style or coolness

ANSWERS: 25. racism, 26. courage, 27. scarf, 28. apathy, 29. tirade, 30. harmonious, 31. morality, 32. swag

33. The organization finally signed a peace _____.

- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have

34. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.

- adv.* immediately

35. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.

- n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

36. I made a _____ box to store my winter clothes in.

- n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials

37. He cannot _____ a holiday.

- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

38. Society was in a state of _____ and moral decay.

- n.* a state of moral or cultural decline or decay; a period of decline or decay; a period of great moral or cultural decline

39. The _____ to the safe was a secret.

- n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

40. The airport offers five _____ access routes.

- adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do

41. It is _____ that human activities are the cause of global warming.

- adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

ANSWERS: 33. accord, 34. instantly, 35. spectrum, 36. cardboard, 37. afford, 38. decadence, 39. combination, 40. convenient, 41. unequivocal

42. It was highly _____ to make jokes during a serious business meeting.
adj. not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person
43. He managed to get _____ jobs during the recession.
adj. not lasting or be used for a very long
44. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.
adj. of or relating to the inside of something
45. The _____ sun beat down on the desert.
adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
46. The _____ translation made it possible for everyone to understand the speaker.
adj. happening or being done at the same time
47. The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated _____.
n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
48. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
49. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 42. inappropriate, 43. temporary, 44. internal, 45. blazing, 46. simultaneous, 47. homophobia, 48. incredible, 49. defend

50. The lawyer was reinstated after paying the _____.

n. a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract

51. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

52. The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of _____ easier than ever before.

n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

53. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

54. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

55. The company is facing a _____ for its alleged discrimination against employees.

n. a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

56. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

57. He could not _____ against temptation.

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

ANSWERS: 50. penalty, 51. moral, 52. pornography, 53. sights, 54. trump, 55. lawsuit, 56. crawl, 57. struggle

58. After the airing of the TV commercial, many people accessed the website, and the _____ went down.
- n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant
59. The police were able to _____ the suspect without any violence.
- v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
60. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
61. The _____ soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.
- n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
62. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
63. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
64. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.
- n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
65. The _____ system kept the lawn green and healthy.
- n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

ANSWERS: 58. server, 59. disarm, 60. opportune, 61. veteran, 62. Communal, 63. individual, 64. cousins, 65. sprinkler

66. The long hours of studying for the exam _____ my brain.
v. to exhaust or wear out someone or something to the point of being completely worn or frayed; (noun) a state of extreme exhaustion or depletion, often caused by stress or overwork
67. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
adj. happening repeatedly or all the time
68. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
69. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
70. She has a lot of _____ and determination to succeed.
n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
71. The flag slowly _____ in the wind atop the flagpole.
v. to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or become revealed or disclosed
72. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
73. She had a very _____ instinct towards her newborn baby.
adj. relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child

ANSWERS: 66. frazzled, 67. Constant, 68. sham, 69. religion, 70. grit, 71. unfurled, 72. split, 73. maternal

74. She felt _____ about her performance in the competition.

adj. excessively pleased with oneself; self-righteously complacent

75. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.

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

76. One _____ of gold is worth much money.

n. a unit of weight equal to approximately 28 grams

77. The _____ at the store helped me find what I needed.

n. a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers

78. The teddy bear's fur was so soft and full of _____.

n. soft, light particles or fibers that are often shed from fabrics or stuffing materials; excessively or trivially sentimental language or ideas that lack substance or depth; (verb) to make something soft, light, or loose by shaking or stirring it up; to make a mistake or blunder, especially while performing or speaking in public

79. Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital _____ for life.

n. a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design

80. Her _____ to help others earned her many friends.

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something

81. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 74. smug, 75. span, 76. ounce, 77. clerk, 78. fluff, 79. tattoo, 80. willingness, 81. separate

82. His public _____ resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.
n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
83. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.
adv. at the same time
84. The _____ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.
n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
85. The nuclear _____ in the country was a disaster with far-reaching consequences.
n. a severe overheating of the core of a nuclear reactor resulting in the core melting and radiation escaping; a situation in which something fails or weakens suddenly or dramatically
86. The _____ ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.
adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
87. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.
n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
88. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 82. humiliation, 83. simultaneously, 84. xenophobia, 85. meltdown, 86. feminist, 87. sweat, 88. stereotypes

89. His statements were _____ leaving the audience confused.
adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
90. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
91. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
92. 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
93. The magician's performance _____ the audience.
v. to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
94. My best friend has been my _____ throughout all of my hardships.
n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
95. The mischievous _____ flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.
n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
96. I am _____ to waking up early for work.
adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

ANSWERS: 89. contradictory, 90. Advocates, 91. contrast, 92. responsible, 93. mesmerized, 94. lifeline, 95. fairy, 96. accustomed

97. The concept of _____ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.
- n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
98. She _____ the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.
- v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
99. The show of _____ by the bully only served to mask his insecurity and fear.
- n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere
100. Draw a circle five centimeters in _____.
- n.* the length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference
101. We _____ the topic because it was too complicated.
- v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
102. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
- adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
103. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
104. _____ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.
- adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

ANSWERS: 97. utopia, 98. squeezed, 99. bravado, 100. diameter, 101. skipped, 102. unexpected, 103. absolutely, 104. Polar

105. The opposition politicians jointly proposed an _____ to that law.
n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
106. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
107. The ___ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.
adj. homosexual; happy, carefree
108. The _____ on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.
n. a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
109. The hikers had to climb over a _____ that was blocking their path.
n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
110. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
111. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
112. The _____ on the airplane's wings were inspected to ensure they were secure.
n. a short metal pin or bolt with a flat head used for joining things together

ANSWERS: 105. amendment, 106. environment, 107. gay, 108. restriction, 109. boulder, 110. amazing, 111. gender, 112. rivets

113. They had formed a friendship _____.

- n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

114. The news of her promotion _____ her.

- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

115. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

116. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

117. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

- n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

118. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.

- v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

119. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

- adv.* now or without delay

120. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.

- n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

121. The company's reputation for honesty and _____ is highly valued among its customers.

- n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided

ANSWERS: 113. bond, 114. excited, 115. exploded, 116. grab, 117. interaction, 118. compromised, 119. immediately, 120. compassion, 121. integrity

122. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

123. He felt a deep _____ as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

124. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

125. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

126. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

127. His _____ posturing was just a cover for his insecurities and lack of confidence.

adj. characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive

128. The documentary shed light on some countries' ethical implications of _____ policies.

adj. an ideology, belief, or policy that supports or advocates for actions, practices, or decisions that result in or hasten death, particularly in the context of euthanasia or capital punishment; the belief that individuals have the right to choose to have an abortion

ANSWERS: 122. invisible, 123. frustration, 124. engaged, 125. conversation, 126. greeted, 127. macho, 128. pro-death

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

v. to give somebody a job

130. Einstein was a _____ of the theory of relativity.

n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

131. _____ is also necessary to understand history.

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

132. His statement was filled with _____ that made it difficult to take seriously.

n. the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial

133. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

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

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

135. He continued to support her political _____.

n. a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

136. The _____ movement advocates for the protection of unborn children.

adj. describing beliefs, policies, or advocacy that support the protection and preservation of human life, particularly about issues such as abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment, focusing on the value and rights of the unborn or vulnerable individuals

ANSWERS: 129. hire, 130. proponent, 131. Empathy, 132. contradictions, 133. complexity, 134. cowardice, 135. stance, 136. pro-life

137. From our _____ point, we could see the whole city skyline.

n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

138. We are optimistic about our final _____.

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

139. She is determined to _____ her degree in computer science.

v. to achieve or reach a goal or level of success

140. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

141. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

142. Many Muslim women wear a _____ as a symbol of their religious beliefs.

n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

143. A rainbow is a natural _____.

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

144. 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

ANSWERS: 137. vantage, 138. victory, 139. attain, 140. absolute, 141. distracted, 142. hijab, 143. phenomenon, 144. tradition

145. The company is taking legal action against those who have violated their _____ on the software.

- n.* the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work

146. The volcanic ____ covered the island after the eruption.

- n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

147. The _____ hanging from the roof were beautiful to look at.

- n.* a hanging, tapering formation of ice that is formed by the freezing of dripping water, often seen hanging from the eaves of buildings or cliffs, especially in cold weather conditions

148. The artist used a star _____ to make a unique art piece.

- n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

149. The movie was _____ dramatic, with exaggerated emotions and cliched plot twists.

- adv.* to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable

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

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

151. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

- n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

ANSWERS: 145. copyright, 146. ash, 147. icicles, 148. cutout, 149. overly, 150. heritage, 151. Entrepreneurs

152. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.

- n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

153. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

- n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

154. The cancellation of the concert was a huge _____ for the fans.

- n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes

155. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.

- adj.* happening immediately, with no delay

156. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

157. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.

- n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

158. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

159. He gave his daughter a new ___ for her birthday.

- n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

ANSWERS: 152. union, 153. excitement, 154. disappointment, 155. instant, 156. emotions, 157. disbeliever, 158. decide, 159. toy

160. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

n. intense and often violent anger

161. My _____ is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

162. He was _____ for being late to the meeting.

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

ANSWERS: 160. fury, 161. niece, 162. apologetic