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Session 1: Word List

medieval

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

synonym : gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

archer

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

synonym : Bowman, marksman, shooter

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

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

warrior

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

synonym : fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

regardless

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

synonym : anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread
People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

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.

adrenaline

n. (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

synonym: epinephrine

(1) **adrenaline** receptor, (2) **adrenaline** addiction

The band has released a lot of **adrenaline-pumping** rock music.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

synonym: branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

ingrained

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

synonym: inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

reflex

n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

synonym: reaction, response, instinct

(1) **reflex** test, (2) knee **reflex**

My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the **reflex** hammer.

defeat

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

synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

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

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

scout

n. a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

synonym: scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

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.

terrain

n. the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

synonym: land, geography, topography

(1) **terrain** map, (2) permafrost **terrain**

The mountainous **terrain** was rough and rocky.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym: hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

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.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym : conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym : conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

synonym: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

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.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

innocuous

adj. not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage

synonym: harmless, innocent, benign

(1) **innocuous** joke, (2) **innocuous** substance

The spider in the corner of the room seemed **innocuous**, but it made her uneasy.

launch

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

synonym: start, initiate, begin

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

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

scandal

n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

synonym: controversy, outrage, uproar

(1) **scandal** magazine, (2) a corruption **scandal**

The political **scandal** rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

military

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

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

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

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

investigation

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

synonym: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an **investigation**

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

suspicion

n. the act of doubting something, especially something wrong

synonym : doubt, misgiving, skepticism

(1) **suspicion** of fraud, (2) cast **suspicion**

There was an almost certain **suspicion** that the company was involved in illegal activities.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym : congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

sterling

n. a British coin and unit of currency, equivalent to 100 pence; British money; something of excellent quality or genuine value

synonym : currency, money, pound

(1) **sterling** silver, (2) **sterling** performance

The woman inherited a large sum of **sterling** from her grandfather's estate.

wrongdoing

n. an improper or illegal behavior or action

synonym : misconduct, crime, offense

(1) an accusation of **wrongdoing**, (2) willful **wrongdoing**

The CEO of the company denied any **wrongdoing** while admitting to mismanagement.

motive

n. the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way

synonym : reason, incentive, drive

(1) murder **motive**, (2) an unworthy **motive**

The detective tried to uncover the **motive** behind the crime.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah

every year.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

Semitic

adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

(1) anti- **Semitic** movement, (2) **Semitic** culture

The **Semitic** languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.

handwriting

n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

synonym: script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample

The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

memo

n. a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company

synonym: memorandum, note, reminder

(1) a **memo** pad, (2) **memo** content

I received a **memo** from the CEO outlining the new company policies.

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.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

espionage

n. the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents

synonym : spying, intelligence gathering

(1) **espionage** tactics, (2) industrial **espionage**

The cyber **espionage** operation was the work of a foreign government's army of hackers.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym : culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

incriminate

v. to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : accuse, indict, prosecute

(1) **incriminate** the person, (2) **incriminate** many well-known politicians

He exercised his right not to **incriminate** himself

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

conspire

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

synonym: plot, scheme, collude

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

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

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

suspicious

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

synonym: fishy, questionable, doubtful

(1) report **suspicious** activity, (2) a person who is **suspicious**

We carefully examine each **suspicious** transaction report we receive.

spy

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

synonym: agent, undercover operative

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

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

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

insignia

n. a badge, emblem, or symbol that represents a particular organization, office, or rank; a distinguishing mark or badge that indicates membership or affiliation with a particular group or organization

synonym: badge, emblem, crest

(1) naval **insignia**, (2) school **insignia**

The military uniform had a bright red **insignia** on the sleeve.

uniform

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

synonym: livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**

This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

degradation

n. the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state

synonym: depravity, degeneration, deterioration

(1) **degradation** by heat, (2) live in **degradation**

Many researchers are monitoring environmental **degradation** in real-time through satellites.

imprisonment

n. the state of being confined to a prison or jail; a sentence of confinement as a punishment for a crime

synonym: incarceration, confinement, detention

(1) **imprisonment** at hard labor, (2) life **imprisonment**

The judge handed down a sentence of **imprisonment** for the convicted criminal.

aptly

adv. in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

synonym: appropriately, fittingly, properly

(1) **aptly** named, (2) **aptly** timed

She **aptly** described the complex scientific concept in simple terms everyone could understand.

devil

n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

synonym: demon, fiend, satan

(1) **devil's** advocate, (2) **devil** horns

There are various ways to ward off the **devil**, including prayer and holy water.

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym: plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym : matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way

synonym : knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

(1) she hit him **intentionally**, (2) She **intentionally** spread misleading information.

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret
Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

paltry

adj. lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate

synonym: insignificant, worthless, meager

(1) **paltry** sum, (2) **paltry** excuse

After working long hours for a **paltry** paycheck, the employee began to search for a new job.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

convict

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

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

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

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

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

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**.

unconscious

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

synonym : comatose, paralyzed, senseless

(1) **unconscious** bias, (2) a person who is **unconscious**
I know his **unconscious** habit that he touches his face when he lies.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym : inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change
A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym : decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question
Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire
It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

persecute

v. to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity

synonym : victimize, harass, oppress

(1) **persecute** minorities, (2) **persecute** for small debts
The government's crackdown on free speech was seen as an attempt to **persecute** journalists and media outlets.

treason

n. the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

synonym: betrayal, disloyalty, sedition

(1) high **treason**, (2) arrested for **treason**

The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of **treason** against the state.

referee

n. a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules

synonym: judge, arbiter, umpire

(1) a fair **referee**, (2) assistant **referee**

The **referee** blew his whistle.

judge

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

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

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

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

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

foul

adj. extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad

synonym: nasty, loathsome, illegal

(1) **foul** day, (2) **foul** language

It was **foul** of him to betray his friend.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym: miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday
There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue
Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym: contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym: penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym: corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice versa**.

influence

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

synonym: power, leverage, effect

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

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

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

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.

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.

ethical

adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

synonym : honorable, moral, virtuous

(1) an **ethical** doctrine, (2) shoulder **ethical** responsibility

The president must have the highest **ethical** standards.

scare

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

synonym : frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym : bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

colonel

n. a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

synonym : officer, military, ranking officer

(1) **colonel** rank, (2) brevet **colonel**

The Army **colonel** led the troops into battle.

casual

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

synonym : informal, relaxed, offhand

(1) **casual** dress, (2) take a **casual** glance

They had a **casual** conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym :

assume, distrust, surmise

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

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

superior

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

synonym: better, greater, exceptional

(1) **superior** performance, (2) provide **superior** customer service

The new smartphone model is **superior** to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

dismay

n. a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence

synonym: distress, discouragement, consternation

(1) flop down in **dismay**, (2) feel **dismay**

The employees expressed their **dismay** at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.

elaborate

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

synonym: detailed, intricate, complicated

(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme

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

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym: flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

exonerate

v. to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt

synonym : absolve, clear, acquit

(1) **exonerate** from blame, (2) **exonerate** the defendant

The DNA evidence **exonerated** the suspect, proving his innocence.

loyal

adj. giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;

synonym : dedicated, devoted, faithful

(1) a **loyal** friend, (2) become a **loyal** customer

Enemy armies are **loyal** to their monarch.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym : esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

prejudice

n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

synonym: bias, preconception, predisposition

(1) deep-rooted **prejudice**, (2) color **prejudice**

This community is free of social **prejudice**.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym: defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

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.

pleasant

adj. enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable

synonym: agreeable, delightful, pleasing

(1) **pleasant** news, (2) **pleasant** odor
The hotel's staff is very **pleasant** and efficient.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings
synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress
Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

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.

tribal

adj. relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
synonym: indigenous, ethnic, traditional

(1) **tribal** culture, (2) **tribal** community
The **tribal** leaders gathered for a summit to discuss important issues.

itch

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
synonym: scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak
I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**
This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no

pictures.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

synonym: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle

The book contains numerous statements that **contradict** previous reports.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym: integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

cluster

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

synonym : group, aggregation, array

(1) live in a **cluster**, (2) a **cluster** of stars

A **cluster** of grapes hung from the vine.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

anecdotal

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

synonym : hearsay, informal, unreliable

(1) **anecdotal** evidence, (2) **anecdotal** example

My friend shared an **anecdotal** story about her experience in customer service.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym : conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

primarily

adv. mainly

synonym : largely, mainly, mostly

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

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

correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

synonym: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

distribute

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

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

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

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

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

endless

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

synonym: infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours

He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

claim

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

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

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

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

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

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.

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

rhetoric

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

synonym: oratory, eloquence, persuasion

(1) the **rhetoric** of a debate, (2) high-flown **rhetoric**

He was known for his powerful **rhetoric** and ability to persuade people with his words.

probabilistic

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to

estimate likelihoods or risks

synonym: probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym: social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

ashamed

adj. feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done

synonym: regretful, repentant, mortified

(1) feel **ashamed** of him, (2) cast **ashamed** eyes

You don't have to be **ashamed**.

defensive

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

synonym: protective, watchful, opposing

(1) assume the **defensive**, (2) **defensive** weapons

Boxing fans often criticize his **defensive** stance.

Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. domestic af___rs | <i>n.</i> event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship |
| 2. the to__c of the book | <i>n.</i> a subject that is being discussed or written about |
| 3. de_____on authority | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options |
| 4. an el_____te hat | <i>adj.</i> containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts |
| 5. ap__y named | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence |
| 6. Je___h history | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism |
| 7. pl_____nt news | <i>adj.</i> enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable |
| 8. con_____ct each other | <i>v.</i> to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with |
| 9. m__o content | <i>n.</i> a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company |

ANSWERS: 1. affair, 2. topic, 3. decision, 4. elaborate, 5. aptly, 6. Jewish, 7. pleasant, 8. contradict, 9. memo

10. She int_____lly spread misleading information. *adv.* in a planned or intended way
11. gu___y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
12. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
13. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
14. a person who is unc_____us *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
15. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
16. assistant re_____e *n.* a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules
17. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 10. intentionally, 11. guilty, 12. motivation, 13. ritual, 14. unconscious, 15. policy, 16. referee, 17. process

18. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
19. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
20. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
21. ex_____te the defendant *v.* to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt
22. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
23. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
24. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
25. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
26. feel di___y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence

ANSWERS: 18. ubiquitous, 19. hero, 20. rank, 21. exonerate, 22. individual, 23. puzzle, 24. assume, 25. emotion, 26. dismay

27. i__h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
28. adr_____ne addiction *n.* (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger
29. con_____nt location *adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
30. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
31. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
32. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
33. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
34. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
35. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
36. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 27. itch, 28. adrenaline, 29. convenient, 30. claim, 31. convinced, 32. sneak, 33. scare, 34. mimic, 35. government, 36. principle

37. the s__m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
38. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
39. el_____te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
40. wa_____r spirit *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
41. skilled ar___r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
42. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
43. co_____te closely with the quality *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
44. an accusation of wro_____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
45. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
46. naval in_____ia *n.* a badge, emblem, or symbol that represents a particular organization, office, or rank; a distinguishing mark or badge that indicates membership or affiliation with a particular group or organization

ANSWERS: 37. stem, 38. compelling, 39. elaborate, 40. warrior, 41. archer, 42. improve, 43. correlate, 44. wrongdoing, 45. vast, 46. insignia

47. live in deg_____on *n.* the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state
48. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
49. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
50. a preliminary inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
51. in_____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
52. a picture fr___e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
53. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
54. ar___r's bow *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
55. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
56. a cl_____r of stars *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
57. sc___e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

ANSWERS: 47. degradation, 48. motivation, 49. demonstrate, 50. investigation, 51. intrigue, 52. frame, 53. takeaway, 54. archer, 55. relation, 56. cluster, 57. scare

58. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
59. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
60. boy sc__t *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
61. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
62. ap__y timed *adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence
63. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
64. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
65. pe_____te minorities *v.* to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity
66. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

ANSWERS: 58. hero, 59. ruin, 60. scout, 61. improve, 62. aptly, 63. historic, 64. awesome, 65. persecute, 66. controversial

67. take a ca___l glance *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
68. pl_____nt odor *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
69. ca___l dress *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
70. han_____ng sample *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
71. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
72. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
73. tr___l culture *adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
74. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
75. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
76. su_____or performance *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
77. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
78. s_y cameras *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

ANSWERS: 67. casual, 68. pleasant, 69. casual, 70. handwriting, 71. innocent, 72. interpret, 73. tribal, 74. influence, 75. regardless, 76. superior, 77. emotional, 78. spy

79. brevet co_____l *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
80. co_____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
81. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
82. pa_____y excuse *adj.* lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate
83. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
84. in_____us substance *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
85. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
86. st_____ng silver *n.* a British coin and unit of currency, equivalent to 100 pence; British money; something of excellent quality or genuine value
87. murder mo_____e *n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way
88. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
89. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

ANSWERS: 79. colonel, 80. convict, 81. accurate, 82. paltry, 83. elevate, 84. innocuous, 85. judge, 86. sterling, 87. motive, 88. influence, 89. logic

90. de_____ve weapons *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
91. assume the de_____ve *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
92. our school un_____m *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
93. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
94. de__l horns *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
95. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
96. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
97. flop down in di_____y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
98. pe_____te for small debts *v.* to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity

ANSWERS: 90. defensive, 91. defensive, 92. uniform, 93. probable, 94. devil, 95. afterward, 96. phenomenon, 97. dismay, 98. persecute

99. in_____ed habit *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
100. co_____re to corner the market *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
101. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
102. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
103. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
104. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
105. s__m from a belief *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
106. deep-rooted pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
107. an ob_____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

ANSWERS: 99. ingrained, 100. conspire, 101. government, 102. regardless, 103. launch, 104. committed, 105. stem, 106. prejudice, 107. obstacle

108. humiliating pun_____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
109. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
110. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
111. ex_____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
112. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
113. de____d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
114. en_____s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
115. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
116. 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
117. make my pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
118. inc_____te the person *v.* to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 108. punishment, 109. predict, 110. elevate, 111. examine, 112. identify, 113. defend, 114. endless, 115. military, 116. decide, 117. prediction, 118. incriminate

119. re___x test *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
120. high tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
121. vi___e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
122. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
123. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
124. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
125. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
126. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
127. a person who is sus_____us *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
128. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
129. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 119. reflex, 120. treason, 121. virtue, 122. economics, 123. accurate, 124. convinced, 125. locate, 126. historic, 127. suspicious, 128. identify, 129. decide

130. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
131. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
132. adr_____ne receptor *n.* (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger
133. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
134. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
135. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
136. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
137. color pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
138. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
139. up___d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 130. ruin, 131. trump, 132. adrenaline, 133. principle, 134. defeat, 135. topic, 136. admire, 137. prejudice, 138. interpret, 139. uphold

140. pa___y sum *adj.* lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate
141. co_____te to the size *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
142. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
143. pro_____tic approach *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
144. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
145. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
146. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
147. an et_____l doctrine *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
148. tr___l community *adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
149. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
150. knee re___x *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

ANSWERS: 140. paltry, 141. correlate, 142. eventually, 143. probabilistic, 144. trump, 145. beg, 146. fellow, 147. ethical, 148. tribal, 149. judgment, 150. reflex

151. acquire a vi___e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
152. afraid to show em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
153. at a un____m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
154. st____ng performance *n.* a British coin and unit of currency, equivalent to 100 pence; British money; something of excellent quality or genuine value
155. ye__n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
156. de___t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
157. a co____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
158. me____al history *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
159. de__l's advocate *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
160. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

ANSWERS: 151. virtue, 152. emotion, 153. uniform, 154. sterling, 155. yearn, 156. defeat, 157. constant, 158. medieval, 159. devil, 160. ritual

161. flexible mi____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
162. su____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
163. armored wa____r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
164. i__h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
165. cast su____on *n.* the act of doubting something, especially something wrong
166. es____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
167. show ge____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
168. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
169. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
170. in____ed prejudice *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
171. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

ANSWERS: 161. mindset, 162. suspect, 163. warrior, 164. itch, 165. suspicion, 166. essential, 167. genuine, 168. argue, 169. argue, 170. ingrained, 171. torch

172. en_____s possibilities *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
173. han_____ng identification *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
174. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
175. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
176. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
177. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
178. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
179. 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
180. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
181. an_____al evidence *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

ANSWERS: 172. endless, 173. handwriting, 174. instruction, 175. beg, 176. conclude, 177. distribute, 178. sneak, 179. decision, 180. vice, 181. anecdotal

182. f__l language *adj.* extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
183. school in____ia *n.* a badge, emblem, or symbol that represents a particular organization, office, or rank; a distinguishing mark or badge that indicates membership or affiliation with a particular group or organization
184. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
185. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
186. ob_____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
187. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
188. cast as_____d eyes *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
189. a lo__l friend *adj.* giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;
190. an_____al example *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
191. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 182. foul, 183. insignia, 184. trait, 185. locate, 186. obstacle, 187. emotional, 188. ashamed, 189. loyal, 190. anecdotal, 191. motto

192. ex_____te from blame *v.* to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt
193. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
194. shoulder et_____l responsibility *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
195. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
196. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
197. imp_____ent at hard labor *n.* the state of being confined to a prison or jail; a sentence of confinement as a punishment for a crime
198. feel as _____d of him *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
199. junior fe____w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
200. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
201. visual me_____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
202. ye__n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
203. the scope of an inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

ANSWERS: 192. exonerate, 193. instruction, 194. ethical, 195. mindset, 196. awesome, 197. imprisonment, 198. ashamed, 199. fellow, 200. constant, 201. metaphor, 202. yearn, 203. investigation

204. su_____on of fraud *n.* the act of doubting something, especially something wrong
205. report sus_____us activity *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
206. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
207. she hit him int_____lly *adv.* in a planned or intended way
208. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
209. deg_____on by heat *n.* the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state
210. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
211. a corruption sc_____l *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
212. f__l day *adj.* extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
213. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
214. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 204. suspicion, 205. suspicious, 206. primarily, 207. intentionally, 208. admire, 209. degradation, 210. logic, 211. scandal, 212. foul, 213. encounter, 214. intrigue

215. es_____ge tactics *n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents
216. as____e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
217. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
218. co_____re his ruin *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
219. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
220. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
221. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
222. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
223. arrested for tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

ANSWERS: 215. espionage, 216. assume, 217. distribute, 218. conspire, 219. committed, 220. rank, 221. afterward, 222. relation, 223. treason

224. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
225. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
226. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
227. con_____ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
228. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
229. become a lo__l customer *adj.* giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;
230. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
231. co_____l rank *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
232. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 224. claim, 225. confident, 226. illustrate, 227. controversial, 228. economics, 229. loyal, 230. demonstrate, 231. colonel, 232. policy

233. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
234. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
235. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
236. intended pr_____ly for young people *adv.* mainly
237. live in a cl_____r *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
238. inc_____te many well-known politicians *v.* to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing
239. a fair re_____e *n.* a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules
240. high-flown rh_____ic *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
241. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
242. co_____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
243. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 233. essential, 234. desire, 235. fortunate, 236. primarily, 237. cluster, 238. incriminate, 239. referee, 240. rhetoric, 241. discovery, 242. converge, 243. eventually

244. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
245. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
246. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
247. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
248. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
249. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
250. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
251. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
252. co_____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
253. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
254. in_____us joke *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage

ANSWERS: 244. defend, 245. illustrate, 246. confident, 247. military, 248. discovery, 249. convict, 250. fortunate, 251. judge, 252. converge, 253. individual, 254. innocuous

255. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
256. ta_____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
257. me_____al times *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
258. la____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
259. digital s_y tools *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
260. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
261. willful wro_____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
262. pun_____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 255. ubiquitous, 256. takeaway, 257. medieval, 258. launch, 259. spy, 260. process, 261. wrongdoing, 262. punishment

263. pro_____tic model *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
264. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
265. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
266. anti-Se_____c movement *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
267. have a b___s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
268. unc_____us bias *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
269. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
270. sc_____l magazine *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
271. up___d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 263. probabilistic, 264. desire, 265. encounter, 266. Semitic, 267. bias, 268. unconscious, 269. phenomenon, 270. scandal, 271. uphold

272. te____n map *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
273. industrial es_____ge *n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents
274. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
275. me____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
276. a m__o pad *n.* a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company
277. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
278. life imp_____ent *n.* the state of being confined to a prison or jail; a sentence of confinement as a punishment for a crime
279. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
280. an unworthy mo___e *n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way

ANSWERS: 272. terrain, 273. espionage, 274. puzzle, 275. metaphor, 276. memo, 277. probable, 278. imprisonment, 279. motto, 280. motive

281. personality tr__ts	<i>n.</i> a particular feature of your nature
282. to__h song	<i>n.</i> a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
283. feel a bit gu___y	<i>adj.</i> feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
284. pr_____t the future	<i>v.</i> to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
285. b__s against a big company	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
286. the fr__e of the policy	<i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
287. gloomy pre_____ons	<i>n.</i> the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
288. co_____de a meeting	<i>v.</i> to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
289. an emotional ju_____nt	<i>n.</i> the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
290. permafrost te_____n	<i>n.</i> the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
291. unf_____ely caught in a shower	<i>adv.</i> by bad luck; unluckily
292. con_____ct the principle	<i>v.</i> to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

ANSWERS: 281. trait, 282. torch, 283. guilty, 284. predict, 285. bias, 286. frame, 287. prediction, 288. conclude, 289. judgment, 290. terrain, 291. unfortunately, 292. contradict

293. sc__t troop *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
294. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
295. current af___rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
296. provide su_____or customer service *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
297. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
298. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
299. Se_____c culture *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
300. con_____nt way *adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
301. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
302. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

ANSWERS: 293. scout, 294. Jewish, 295. affair, 296. superior, 297. examine, 298. vast, 299. Semitic, 300. convenient, 301. genuine, 302. mimic

303. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
304. the rh____ic of a debate *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
305. thousands of in____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
306. su____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
307. even more unf____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
308. new and com____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

ANSWERS: 303. vice, 304. rhetoric, 305. innocent, 306. suspect, 307. unfortunately, 308. compelling

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It was _____ of him to betray his friend.
adj. extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
2. We _____ a cease-fire.
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
3. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
4. The government recruited a _____ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell
n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
5. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
6. The judge handed down a sentence of _____ for the convicted criminal.
n. the state of being confined to a prison or jail; a sentence of confinement as a punishment for a crime
7. My husband was found _____ of any crime.
adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
8. His estate was _____ to his sons.
v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 1. foul, 2. concluded, 3. convinced, 4. spy, 5. instruction, 6. imprisonment, 7. innocent, 8. distributed

9. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.
- n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
10. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
11. The CEO of the company denied any _____ while admitting to mismanagement.
- n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
12. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.
- v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
13. The _____ aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.
- n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
14. All peaceful cooperation is based _____ on mutual trust.
- adv.* mainly
15. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.
- n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
16. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.
- n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 9. investigation, 10. government, 11. wrongdoing, 12. scare, 13. archer's, 14. primarily, 15. economics, 16. affair

17. They had a _____ conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

18. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

19. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

20. A rose has thorns on its _____.

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

21. He was known for his powerful _____ and ability to persuade people with his words.

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

22. Her fear of dogs was _____ after a traumatic experience in childhood.

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

23. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

24. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 17. casual, 18. ruined, 19. illustrate, 20. stem, 21. rhetoric, 22. ingrained, 23. unfortunately, 24. elevates

25. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

26. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

27. My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the _____ hammer.

n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

28. This country has a nationally _____ culture.

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

29. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

30. He proposed an _____ program of public works.

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

31. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

ANSWERS: 25. vast, 26. process, 27. reflex, 28. uniform, 29. intrigues, 30. elaborate, 31. Constant

32. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
- n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
33. The company sent a _____ to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.
- n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
34. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
35. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
- adj.* relating to people's feelings
36. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
- n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
37. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
- adv.* after the time mentioned
38. 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
39. The political _____ rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.
- n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

ANSWERS: 32. judgments, 33. scout, 34. predict, 35. emotional, 36. hero, 37. afterward, 38. emotions, 39. scandal

40. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

41. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

42. The _____ leaders gathered for a summit to discuss important issues.

adj. relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society

43. The DNA evidence _____ the suspect, proving his innocence.

v. to clear someone of blame or accusation; to free someone from responsibility or guilt

44. In a _____ system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

45. She _____ described the complex scientific concept in simple terms everyone could understand.

adv. in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

46. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

47. Is this painting _____ or forged?

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

ANSWERS: 40. essential, 41. bias, 42. tribal, 43. exonerated, 44. probabilistic, 45. aptly, 46. Jewish, 47. genuine

48. 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
49. 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
50. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
51. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
52. The cyber _____ operation was the work of a foreign government's army of hackers.
- n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents
53. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.
- adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
54. The airport offers five _____ access routes.
- adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do

ANSWERS: 48. decide, 49. relations, 50. mindset, 51. policy, 52. espionage, 53. guilty, 54. convenient

55. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

56. The book contains numerous statements that _____ previous reports.

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

57. My friend shared an _____ story about her experience in customer service.

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

58. Different people might _____ this news differently.

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

59. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

60. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

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

61. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

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

62. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 55. uphold, 56. contradict, 57. anecdotal, 58. interpret, 59. identify, 60. claim, 61. judge, 62. committed

63. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

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

64. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

adj. correct and exact in all details

65. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

66. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

67. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.

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

68. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

69. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

70. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

ANSWERS: 63. influence, 64. accurate, 65. admire, 66. puzzle, 67. defeat, 68. eventually, 69. awesome, 70. improve

71. The _____ languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.
adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
72. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.
adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
73. I received a _____ from the CEO outlining the new company policies.
n. a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company
74. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
75. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
n. a particular feature of your nature
76. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
adj. having good luck or lucky
77. The group of friends _____ to pull a prank on their teacher.
v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
78. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.
n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
79. The president must have the highest _____ standards.
adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

ANSWERS: 71. Semitic, 72. compelling, 73. memo, 74. suspected, 75. traits, 76. fortunate, 77. conspired, 78. vice, 79. ethical

80. The employees expressed their _____ at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.
- n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
81. The Army _____ led the troops into battle.
- n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
82. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.
- adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
83. These results muddied the _____.
- n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
84. We carefully examine each _____ transaction report we receive.
- adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
85. The military uniform had a bright red _____ on the sleeve.
- n.* a badge, emblem, or symbol that represents a particular organization, office, or rank; a distinguishing mark or badge that indicates membership or affiliation with a particular group or organization
86. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.
- n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 80. dismay, 81. colonel, 82. regardless, 83. prediction, 84. suspicious, 85. insignia, 86. punishment

87. After working long hours for a _____ paycheck, the employee began to search for a new job.

adj. lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate

88. The band has released a lot of _____ rock music.

n. (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

89. The hotel's staff is very _____ and efficient.

adj. enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable

90. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

91. There are various ways to ward off the _____ including prayer and holy water.

n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

92. I can't stop _____ my arm because of the mosquito bite.

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

93. The woman inherited a large sum of _____ from her grandfather's estate.

n. a British coin and unit of currency, equivalent to 100 pence; British money; something of excellent quality or genuine value

94. You don't have to be _____.

adj. feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done

ANSWERS: 87. paltry, 88. adrenaline-pumping, 89. pleasant, 90. fellow, 91. devil, 92. itching, 93. sterling, 94. ashamed

95. 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.
96. He exercised his right not to _____ himself
- v.* to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing
97. The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of _____ against the state.
- n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
98. The _____ on the note was barely legible.
- n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
99. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.
- n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
100. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.
- n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
101. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.
- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
102. A _____ of grapes hung from the vine.
- n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

ANSWERS: 95. defend, 96. incriminate, 97. treason, 98. handwriting, 99. warrior, 100. ritual, 101. encounter, 102. cluster

103. The mountainous _____ was rough and rocky.

- n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

104. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

- v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

105. The _____ course was challenging but fun.

- n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

106. The new smartphone model is _____ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

- adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

107. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.

- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

108. There was an almost certain _____ that the company was involved in illegal activities.

- n.* the act of doubting something, especially something wrong

109. We may frequently _____ age with the frequency of disease.

- v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

110. This community is free of social _____.

- n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

ANSWERS: 103. terrain, 104. demonstrate, 105. obstacle, 106. superior, 107. metaphors, 108. suspicion, 109. correlate, 110. prejudice

111. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.

- n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

112. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.

- v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

113. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.

- v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

114. Boxing fans often criticize his _____ stance.

- adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

115. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.

- v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

116. A rainbow is a natural _____.

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

117. 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

118. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.

- v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

ANSWERS: 111. rank, 112. examine, 113. sneak, 114. defensive, 115. converge, 116. phenomenon, 117. decision, 118. begged

119. She had many good _____ and few faults.

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

120. Enemy armies are _____ to their monarch.

adj. giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;

121. The government's crackdown on free speech was seen as an attempt to _____ journalists and media outlets.

v. to subject someone to hostility, ill-treatment, or harassment, especially because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; to oppress or mistreat someone because of their identity

122. Sugar is _____ in food.

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

123. Her research team made an important _____.

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

124. The spider in the corner of the room seemed _____ but it made her uneasy.

adj. not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage

125. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

126. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

ANSWERS: 119. virtues, 120. loyal, 121. persecute, 122. ubiquitous, 123. discovery, 124. innocuous, 125. argue, 126. motivation

127. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
128. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
129. 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
130. The _____ blew his whistle.
n. a person who controls the game in some sports by making players follow the rules
131. I'm not _____ in our victory.
adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
132. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
133. Only the _____ tower remained standing.
adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
134. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.
n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

ANSWERS: 127. topic, 128. convicted, 129. individual, 130. referee, 131. confident, 132. historic, 133. medieval, 134. torch

135. He looked out the window at the _____ stream of people.

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

136. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

137. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

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

138. 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

139. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

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

140. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

141. She would never _____ hurt anyone.

adv. in a planned or intended way

142. She _____ for the days when things were simpler.

v. to strongly desire or long for something

ANSWERS: 135. endless, 136. mimic, 137. launch, 138. trump, 139. military, 140. controversial, 141. intentionally, 142. yearned

143. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

144. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

145. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

146. The detective tried to uncover the _____ behind the crime.

n. the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way

147. I know his _____ habit that he touches his face when he lies.

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

148. Many researchers are monitoring environmental _____ in real-time through satellites.

n. the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state

149. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

150. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 143. motto, 144. assumes, 145. frame, 146. motive, 147. unconscious, 148. degradation, 149. principle, 150. desire

151. There's no _____ in his description.

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

152. The main _____ from the meeting was the need for better communication.

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

153. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

154. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 151. logic, 152. takeaway, 153. locate, 154. probable