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Session 1: Word List

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym: publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media
We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

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.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

matte

adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

synonym: dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish

The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym: watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

deck

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

synonym : platform, veranda, patio

(1) **deck** chairs, (2) hands on **deck**

She sat on the ship's **deck**, watching the sunset over the ocean.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym : agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym : crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

surgery

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

synonym : operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**

He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

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.

traumatic

adj. relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury

synonym : distressing

(1) **traumatic** event, (2) **traumatic** brain injury

The experience was so **traumatic** that it left a lasting impact on the survivor's mental health.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym : wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

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**.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym : merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym : disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**
Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

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.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

unnoticed

adj. not seen or noticed

synonym: ignored, overlooked, unrecognized

(1) **unnoticed** by all, (2) go **unnoticed** for a long period

His research went largely **unnoticed** until a prominent researcher cited it.

disgrace

n. a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something

synonym: shame, dishonor, humiliation

(1) **disgrace** our family name, (2) political **disgrace**

The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a

disgrace to their leadership

epidemic

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

synonym: outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

engage

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

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

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

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

overlap

v. to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
synonym: overlay, cover, bespread

(1) **overlap** one another, (2) **overlap** in many areas

There was no **overlap** between their proposals.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

amendment

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

synonym: modification, revision, emendation

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

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

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.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation
The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

domestic

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

synonym: endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal
GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**
Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value
We would **appreciate** an early reply.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**
The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high

unemployment rates.

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

synonym : permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

firearm

n. a weapon that is designed to be fired and uses an explosive charge to propel a projectile, such as a bullet or a shell

synonym : gun, weapon

(1) stolen **firearm**, (2) legal **firearms**

I am a responsible **firearm** owner who follows all safety protocols.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym : overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym : conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party
Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

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**.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan
I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
synonym: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
synonym: affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

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.

broadcast

v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television

synonym : air, announce, advertise

(1) **broadcast** a concert, (2) **broadcast** a radio ad

Most of the programs are **broadcast** in this area.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym : amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

decent

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

synonym : respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education

He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

abide

v. to accept or tolerate something or to act in accordance with a rule, decision, recommendation, etc.; to remain in a particular state or condition

synonym : reside, dwell, live

(1) **abide** by a contract, (2) **abide** in the same place

They must **abide** by the rules set by the governing body.

incorrect

adj. not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate

synonym : unsound, wrong, inaccurate

(1) make an **incorrect** report, (2) an **incorrect** translation

He found my English sentences are **incorrect**.

belly

n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

synonym : stomach, abdomen, gut

(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**

She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.

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.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym : business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym : entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

pediatrics

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

synonym : pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic

I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love working with children.

desperate

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

synonym : anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

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.

unintentional

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

synonym: accidental, unforeseen, spontaneous

(1) avoid **unintentional** harm, (2) **unintentional** insult

The mistake was **unintentional** and made in good faith.

sandy

adj. covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown

synonym: arenaceous, sandlike

(1) miles of **sandy** beaches, (2) **sandy** hair

The rain rapidly soaked into the **sandy** soil.

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym: buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym: unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

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.

misery

n. a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

synonym: affliction, despair, anguish

(1) live in **misery**, (2) untold **misery**

Our company suffered **misery** from incurring a heavy loss.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district
Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops
The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .
I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**
The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**
The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

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.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym : ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

craven

adj. lacking courage; cowardly; characterized by a complete lack of bravery or boldness; excessively timid

synonym : cowardly, fearful, timid

(1) **craven** behavior, (2) **craven** apology

The **craven** employee refused to speak up in the meeting, even though he had valuable input.

politician

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

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

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

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

elect

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

synonym : select, choose, prefer

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

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

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

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.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

advocacy

n. the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying

synonym: support, promotion, defense

(1) **advocacy** group, (2) consumer **advocacy** group

The group engages in **advocacy** through lobbying and campaigning for policy changes.

celebrity

n. someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry

synonym: figure, star, VIP

(1) baseball **celebrity**, (2) **celebrity** known worldwide

The popularity of the show made her an instant **celebrity**.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym: player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**

His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

conservative

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

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

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

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

pundit

n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

synonym: expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on

the latest election results.

unsolicited

adj. given or sent without being requested or asked for; not invited or desired

synonym: uninvited, unrequested, unsought

(1) **unsolicited** email, (2) **unsolicited** proposal

The company received **unsolicited** feedback from a customer about their product.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym: request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

rail

n. a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

synonym: bar, beam, (verb) criticize

(1) **rail** system, (2) **rail** against his enemies

The children leaned over the bridge **rail** to watch the fish swimming below.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

candidate

n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

synonym: applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

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.

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.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

surreal

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

synonym : dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

scrap

n. a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

synonym : fragment, piece, remnant

(1) **scrap** metal, (2) a broken piece of **scrap**

She made a collage from **scraps** of paper and fabric from the art supply store.

offense

n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

synonym : crime, violation, insult

(1) minor traffic **offenses**, (2) a first **offense**

Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile **offenses**.

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.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym : immediately, right away, directly

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

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

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym : unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

Congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

outnumber

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

synonym: surpass, exceed

(1) **outnumber** our opponents, (2) **outnumber** males

The number of tourists in the city now **outnumbers** the locals.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym: throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

jam

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

synonym: difficulty, mess, preserve

(1) a traffic **jam**, (2) a jar of **jam**

The shredder in the print room often has paper **jams**.

congressional

adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

synonym : parliamentary, senatorial, legislative

(1) **congressional** approval, (2) suspend a **congressional** meeting

There was a **congressional** probe into the scandal.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym : act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

stranglehold

n. a grip that strangles or suffocates; an excessive grip or control

synonym : grip, tight control, hold

(1) escape their **stranglehold**, (2) information **stranglehold**

The monopoly has a **stranglehold** on the market, making it difficult for new businesses to compete.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

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.

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym : administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym : parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym : description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

insanity

n. the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness

synonym : madness, psychosis, lunacy

(1) sheer **insanity**, (2) alcoholic **insanity**

His behavior became increasingly erratic, leading many to

believe he was experiencing a bout of **insanity**.

equality

n. the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality

synonym : sameness, equity, parity

(1) **equality** act, (2) **equality** in education

Everyone deserves **equality** regardless of their race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

cross-country

adj. relating to or taking place across the open country rather than on roads or tracks; involving travel by foot, horse, or vehicle over rough terrain or through wilderness areas; (noun) a long-distance race or journey that takes place over rough or varied terrain, such as hills, forests, or fields

synonym : rural, remote, backcountry

(1) **cross-country** road trip, (2) **cross-country** skiing

We had to take a **cross-country** flight because no direct flights were available.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym : frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

binge

n. a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

synonym : spree, overindulgence, splurge

(1) **binge** on social media, (2) alcohol **binge**

She stayed up all night **binge-watching** her favorite TV show.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym : crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

remark

n. a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

synonym : comment, observation, statement

(1) a flattering **remark**, (2) **remark** dripping with bitterness
His candid **remark** at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

glance

v. to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

synonym : glimpse, peek, flash

(1) **glance** around nervously, (2) **glance** at him miserably
I casually **glanced** into the small hut.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

belt

v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

synonym : sing, hit hard, (noun) strap

(1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**

The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym : pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

dawn

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

synonym: daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym: motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

commonplace

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

synonym: ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym: alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

stigmatize

v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

synonym: brand, mark, denounce

(1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him as a swindler

She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

magnitude

n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

synonym: size, extent, level

(1) a star of the first **magnitude**, (2) the **magnitude** of the disaster

The **magnitude** of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. de___t a scene | v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph |
| 2. eve_____ly succeed | <i>adv.</i> finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on |
| 3. em___e building | <i>n.</i> a group of countries ruled by one leader or government |
| 4. cardiac su_____y | <i>n.</i> medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures |
| 5. against tr_____on | <i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society |
| 6. 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 |
| 7. ex___d agricultural output | v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance |
| 8. di_____ee about a particular issue | v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc. |
| 9. 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 |

ANSWERS: 1. depict, 2. eventually, 3. empire, 4. surgery, 5. tradition, 6. converge, 7. expand, 8. disagree, 9. decision

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| 10. ex____ng news | <i>adj.</i> causing a lot of interest or excitement |
| 11. acute em_____cy | <i>n.</i> a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action |
| 12. go un_____ed for a long period | <i>adj.</i> not seen or noticed |
| 13. u__y building | <i>adj.</i> unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at |
| 14. tre_____us amount | <i>adj.</i> very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good |
| 15. re_____nt by a diagram | <i>v.</i> to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute |
| 16. personal na_____ve | <i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story |
| 17. a flattering re___k | <i>n.</i> a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation |
| 18. na_____ve poetry | <i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story |
| 19. get ins_____on from nature | <i>n.</i> something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity |
| 20. the f__k songs of a particular district | <i>n.</i> people in general, especially those of a particular group or type |
| 21. de___t a feeling of isolation | <i>v.</i> to illustrate someone or something in a photograph |

ANSWERS: 10. exciting, 11. emergency, 12. unnoticed, 13. ugly, 14. tremendous, 15. represent, 16. narrative, 17. remark, 18. narrative, 19. inspiration, 20. folk, 21. depict

22. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
23. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
24. health ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
25. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
26. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
27. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
28. information str_____old *n.* a grip that strangles or suffocates; an excessive grip or control
29. 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
30. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

ANSWERS: 22. march, 23. observation, 24. epidemic, 25. tragedy, 26. percentage, 27. classic, 28. stranglehold, 29. claim, 30. proportion

31. avoid uni_____nal harm *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
32. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
33. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
34. PhD ca_____te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
35. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
36. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
37. a hat h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
38. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
39. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
40. eq_____ty act *n.* the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality
41. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
42. ma__e coating *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

ANSWERS: 31. unintentional, 32. dawn, 33. candidate, 34. candidate, 35. quitter, 36. folk, 37. hook, 38. definition, 39. norm, 40. equality, 41. suspect, 42. matte

43. alcoholic in____ty *n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness
44. su____l art *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
45. peace co____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
46. principles of de____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
47. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
48. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
49. make an am____nt to a contract *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
50. the professor of su____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
51. int____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

ANSWERS: 43. insanity, 44. surreal, 45. congress, 46. democracy, 47. flip, 48. ultimate, 49. amendment, 50. surgery, 51. intimidate

52. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
53. ou_____er males *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
54. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
55. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
56. suspend a con_____nal meeting *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
57. sc__p metal *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
58. a traffic j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
59. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
60. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 52. relative, 53. outnumber, 54. politician, 55. disconnect, 56. congressional, 57. scrap, 58. jam, 59. republican, 60. negative

61. live in mi___y *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
62. uns_____ed email *adj.* given or sent without being requested or asked for; not invited or desired
63. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
64. conservative pu___t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
65. cr___n apology *adj.* lacking courage; cowardly; characterized by a complete lack of bravery or boldness; excessively timid
66. ped_____cs clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
67. baseball ce_____ty *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
68. ad_____cy group *n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
69. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
70. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
71. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
72. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 61. misery, 62. unsolicited, 63. fortunate, 64. pundit, 65. craven, 66. pediatrics, 67. celebrity, 68. advocacy, 69. definitely, 70. pregnant, 71. mass, 72. weird

73. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
74. d__k chairs *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
75. com_____ce event *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
76. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
77. become a com_____ce sight *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
78. b__t him in the face *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
79. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
80. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
81. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

ANSWERS: 73. appreciate, 74. deck, 75. commonplace, 76. movement, 77. commonplace, 78. belt, 79. church, 80. desperate, 81. congress

82. r__l against his enemies *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
83. direct pro_____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
84. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
85. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
86. ab__e in the same place *v.* to accept or tolerate something or to act in accordance with a rule, decision, recommendation, etc.; to remain in a particular state or condition
87. 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
88. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
89. make an in_____ct report *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
90. 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

ANSWERS: 82. rail, 83. proportion, 84. exciting, 85. expand, 86. abide, 87. hero, 88. appreciate, 89. incorrect, 90. hero

91. 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
92. 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
93. a first of____e *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
94. ou____er our opponents *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
95. minor traffic of____es *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
96. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
97. photo with a ma__e finish *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
98. ov____p one another *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
99. tr____ic event *adj.* relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury
100. co____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
101. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

ANSWERS: 91. converge, 92. convict, 93. offense, 94. outnumber, 95. offense, 96. violent, 97. matte, 98. overlap, 99. traumatic, 100. corporate, 101. hunt

102. un_____ed by all *adj.* not seen or noticed
103. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
104. 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
105. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
106. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
107. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
108. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
109. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
110. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
111. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 102. unnoticed, 103. lifetime, 104. threat, 105. largely, 106. tip, 107. comfort, 108. reverse, 109. eventually, 110. elect, 111. brain

112. lo__y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
113. br_____st a concert *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
114. di_____ce our family name *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
115. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
116. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
117. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
118. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
119. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
120. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 112. lobby, 113. broadcast, 114. disgrace, 115. comfort, 116. headline, 117. conservative, 118. background, 119. emergency, 120. mass

121. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
122. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
123. r__l system *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
124. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
125. the be__y of the ship *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
126. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
127. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
128. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
129. he is ob__sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
130. tr_____ic brain injury *adj.* relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury

ANSWERS: 121. dawn, 122. deserve, 123. rail, 124. advertise, 125. belly, 126. government, 127. consequence, 128. president, 129. obsess, 130. traumatic

131. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
132. gl___e at him miserably *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
133. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
134. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
135. co_____er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
136. leather b__t *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
137. alcohol bi__e *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
138. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
139. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
140. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
141. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

ANSWERS: 131. conversation, 132. glance, 133. church, 134. overwhelming, 135. coworker, 136. belt, 137. binge, 138. suddenly, 139. absolutely, 140. relative, 141. executive

142. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
143. escape their str_____old *n.* a grip that strangles or suffocates; an excessive grip or control
144. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
145. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
146. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
147. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
148. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
149. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
150. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
151. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
152. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 142. abuse, 143. stranglehold, 144. fortunate, 145. desperate, 146. harass, 147. ultimate, 148. advertise, 149. movement, 150. hunt, 151. unimaginable, 152. brain

153. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
154. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
155. sa__y hair *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
156. hands on d__k *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
157. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
158. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
159. certain ex___t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
160. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
161. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
162. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
163. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
164. cro_____try road trip *adj.* relating to or taking place across the open country rather than on roads or tracks; involving travel by foot, horse, or vehicle over rough terrain or through wilderness areas; (noun) a long-distance race or journey that takes place over rough or varied terrain, such as hills, forests, or fields

ANSWERS: 153. engage, 154. conversation, 155. sandy, 156. deck, 157. criminal, 158. tremendous, 159. extent, 160. deserve, 161. fake, 162. bold, 163. suddenly, 164. cross-country

165. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
166. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
167. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
168. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
169. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
170. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
171. yearn for the de___t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
172. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
173. anti-terrorist leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
174. high school at_____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
175. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 165. mad, 166. controversial, 167. appeal, 168. evil, 169. harass, 170. unimaginable, 171. decent, 172. ugly, 173. legislation, 174. athlete, 175. democracy

176. a star of the first ma_____de *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
177. a jar of j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
178. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
179. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
180. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
181. uns_____ed proposal *adj.* given or sent without being requested or asked for; not invited or desired
182. a worldwide ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
183. an in_____ct translation *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
184. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
185. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
186. li_____e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

ANSWERS: 176. magnitude, 177. jam, 178. absolutely, 179. norm, 180. conservative, 181. unsolicited, 182. epidemic, 183. incorrect, 184. hook, 185. incredibly, 186. license

187. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
188. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
189. 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
190. miles of sa__y beaches *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
191. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
192. legal fi_____ms *n.* a weapon that is designed to be fired and uses an explosive charge to propel a projectile, such as a bullet or a shell
193. stolen fi_____m *n.* a weapon that is designed to be fired and uses an explosive charge to propel a projectile, such as a bullet or a shell
194. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
195. gl_____us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
196. do_____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
197. consumer ad_____cy group *n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying

ANSWERS: 187. largely, 188. observation, 189. threat, 190. sandy, 191. glamorous, 192. firearm, 193. firearm, 194. courageous, 195. glamorous, 196. domestic, 197. advocacy

198. have a ni_____re *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
199. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
200. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
201. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
202. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
203. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
204. bi__e on social media *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
205. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
206. ca_____n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
207. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
208. 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

ANSWERS: 198. nightmare, 199. definition, 200. heartbreak, 201. fake, 202. republican, 203. instantly, 204. binge, 205. elect, 206. cartoon, 207. confession, 208. decision

209. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
210. re___k dripping with bitterness *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
211. sports pu___t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
212. ca_____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
213. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
214. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
215. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
216. ce_____ty known worldwide *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
217. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 209. executive, 210. remark, 211. pundit, 212. cartoon, 213. headline, 214. weird, 215. evil, 216. celebrity, 217. platform

218. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
219. political di_____ce *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
220. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
221. 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
222. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
223. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
224. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
225. sti_____ze the deviant as criminal *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
226. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

ANSWERS: 218. inspiration, 219. disgrace, 220. classic, 221. reverse, 222. recover, 223. courageous, 224. confession, 225. stigmatize, 226. lobby

227. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
228. a tr____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
229. con_____ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
230. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
231. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
232. a de___t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
233. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
234. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
235. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
236. wanted cr_____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
237. needs of pr_____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
238. argue with a co_____er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

ANSWERS: 227. proof, 228. tragedy, 229. controversial, 230. overwhelming, 231. quitter, 232. decent, 233. obsess, 234. consequence, 235. commerce, 236. criminal, 237. pregnant, 238. coworker

239. su____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
240. a fatal in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
241. without in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
242. software li____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
243. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
244. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
245. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
246. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
247. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

ANSWERS: 239. suspect, 240. injury, 241. injury, 242. license, 243. government, 244. tradition, 245. background, 246. flip, 247. disagree

248. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
249. the ma_____de of the disaster *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
250. ped_____cs department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
251. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
252. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
253. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
254. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
255. uni_____nal insult *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
256. eq_____ty in education *n.* the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality
257. sheer in_____ty *n.* the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness
258. re_____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
259. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
260. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

ANSWERS: 248. incredibly, 249. magnitude, 250. pediatrics, 251. corporate, 252. percentage, 253. definitely, 254. bold, 255. unintentional, 256. equality, 257. insanity, 258. recover, 259. intimidate, 260. lifetime

261. cr___n behavior *adj.* lacking courage; cowardly; characterized by a complete lack of bravery or boldness; excessively timid
262. draw out your ap___l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
263. hi___ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
264. con_____nal approval *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
265. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
266. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
267. gl___e around nervously *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
268. achieve the hi___ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
269. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
270. 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

ANSWERS: 261. craven, 262. appeal, 263. historic, 264. congressional, 265. president, 266. proof, 267. glance, 268. historic, 269. tip, 270. convict

271. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
272. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
273. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
274. cro_____try skiing *adj.* relating to or taking place across the open country rather than on roads or tracks; involving travel by foot, horse, or vehicle over rough terrain or through wilderness areas; (noun) a long-distance race or journey that takes place over rough or varied terrain, such as hills, forests, or fields
275. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
276. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
277. br_____st a radio ad *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
278. 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: 271. abuse, 272. heartbreak, 273. platform, 274. cross-country, 275. opportune, 276. nation, 277. broadcast, 278. claim

279. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
280. a broken piece of sc__p *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
281. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
282. ab__e by a contract *v.* to accept or tolerate something or to act in accordance with a rule, decision, recommendation, etc.; to remain in a particular state or condition
283. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
284. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
285. a do_____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
286. constitutional am_____nt *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
287. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
288. su_____l number *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
289. ov_____p in many areas *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
290. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 279. march, 280. scrap, 281. politician, 282. abide, 283. commerce, 284. mad, 285. domestic, 286. amendment, 287. violent, 288. surreal, 289. overlap, 290. opportune

291. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
292. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
293. ni_____re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
294. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
295. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
296. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
297. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
298. sti_____ze him as a swindler *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
299. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
300. be killed in_____ly *adv.* immediately
301. with an empty be__y *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
302. untold mi___y *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

ANSWERS: 291. legislation, 292. negative, 293. nightmare, 294. empire, 295. represent, 296. extent, 297. defend, 298. stigmatize, 299. engage, 300. instantly, 301. belly, 302. misery

303. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
304. become a professional at_____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
305. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
306. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 303. nation, 304. athlete, 305. disconnect, 306. defend

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
 - n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
2. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.
 - n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
3. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
 - adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
4. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it.
 - adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
5. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
 - v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
6. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
 - adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
7. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
 - n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 1. tradition, 2. legislation, 3. eventually, 4. faked, 5. expand, 6. relatives, 7. platform

8. She had a tattoo just above her _____ button.
n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
9. The mistake was _____ and made in good faith.
adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental
10. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
11. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
12. He was ____ with joy to see the results.
adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
13. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.
adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
14. I casually _____ into the small hut.
v. to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
15. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.
n. the point or degree or area to which something extends
16. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 8. belly, 9. unintentional, 10. president, 11. incredibly, 12. mad, 13. definitely, 14. glanced, 15. extent, 16. exciting

17. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
18. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.
n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
19. 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
20. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
21. Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile _____.
n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
22. She made a collage from _____ of paper and fabric from the art supply store.
n. a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
23. The popularity of the show made her an instant _____.
n. someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
24. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

ANSWERS: 17. abuse, 18. lobby, 19. claim, 20. mass, 21. offenses, 22. scraps, 23. celebrity, 24. headline

25. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
n. a person who has committed a crime
26. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
27. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
adj. of or relating to a large company
28. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
29. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.
adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
30. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.
n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
31. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 25. criminal, 26. background, 27. corporate, 28. engaged, 29. unimaginable, 30. proportion, 31. movement

32. We had a _____ time yesterday.
adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
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. His behavior became increasingly erratic, leading many to believe he was experiencing a bout of _____.
n. the state of being seriously mentally ill; madness
35. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
36. The president declared a state of _____.
n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
37. The _____ of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.
n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
38. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?
n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
39. The children leaned over the bridge _____ to watch the fish swimming below.
n. a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

ANSWERS: 32. tremendous, 33. threat, 34. insanity, 35. lifetime, 36. emergency, 37. magnitude, 38. percentage, 39. rail

40. The _____ employee refused to speak up in the meeting, even though he had valuable input.

adj. lacking courage; cowardly; characterized by a complete lack of bravery or boldness; excessively timid

41. He earned a _____ salary at his job.

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

42. The political _____ provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

43. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

44. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.

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

45. My accidental _____ got better right away.

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

46. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 40. craven, 41. decent, 42. pundit, 43. executive, 44. dawn, 45. injury, 46. harassed

47. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

adj. having good luck or lucky

48. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

49. Our company suffered _____ from incurring a heavy loss.

n. a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

50. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

51. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

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

52. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.

adv. immediately

53. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

54. They must _____ by the rules set by the governing body.

v. to accept or tolerate something or to act in accordance with a rule, decision, recommendation, etc.; to remain in a particular state or condition

55. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

ANSWERS: 47. fortunate, 48. inspiration, 49. misery, 50. quitter, 51. elected, 52. instantly, 53. narrative, 54. abide, 55. comfort

56. My ex-_____ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization
57. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.
n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
58. The number of tourists in the city now _____ the locals.
v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
59. The shredder in the print room often has paper _____.
n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
60. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.
n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
61. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
62. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.
n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
63. She vacated the position when she got _____.
adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

ANSWERS: 56. coworker, 57. license, 58. outnumber, 59. jams, 60. confession, 61. courageous, 62. observation, 63. pregnant

64. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

65. Please hang your towel on a _____.

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

66. Forgetting someone's name is a _____ occurrence.

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

67. There was a _____ probe into the scandal.

adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

68. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

69. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

70. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

71. 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

72. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 64. depicted, 65. hook, 66. commonplace, 67. congressional, 68. absolutely, 69. athlete, 70. deserved, 71. decision, 72. church

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

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

74. His research went largely _____ until a prominent researcher cited it.

adj. not seen or noticed

75. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

76. The body of his car has a _____ finish.

adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

77. We want to _____ our company through your media.

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

78. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.

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

79. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

80. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

81. Most of the programs are _____ in this area.

v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television

ANSWERS: 73. controversial, 74. unnoticed, 75. ugly, 76. matte, 77. advertise, 78. desperate, 79. bold, 80. classic, 81. broadcast

82. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
83. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
84. 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
85. 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.
86. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.
n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
87. The band was _____ out old songs in response to audience requests.
v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
88. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
89. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 82. disagree, 83. empire, 84. converge, 85. defend, 86. cartoon, 87. belting, 88. represent, 89. violent

90. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.
- n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
91. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.
- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
92. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
93. His candid _____ at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.
- n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
94. We had to take a _____ flight because no direct flights were available.
- adj.* relating to or taking place across the open country rather than on roads or tracks; involving travel by foot, horse, or vehicle over rough terrain or through wilderness areas; (noun) a long-distance race or journey that takes place over rough or varied terrain, such as hills, forests, or fields
95. The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a _____ to their leadership
- n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something

ANSWERS: 90. republican, 91. tips, 92. commerce, 93. remark, 94. cross-country, 95. disgrace

96. The experience was so _____ that it left a lasting impact on the survivor's mental health.

adj. relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury

97. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

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

98. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

99. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

100. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

101. He had undergone heart _____ years before.

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

102. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

103. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

104. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 96. traumatic, 97. recovering, 98. consequences, 99. overwhelming, 100. nightmare, 101. surgery, 102. historic, 103. Congress, 104. negative

105. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
106. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.
n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
107. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
108. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
109. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
110. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
111. The monopoly has a _____ on the market, making it difficult for new businesses to compete.
n. a grip that strangles or suffocates; an excessive grip or control
112. GDP stands for gross _____ product.
adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

ANSWERS: 105. Democracy, 106. candidate's, 107. hunt, 108. opportune, 109. suddenly, 110. suspected, 111. stranglehold, 112. domestic

113. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
114. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.
adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
115. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
116. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.
n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
117. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
118. He found my English sentences are _____.
adj. not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
119. She was _____ by society because she had a child out of wedlock.
v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
120. The group engages in _____ through lobbying and campaigning for policy changes.
n. the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying

ANSWERS: 113. nation, 114. conservative, 115. marched, 116. epidemic, 117. conversation, 118. incorrect, 119. stigmatized, 120. advocacy

121. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

122. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

123. 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

124. The south coast is less _____ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

125. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

126. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

127. 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

128. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 121. weird, 122. norms, 123. reversed, 124. glamorous, 125. tragedy, 126. brain, 127. hero, 128. evil

129. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

130. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

131. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

132. She stayed up all night _____ her favorite TV show.

n. a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

133. I am a responsible _____ owner who follows all safety protocols.

n. a weapon that is designed to be fired and uses an explosive charge to propel a projectile, such as a bullet or a shell

134. The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a _____ feel.

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

135. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

136. The rain rapidly soaked into the _____ soil.

adj. covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown

ANSWERS: 129. heartbreak, 130. largely, 131. disconnect, 132. binge-watching, 133. firearm, 134. surreal, 135. intimidate, 136. sandy

137. The company received _____ feedback from a customer about their product.
adj. given or sent without being requested or asked for; not invited or desired
138. Everyone deserves _____ regardless of their race, gender, or socioeconomic status.
n. the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality
139. We would _____ an early reply.
v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
140. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
141. 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
142. _____ is better than argument.
n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
143. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
144. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 137. unsolicited, 138. equality, 139. appreciate, 140. politician, 141. convicted, 142. Proof, 143. flipped, 144. obsessed

145. I am studying _____ in medical school because I love working with children.

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

146. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

147. The opposition politicians jointly proposed an _____ to that law.

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

148. 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

149. There was no _____ between their proposals.

v. to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

150. She sat on the ship's _____ watching the sunset over the ocean.

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

151. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

152. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

ANSWERS: 145. pediatrics, 146. definition, 147. amendment, 148. government, 149. overlap, 150. deck, 151. ultimate, 152. appeal

153. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 153. folk