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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.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

zombie

n. a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way

synonym : living dead, ghost, machine

(1) **zombie** bank, (2) **zombie** movie

If you don't get a good night's sleep, you will become a **zombie** at work.

dragon

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

synonym : wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

struggle

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

synonym : toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

noble

adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

synonym : dignified, aristocratic, benevolent

(1) a **noble** family, (2) **noble** gas

He is a **noble-minded** man

span

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

synonym : interval, period, length

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

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

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

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

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

motif

n. a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

synonym: theme, pattern, design

(1) animal **motif**, (2) the **motif** of a music piece

The repeating floral **motif** in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

loyalty

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

synonym: faithfulness, devotion, allegiance

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

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

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.

conflict

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

synonym : clash, discord, competition

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

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

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym : foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym : acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

throne

n. a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen

synonym : seat, throne, chair

(1) abdicate the **throne**, (2) imperial **throne**

The king sat on his **throne**, surveying his kingdom.

- sew** v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
synonym : stitch, darn, tailor
(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button
My mother taught me how to **sew**.
- survive** v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
synonym : endure, persist, stay
(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash
These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.
- skip** v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
synonym : bounce, spring, neglect
(1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast
We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.
- lingering** *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
synonym : prolonged, persistent, enduring
(1) **lingering** illness, (2) **lingering** doubts
The **lingering** smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.
- 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.
- offspring** *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
synonym : children, descendants, heirs

(1) female **offspring**, (2) produce **offspring**
How many **offspring** does the average lion have?

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

ensue

v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

synonym: follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**

A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

depose

v. to compel to depart; to remove from office

synonym: displace, oust, expel

(1) **depose** a prime minister, (2) **deposed** dictator

The citizens **deposed** the monarch.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym: relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family
I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

sporadic

adj. occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered

synonym: occasional, irregular, unpredictable

(1) **sporadic** outbreaks, (2) **sporadic** attempts

The rain was falling in **sporadic** bursts.

unrest

n. a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace

synonym: disturbance, agitation, turmoil

(1) **unrest** in the city, (2) cause **unrest**

The recent political **unrest** in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

reign

n. the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen

synonym: rule, governance, sovereignty

(1) **reign** of a dictator, (2) **reign** as sovereign

The dictator's **reign** was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.

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.

infant

n. a baby or very young child

synonym: baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

weak-willed

adj. lacking strength and resolution in one's willpower or ability to resist temptation or external influence; easily swayed or manipulated

synonym : indecisive, meek, spineless

(1) **weak-willed** individual, (2) **weak-willed** decision

His **weak-willed** nature prevented him from sticking to his diet and fitness routine.

dominate

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

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

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

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

adviser

n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject

synonym : consultant, guide, expert

(1) a medical **adviser**, (2) chief **adviser**

After retiring, he continued to be an **adviser** to politicians.

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.

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.

ambitious

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

synonym : enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye
Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

ruthless

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

synonym: heartless, pitiless, merciless

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

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

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.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

distrust

n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

synonym: suspicion, doubt, misgiving

(1) **distrust** in politics, (2) growing **distrust**

The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop **distrust** in her abilities.

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.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

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

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

sideline

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

synonym : sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

criticism

n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

synonym : critique, commentary, review

(1) **criticism** from the public, (2) harsh **criticism**

Constructive **criticism** is always helpful to help improving one's work.

inept

adj. lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy

synonym : incompetent, unskilled, clumsy

(1) **inept** government, (2) socially **inept**

He was **inept** at handling the situation.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym : control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

exclusion

n. the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something

synonym : omission, isolation, bar

(1) gender **exclusion**, (2) **exclusion** criteria

The policy of **exclusion** has caused significant harm to marginalized communities.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

synonym : climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

corruptible

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

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

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

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

widespread

adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

synonym: across-the-board, overall, general

(1) **widespread** use, (2) **widespread** fear of nuclear war

In medieval times, death punishment was **widespread** and socially accepted.

discontent

n. dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval

synonym: dissatisfaction, unrest, displeasure

(1) political **discontent**, (2) widespread **discontent**

The worker's **discontent** with their wages led to a strike.

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym: middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal

He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym: disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

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

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

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

unsuccessful

adj. failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful

synonym: failing, abortive, doomed

(1) an **unsuccessful** writer, (2) **unsuccessful** effort

The government's attempts to infiltrate the terrorist group were largely **unsuccessful**.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

protector

n. a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender

synonym: guardian, defender, custodian

(1) environmental **protector**, (2) wildlife **protector**

The bodyguard acted as a **protector** for the celebrity.

realm

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

synonym: domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

breakdown

n. a failure or collapse of a system or organization

synonym: collapse, failure, malfunction

(1) a nervous **breakdown**, (2) **breakdown** maintenance

The **breakdown** of the machinery caused a delay in production.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

flee

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

synonym: exit, escape, run away

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

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

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

reinstate

v. to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held

synonym : restore, bring back, revive

(1) **reinstate** a policy, (2) **reinstate** a team member

The boss decided to **reinstate** the recently fired employee after realizing their mistake.

heir

n. a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

synonym : successor, inheritor, beneficiary

(1) an imperial **heir**, (2) **heir** at law

She recognized me as her lawful **heir**.

crown

n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

synonym : tiara, headdress, royalty

(1) the imperial **crown**, (2) the **crown** and throne

The bishop bestowed the golden **crown** on the king.

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym : attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

pike

n. a long weapon with a pointed metal head on a wooden shaft, typically used by foot soldiers in the past; a fish with a long body, sharp teeth, and a flattened snout; a toll road

synonym: spear, lance, thruway

(1) war **piques**, (2) **pike** fishing

The **pike-wielding** soldier stood at the castle gate, prepared to defend against the invading forces.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

cruel

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

synonym: heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

synonym: calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

arrange

v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

synonym: set up, order, organize

(1) **arrange** the meeting, (2) the list was **arranged** alphabetically

I need to **arrange** plans with him for the celebration.

princess

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

synonym : royal, noble, queen

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

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

widow

n. a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried

synonym : bereaved

(1) **widow** pension, (2) a war **widow**

She became a **widow** after her husband passed away.

alienated

adj. feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging

synonym : isolated, estranged, disconnected

(1) **alienated** from my parents, (2) become **alienated**

The new employee felt **alienated** from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

recapture

v. to take back control or possession of something

synonym : retake, reoccupy, regain

(1) **recapture** prisoner, (2) **recapture** territory

The company launched a campaign to **recapture** lost market share.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym: confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym: friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

bloodshed

n. the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

synonym: carnage, violence, killing

(1) bloody **bloodshed**, (2) massive **bloodshed**

The negotiations failed, leading to threats of **bloodshed** between the two countries.

resume

v. to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption

synonym: continue, reopen, restart

(1) **resume** an office, (2) **resume** a relationship

We **resumed** negotiations after a temporary break.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

illegitimate

adj. not legally valid or recognized

synonym: unlawful, misbegotten, felonious

(1) an **illegitimate** occupation, (2) **illegitimate** claim

He had an **illegitimate** child that he never acknowledged.

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.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

downfall

n. a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

synonym: demise, collapse, ruin

(1) a **downfall** earthquake, (2) **downfall** government

The company's financial mismanagement was the **downfall** of the once-successful business.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym: child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation

descendant

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

grab

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

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

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

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

split

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

synonym: break, divide, break apart

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

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

royal

adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family

synonym: imperial, noble, aristocratic

(1) a **royal** palace, (2) prince **royal**

She is willing to give up her position in the **royal** family to marry him.

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.

decisive

adj. making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue

synonym: final, conclusive, unambiguous

(1) a **decisive** ballot, (2) **decisive** action

The **decisive** victory in the war ended years of conflict.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

victory

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

synonym: win, triumph, success

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

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

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

synonym: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

unstable

adj. lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

synonym : shaky, unbalanced, inconsistent

(1) mentally **unstable**, (2) **unstable** weather

The tower proved to be **unstable** in the high wind.

fleeting

adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

synonym : temporary, brief, transitory

(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity

She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the vacation.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pe_____te minorities | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 2. public re__m | <i>n.</i> a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge |
| 3. political ex__e | <i>n.</i> the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons |
| 4. ill_____ate claim | <i>adj.</i> not legally valid or recognized |
| 5. lo_____y program | <i>n.</i> the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something |
| 6. co___n's family | <i>n.</i> the child of your aunt or uncle |
| 7. pr_____e a better relationship | <i>v.</i> to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank |
| 8. re_____e the order | <i>v.</i> to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear |
| 9. di_____st in politics | <i>n.</i> a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something |
| 10. midst of ch__s | <i>n.</i> a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control |

ANSWERS: 1. persecute, 2. realm, 3. exile, 4. illegitimate, 5. loyalty, 6. cousin, 7. promote, 8. reverse, 9. distrust, 10. chaos

11. no__e gas *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
12. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
13. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
14. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
15. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
16. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
17. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
18. wi__w pension *n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
19. growing di_____st *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
20. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
21. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
22. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 11. noble, 12. promote, 13. initially, 14. massive, 15. disappear, 16. survive, 17. increasingly, 18. widow, 19. distrust, 20. dominate, 21. span, 22. conflict

23. uns_____ful effort *adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
24. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
25. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
26. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
27. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
28. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
29. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
30. ru_____ss brutality *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
31. re_____re territory *v.* to take back control or possession of something
32. un___t in the city *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
33. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 23. unsuccessful, 24. symbol, 25. inspire, 26. involve, 27. define, 28. sew, 29. basis, 30. ruthless, 31. recapture, 32. unrest, 33. eventually

34. lucrative si____ne *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
35. a nervous br____wn *n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
36. dr____n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
37. a do____ll earthquake *n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure
38. 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
39. ar____t the thief *v.* to take into custody
40. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
41. do____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
42. co____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

ANSWERS: 34. sideline, 35. breakdown, 36. dragon, 37. downfall, 38. claim, 39. arrest, 40. split, 41. dominate, 42. convinced

43. in_____e a lot of paperwork
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
44. 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
45. sy_____l color
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
46. re__n of a dictator
n. the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
47. a lo__l friend
adj. giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;
48. wea_____ed decision
adj. lacking strength and resolution in one's willpower or ability to resist temptation or external influence; easily swayed or manipulated
49. ma_____e stars
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
50. mo__t a hill
v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
51. de_____e my love
v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
52. en__e within a few years
v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
53. ha_____e a precious object
v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

ANSWERS: 43. involve, 44. medieval, 45. symbol, 46. reign, 47. loyal, 48. weak-willed, 49. massive, 50. mount, 51. declare, 52. ensue, 53. handle

54. de____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
55. a de____ve ballot *adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
56. a war wi__w *n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
57. nieces and ne____ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
58. earn his lo____y *n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
59. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
60. zo____e bank *n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
61. 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
62. war p__es *n.* a long weapon with a pointed metal head on a wooden shaft, typically used by foot soldiers in the past; a fish with a long body, sharp teeth, and a flattened snout; a toll road
63. sp____ic attempts *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered
64. br____wn maintenance *n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization

ANSWERS: 54. declare, 55. decisive, 56. widow, 57. nephew, 58. loyalty, 59. sew, 60. zombie, 61. medieval, 62. pike, 63. sporadic, 64. breakdown

65. mentally un_____le *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
66. in__t government *adj.* lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy
67. re_____on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
68. h__r at law *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
69. predict what will en__e *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
70. cor_____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
71. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
72. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
73. de_____ve action *adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
74. imperial th___e *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
75. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
76. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

ANSWERS: 65. unstable, 66. inept, 67. rebellion, 68. heir, 69. ensue, 70. corruptible, 71. associate, 72. grab, 73. decisive, 74. throne, 75. disappear, 76. ambitious

77. wid_____ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
78. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
79. three-year-old ne___w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
80. ap_____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
81. in___t food *n.* a baby or very young child
82. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
83. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
84. s__p breakfast *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
85. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
86. pe_____ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
87. massive bl_____ed *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

ANSWERS: 77. widespread, 78. flee, 79. nephew, 80. appoint, 81. infant, 82. complexity, 83. military, 84. skip, 85. cast, 86. peaceful, 87. bloodshed

88. un____le weather *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
89. tr____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
90. 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
91. a ro__l palace *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
92. inc____gly become common *adv.* more and more
93. de____t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
94. re____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
95. zo____e movie *n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
96. 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

ANSWERS: 88. unstable, 89. transfer, 90. assume, 91. royal, 92. increasingly, 93. defeat, 94. reverse, 95. zombie, 96. claim

97. in____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
98. the cr__n and throne *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
99. re_____te a team member *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
100. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
101. re___e an office *v.* to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption
102. burn with je____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
103. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
104. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
105. tr___c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
106. in the mi__t of the crowd *n.* the middle part of people or things
107. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

ANSWERS: 97. inspire, 98. crown, 99. reinstate, 100. basis, 101. resume, 102. jealousy, 103. invade, 104. flee, 105. tragic, 106. midst, 107. seize

108. political dis_____nt *n.* dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval
109. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
110. a no__e family *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
111. ap_____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
112. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
113. li_____ng doubts *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
114. al_____ed from my parents *adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
115. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 108. discontent, 109. complexity, 110. noble, 111. appoint, 112. threat, 113. lingering, 114. alienated, 115. struggle

116. de____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
117. gender ex_____on *n.* the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something
118. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
119. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
120. the imperial cr__n *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
121. in____e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
122. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
123. widespread dis_____nt *n.* dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval
124. in____t daughter *n.* a baby or very young child

ANSWERS: 116. descend, 117. exclusion, 118. threat, 119. initially, 120. crown, 121. invade, 122. fiction, 123. discontent, 124. infant

125. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
126. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
127. si____ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
128. an uns_____ful writer *adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
129. de___ed dictator *v.* to compel to depart; to remove from office
130. wea_____ed individual *adj.* lacking strength and resolution in one's willpower or ability to resist temptation or external influence; easily swayed or manipulated
131. ca____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
132. fl____ng opportunity *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
133. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
134. sp____ic outbreaks *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered

ANSWERS: 125. reform, 126. suddenly, 127. sideline, 128. unsuccessful, 129. depose, 130. weak-willed, 131. capture, 132. fleeting, 133. eventually, 134. sporadic

135. de___e a prime minister *v.* to compel to depart; to remove from office
136. re_____re prisoner *v.* to take back control or possession of something
137. wid_____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
138. s__p across the country *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
139. harsh cr_____sm *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
140. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
141. chief ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
142. mo__t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
143. re_____te a policy *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
144. vi_____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

ANSWERS: 135. depose, 136. recapture, 137. widespread, 138. skip, 139. criticism, 140. shifting, 141. adviser, 142. mount, 143. reinstate, 144. victory

145. a Royal Pr_____ss
n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
146. pe_____ul country
adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war
147. p__e fishing
n. a long weapon with a pointed metal head on a wooden shaft, typically used by foot soldiers in the past; a fish with a long body, sharp teeth, and a flattened snout; a toll road
148. stuff of science fi_____n
n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
149. the ul_____te goal in life
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
150. an ill_____ate occupation
adj. not legally valid or recognized
151. prince ro__l
adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
152. dr____n fruit
n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
153. ac_____e knowledge
v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
154. show ru_____ss behavior
adj. lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

ANSWERS: 145. princess, 146. peaceful, 147. pike, 148. fiction, 149. ultimate, 150. illegitimate, 151. royal, 152. dragon, 153. acquire, 154. ruthless

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| 155. socially in__t | <i>adj.</i> lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy |
| 156. third-generation des_____nt | <i>n.</i> children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal |
| 157. a medical ad_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who gives advice about a particular subject |
| 158. beyond the re__m of possibility | <i>n.</i> a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge |
| 159. su_____ly attacked by an enemy | <i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly |
| 160. secular dr__a | <i>n.</i> a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage |
| 161. c__t a charming eye | <i>v.</i> to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process |
| 162. animal mo__f | <i>n.</i> a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music |
| 163. in the mi__t of a scandal | <i>n.</i> the middle part of people or things |
| 164. re___m movement | <i>n.</i> the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem |
| 165. ex_____on criteria | <i>n.</i> the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something |
| 166. ex__e community | <i>n.</i> the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons |

ANSWERS: 155. inept, 156. descendant, 157. adviser, 158. realm, 159. suddenly, 160. drama, 161. cast, 162. motif, 163. midst, 164. reform, 165. exclusion, 166. exile

167. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
168. ch__s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
169. a cr__l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
170. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
171. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
172. numerous un____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
173. 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
174. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
175. the longstanding co____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
176. produce of____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
177. cause un____t *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
178. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 167. military, 168. chaos, 169. cruel, 170. cruel, 171. ultimate, 172. uncertain, 173. assume, 174. grab, 175. conflict, 176. offspring, 177. unrest, 178. historic

179. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
180. the mo__f of a music piece *n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
181. cross-co___n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
182. sh_____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
183. abdicate the th___e *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
184. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
185. wildlife pr_____or *n.* a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender
186. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
187. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
188. the list was ar_____ed alphabetically *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
189. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

ANSWERS: 179. suffer, 180. motif, 181. cousin, 182. shifting, 183. throne, 184. corruptible, 185. protector, 186. convinced, 187. suffer, 188. arrange, 189. acquire

190. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
191. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
192. take an un_____in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
193. female of _____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
194. an imperial h__r *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
195. vi_____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
196. re___e a relationship *v.* to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption
197. crown pr_____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
198. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
199. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
200. cr_____sm from the public *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

ANSWERS: 190. split, 191. span, 192. uncertain, 193. offspring, 194. heir, 195. victory, 196. resume, 197. princess, 198. ambitious, 199. define, 200. criticism

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| 201. become al_____ed | <i>adj.</i> feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging |
| 202. excite re_____on | <i>n.</i> an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler |
| 203. become a lo__l customer | <i>adj.</i> giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.; |
| 204. su_____e a plane crash | <i>v.</i> to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period |
| 205. ha____ed the incident | <i>v.</i> to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion |
| 206. do_____ll government | <i>n.</i> a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure |
| 207. ar_____e the meeting | <i>v.</i> to plan, prepare for, and carry out something |
| 208. bloody bl_____ed | <i>n.</i> the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict |
| 209. re_____r approval ratings | <i>v.</i> to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength |
| 210. as_____te alcohol with gambling | <i>v.</i> to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else |
| 211. des_____nt of a pioneer | <i>n.</i> children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal |
| 212. ar____t the progress | <i>v.</i> to take into custody |

ANSWERS: 201. alienated, 202. rebellion, 203. loyal, 204. survive, 205. handle, 206. downfall, 207. arrange, 208. bloodshed, 209. recover, 210. associate, 211. descendant, 212. arrest

213. escape from ca_____ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
214. li_____ng illness *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
215. environmental pr_____or *n.* a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender
216. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
217. 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
218. je_____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
219. tr____c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
220. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
221. for a fl_____ng moment *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
222. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 213. captivity, 214. lingering, 215. protector, 216. descend, 217. persecute, 218. jealousy, 219. tragic, 220. drama, 221. fleeting, 222. struggle

223. re____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
224. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
225. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
226. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
227. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
228. re__n as sovereign *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; *(verb)* to be the king or queen
229. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
230. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

ANSWERS: 223. recover, 224. defeat, 225. capture, 226. historic, 227. transfer, 228. reign, 229. seize, 230. captivity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After retiring, he continued to be an _____ to politicians.
n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject
2. The policy of _____ has caused significant harm to marginalized communities.
n. the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something
3. 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
4. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.
adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people
5. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
6. 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
7. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

ANSWERS: 1. adviser, 2. exclusion, 3. claim, 4. widespread, 5. eventually, 6. assumes, 7. exiled

8. In Chinese mythology, _____ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.
- n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
9. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
- v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
10. The dictator's _____ was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.
- n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
11. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.
- adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
12. We are optimistic about our final _____.
- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
13. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
- adv.* more and more
14. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
- v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
15. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
- v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

ANSWERS: 8. dragons, 9. handle, 10. reign, 11. tragic, 12. victory, 13. increasingly, 14. split, 15. transferred

16. The king sat on his _____ surveying his kingdom.

n. a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen

17. He had an _____ child that he never acknowledged.

adj. not legally valid or recognized

18. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

19. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

20. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

21. Constructive _____ is always helpful to help improving one's work.

n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

22. She savored the _____ happiness she felt during the vacation.

adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

23. The recent political _____ in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

n. a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace

ANSWERS: 16. throne, 17. illegitimate, 18. realm, 19. jealousy, 20. cast, 21. criticism, 22. fleeting, 23. unrest

24. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
- v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
25. She recognized me as her lawful _____.
- n. a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
26. The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop _____ in her abilities.
- n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
27. My mother taught me how to _____.
- v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
28. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.
- v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
29. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.
- adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
30. The boss decided to _____ the recently fired employee after realizing their mistake.
- v. to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
31. He is a _____ man
- adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

ANSWERS: 24. promote, 25. heir, 26. distrust, 27. sew, 28. mounted, 29. cruel, 30. reinstate, 31. noble-minded

32. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.
n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
33. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
34. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
35. A power outage _____ after the storm knocked out the electricity.
v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
36. I need to _____ plans with him for the celebration.
v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
37. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
38. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
39. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 32. chaos, 33. threat, 34. corruptible, 35. ensued, 36. arrange, 37. suffers, 38. inspired, 39. conflicts,

40. Truth is stranger than _____.
- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
41. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.
- adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
42. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.
- adv.* at the beginning; at first
43. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.
- n.* a son of your brother or sister
44. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.
- v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
45. 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
46. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.
- adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
47. His _____ nature prevented him from sticking to his diet and fitness routine.
- adj.* lacking strength and resolution in one's willpower or ability to resist temptation or external influence; easily swayed or manipulated

ANSWERS: 40. fiction, 41. peaceful, 42. initially, 43. nephew, 44. declared, 45. convinced, 46. ambitious, 47. weak-willed

48. We _____ the topic because it was too complicated.
- v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
49. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
50. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
- v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
51. The _____ smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.
- adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
52. 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
53. The citizens _____ the monarch.
- v.* to compel to depart; to remove from office
54. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
- v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
55. He has always shown great _____ to his friends and family.
- n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something

ANSWERS: 48. skipped, 49. complexity, 50. flee, 51. lingering, 52. military, 53. deposed, 54. descended, 55. loyalty

56. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

57. 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

58. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

59. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.

n. the middle part of people or things

60. If you don't get a good night's sleep, you will become a _____ at work.

n. a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way

61. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

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

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

63. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.

adj. constantly changing or moving

ANSWERS: 56. disappear, 57. persecute, 58. symbol, 59. midst, 60. zombie, 61. invade, 62. defeat, 63. shifting

64. The _____ of the machinery caused a delay in production.
n. a failure or collapse of a system or organization
65. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.
n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
66. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
67. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
68. She is willing to give up her position in the _____ family to marry him.
adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
69. The dictator was known for his _____ tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.
adj. lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
70. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
71. The bishop bestowed the golden _____ on the king.
n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

ANSWERS: 64. breakdown, 65. basis, 66. grab, 67. struggle, 68. royal, 69. ruthless, 70. dominates, 71. crown

72. Mozart was an _____ prodigy.

n. a baby or very young child

73. She had an audition for _____ school.

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

74. He was _____ at handling the situation.

adj. lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy

75. Enemy armies are _____ to their monarch.

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

76. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

77. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

78. Pandas rarely breed in _____.

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

79. The tower proved to be _____ in the high wind.

adj. lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

80. The prince fell in love with the _____ and asked her to marry him.

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

ANSWERS: 72. infant, 73. drama, 74. inept, 75. loyal, 76. ultimate, 77. reversed, 78. captivity, 79. unstable, 80. princess

81. The worker's _____ with their wages led to a strike.
n. dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval
82. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.
n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
83. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
84. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
85. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
86. The court _____ a guardian for the child.
v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
87. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.
v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
88. The company launched a campaign to _____ lost market share.
v. to take back control or possession of something

ANSWERS: 81. discontent, 82. descendants, 83. massive, 84. involves, 85. seize, 86. appointed, 87. recovering, 88. recapture

89. How many _____ does the average lion have?

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

90. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.

v. to take into custody

91. The negotiations failed, leading to threats of _____ between the two countries.

n. the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

92. The government's attempts to infiltrate the terrorist group were largely _____.

adj. failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful

93. The bodyguard acted as a _____ for the celebrity.

n. a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender

94. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

95. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

96. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

ANSWERS: 89. offspring, 90. arrest, 91. bloodshed, 92. unsuccessful, 93. protector, 94. acquire, 95. define, 96. associate

97. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

98. The rain was falling in _____ bursts.

adj. occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered

99. The company's financial mismanagement was the _____ of the once-successful business.

n. a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

100. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

101. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

102. 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

103. The repeating floral _____ in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.

n. a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

104. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 97. capture, 98. sporadic, 99. downfall, 100. uncertain, 101. survive, 102. medieval, 103. motif, 104. suddenly

105. The antigovernment _____ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.
- n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
106. The new employee felt _____ from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.
- adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
107. The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the _____ for the entire game.
- n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
108. The _____ soldier stood at the castle gate, prepared to defend against the invading forces.
- n.* a long weapon with a pointed metal head on a wooden shaft, typically used by foot soldiers in the past; a fish with a long body, sharp teeth, and a flattened snout; a toll road
109. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
110. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
- n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 105. rebellion, 106. alienated, 107. sideline, 108. pike-wielding, 109. reform, 110. span

111. The _____ victory in the war ended years of conflict.

adj. making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue

112. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

113. We _____ negotiations after a temporary break.

v. to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption

114. She became a _____ after her husband passed away.

n. a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried

115. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

ANSWERS: 111. decisive, 112. historic, 113. resumed, 114. widow, 115. cousins