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Session 1: Word List

atrium

n. a central or main hall or open space in a building, typically with a skylight or large window, often serving as a gathering area or focal point; (of anatomy) a chamber or cavity within the heart or inner ear

synonym : lobby, hall, chamber

(1) **atrium** architecture, (2) **atrium** valve

The office building had a beautiful **atrium** in the center, filled with natural light and plants.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

column

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often

supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

synonym : line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

ancestry

n. the family or the ethnic descent that you come from

synonym : ancestor, family, descent

(1) a distinguished **ancestry**, (2) prehuman **ancestry**

He looked down on the royal **ancestry** of the neighboring country.

tripartite

adj. consisting of three parts or elements

synonym : three-part, tripart, triple

(1) **tripartite** discussion, (2) **tripartite** committee

The **tripartite** agreement between the government, the unions, and the employers helped to resolve the labor dispute.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

stepfather

n. a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father

synonym : stepdad, father figure, dad-in-law

(1) supportive **stepfather**, (2) **stepfather** role

I didn't get along with my **stepfather** when I was young, but

now we're like best friends.

woo

v. to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

synonym: court, pursue, charm

(1) **woo** consumers, (2) **woo** voters with promises

He tried to **woo** her with his charm and wit.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

barber

n. a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

synonym: hairdresser, stylist, shaver

(1) favorite **barber**, (2) **barber** pole

The **barber** shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym: hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

sturdy

adj. physically strong and not easily damaged

synonym: tough, bulky, inflexible

(1) **sturdy** frame, (2) **sturdy** young athletes

The vehicle is **sturdy** enough to handle rough terrain.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra
I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

rhetoric

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

synonym: oratory, eloquence, persuasion

(1) the **rhetoric** of a debate, (2) high-flown **rhetoric**
He was known for his powerful **rhetoric** and ability to persuade people with his words.

hiss

v. to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake;
(noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound

synonym: whish, sibilate, wheeze

(1) **hiss** warningly at the intruder, (2) the **hiss** of a snake
The cat arched its back and **hissed** at the approaching dog.

opponent

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

synonym: adversary, competitor, enemy

(1) computer **opponent**, (2) death-penalty **opponent**
He was attempting to confuse his **opponent**.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam
He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever

imagined before.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

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

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

loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym : appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

spinning

n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

synonym : whirling, rotating, spinning wheel

(1) **spinning** machine, (2) **spinning** wheel

She took a **spinning** class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.

wool

n. a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items

synonym : fleece, cashmere

(1) **wool** sweater, (2) **wool** fibers

I love wearing **wool** socks during the winter to keep my feet warm.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

mighty

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

synonym : potent, powerful, robust

(1) **mighty** works, (2) struck a **mighty** blow

Only the **mighty** God has the power to brighten this dark land.

garment

n. a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt

synonym : apparel, clothing, attire

(1) **garment** industry, (2) silk **garment**

She hung the wet **garment** on the clothesline to dry.

elliptical

adj. having the shape of an oval (= a closed plane curve); using a word or expression that is ambiguous or vague, especially to mislead or avoid committing oneself

synonym : oval, egg-shaped, oblong

(1) an **elliptical** motion, (2) an **elliptical** galaxies

The satellite's **elliptical** orbit made it appear to change its distance from earth.

grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym : tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

separate

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

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

- fad**
- n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
synonym : craze, mania, trend
- (1) become a **fad**, (2) computer game **fad**
- His interest in music composition is only a **fad**.
- Senate**
- n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
synonym : upper house, council, assembly
- (1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee
- The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
- portico**
- n.* a covered entranceway or porch, usually with columns or pillars supporting a roof; a structure attached to the entrance of a building, providing shelter or a ceremonial space
synonym : porch, entrance, colonnade
- (1) **portico** entrance, (2) classical **portico**
- The grand mansion had a beautiful **portico** at the entrance.
- sculpture**
- n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
synonym : statuary, carving, modeling
- (1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**
- The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.
- pathway**
- n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
synonym : route, footpath, trail
- (1) **pathway** to understanding, (2) cellular signaling **pathways**
- When the first molecule in the **pathway** receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

betroth

v. to engage or promise to marry someone; to become formally engaged or betrothed

synonym: plight, engage, affiance

(1) **betroth** a couple, (2) **betroth** to marry

The couple decided to **betroth** themselves in a private ceremony.

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym: sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

insignia

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

synonym: badge, emblem, crest

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

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

betrothal

n. the act of engaging or promising to marry; a formal engagement or promise to marry, usually involving a formal agreement between the families of the betrothed individuals

synonym: engagement, troth, espousal

(1) **betrothal** ceremony, (2) exchange of **betrothal** gifts

My parents entered into a **betrothal** agreement with my fiancée's parents.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym: betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

jewel

n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

synonym: gem, precious stone, treasure

(1) **jewel** of the crown, (2) gleaming **jewel**

She treasured the small **jewel** that her grandmother had given her.

necklace

n. a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

synonym: chain, choker, pendant

(1) beaded **necklace**, (2) pearl **necklace**

She received a beautiful **necklace** from her grandmother as a birthday gift.

pendant

n. a piece of jewelry that hangs from a chain or necklace; a decorative or symbolic object that hangs from a necklace or chain; a decorative hanging light fixture

synonym: charm, necklace, locket

(1) **pendant** necklace, (2) diamond **pendant**

She wore a beautiful **pendant** around her neck, adding elegance to her outfit.

myrtle

n. a small evergreen shrub or tree with glossy leaves and white, pink, or purple flowers; the aromatic oil derived from the leaves of this plant often used in perfumes and as a flavoring agent

synonym: myrtle, shrub, plant

(1) **myrtle** essential oil, (2) beautiful **myrtle** tree

I planted **myrtle** bushes in my garden to add color and fragrance.

crown

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

synonym: tiara, headdress, royalty

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

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

bling

n. a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials

synonym : jewelry, accessories, ornaments

(1) flashy **bling**, (2) **bling** jewelry

She loves to accessorize with lots of **bling**, but I prefer a different style.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

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.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

burl

n. a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts

synonym :

knob, gnarl, knot

(1) the intricate pattern in the **burl**, (2) **burl** furniture

The **burl** on the tree trunk added character to the table made from it.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

synonym: captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

chaperon

n. a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior

synonym: escort, companion, guardian

(1) **chaperon** duties, (2) need for a **chaperon**

The school dance required each group of students to have a **chaperon** to supervise.

traverse

v. to cross or move through a land or water area

synonym: cross, pass through, travel over

(1) **traverse** the region, (2) **traverse** a vast extent of sea

Approximately 1000 automobiles **traverse** the bridge every day.

colosseum

n. (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

(1) build a **colosseum** for gladiators, (2) **Colosseum** area
Rome's **Colosseum** gets busy in peak season.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym: ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

eel

n. a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins

(1) glass **eel**, (2) electric **eel**

The fisherman caught a slippery **eel** while out on the lake.

pond

n. a small, shallow lake

synonym: lake, pool, basin

(1) a garden **pond**, (2) **pond** water

The freshwater **pond** was home to many different types of fish and was a popular spot for fishing.

tame

v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

synonym: domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

temper

n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

synonym: mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**

The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

ascend

v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

synonym: rise, climb, go up

(1) **ascend** the ladder, (2) **ascend** to power

The plane began to **ascend** into the sky.

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym: surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

graffiti

n. writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

synonym: street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

gladiator

n. a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences

synonym: fighter, warrior, combatant

(1) act like a **gladiator**, (2) the Christian **gladiator**

The **gladiator's** training regimen included physical conditioning, weapons training, and strategy.

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym: allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

rear *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

synonym : back, end, behind

(1) the **rear** gate, (2) **rear** children

The player quickly went to the **rear** side of the defender.

spectator *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

synonym : onlooker, observer, viewer

(1) mass **spectator** sport, (2) **spectator** seat

She enjoyed watching the game as a **spectator**.

gore *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym : pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

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.

vest *n.* a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority

synonym : jacket, waistcoat, garment

(1) **vest** him with authority, (2) bulletproof **vest**

The hiker put his map and compass in the **vest** pocket for easy access.

virgin *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

synonym : virtuous, vestal, beginner

(1) **virgin** material, (2) enter **virgin** territory

Within a few years, no **virgin** forests will remain.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym : blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym : great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

await

v. to wait or stay ready for something; to expect or anticipate something

synonym : expect, wait for, anticipate

(1) **await** your reply, (2) **await** a decision

We **await** the results of the election with bated breath.

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.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

whip

v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

synonym: thrash, flog, scourge

(1) **whip** egg whites, (2) **whip** into shape

The jockey **whipped** the horse hard to take first place.

undertake

v. to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility

synonym: assume, take on, embark

(1) **undertake** an enterprise, (2) **undertake** routine duties

Young people in this country should **undertake** military duties.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

gatekeeper

n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

synonym: guardian, watchman, custodian

(1) **gatekeeper** role, (2) information **gatekeeper**

The company's **gatekeeper screened** all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

hush

v. to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or

gently; to keep something secret or confidential

synonym: clam up, quieten, settle down

(1) **hush** for a while, (2) **hush** up a case

Please **hush** your voice so that the baby can sleep.

anxious

adj. worried and nervous

synonym: nervous, uneasy, afraid

(1) **anxious** about his health, (2) an **anxious** look

He cast **anxious** glances behind her.

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**.

veteran

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

synonym: expert, pro, vet

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

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

survive

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

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

descendant

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

synonym: child, offspring, heir

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

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

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

synonym: noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

conclude

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

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

farewell

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

synonym: goodbye, send-off

(1) a **farewell** address, (2) bid **farewell** to the departed

There is his **farewell** party tomorrow.

escort

n. a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination

synonym: chaperone, guardian, attendant

(1) **escort** for VIPs, (2) personal **escort**

An **escort** of bodyguards surrounded the celebrity to keep fans safe.

bodyguard

n. a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

synonym: protector, guard, defender

(1) VIP **bodyguard**, (2) elite **bodyguard** unit

The celebrity hired a personal **bodyguard** to protect them

from the paparazzi.

vengeance

n. the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done

synonym: retaliation, retribution, revenge

(1) **vengeance** justice, (2) wreak **vengeance**

He sought **vengeance** for the wrongs done to him.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

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.

upstairs

adv. on or to an upper or highest floor of a building

synonym: above, upper

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I heard a noise **upstairs**.

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n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
8. the imperial cr__n
n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

ANSWERS: 1. spot, 2. insignia, 3. tripartite, 4. grave, 5. spinning, 6. survive, 7. jewel, 8. crown

9. glass e_l *n.* a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins
10. mi___y works *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
11. have a whole m___s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
12. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
13. naval in_____ia *n.* a badge, emblem, or symbol that represents a particular organization, office, or rank; a distinguishing mark or badge that indicates membership or affiliation with a particular group or organization
14. h__h up a case *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
15. go up_____rs to rest *adv.* on or to an upper or highest floor of a building
16. w__l fibers *n.* a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items
17. l__m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
18. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

ANSWERS: 9. eel, 10. mighty, 11. mess, 12. mad, 13. insignia, 14. hush, 15. upstairs, 16. wool, 17. loom, 18. maintain

19. ve____n teacher *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
20. mighty d_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
21. ch____on duties *n.* a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior
22. w_o voters with promises *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
23. w__l sweater *n.* a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items
24. VIP bo____rd *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
25. be____h a couple *v.* to engage or promise to marry someone; to become formally engaged or betrothed
26. Co____um area *n.* (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

ANSWERS: 19. veteran, 20. din, 21. chaperon, 22. woo, 23. wool, 24. bodyguard, 25. betroth, 26. colosseum

27. a fa_____ll address *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
28. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
29. build a co_____um for gladiators *n.* (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80
30. need for a ch_____on *n.* a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior
31. an ell_____al galaxies *adj.* having the shape of an oval (= a closed plane curve); using a word or expression that is ambiguous or vague, especially to mislead or avoid committing oneself
32. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
33. A 20-year ve_____n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
34. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 27. farewell, 28. doll, 29. colosseum, 30. chaperon, 31. elliptical, 32. enormous, 33. veteran, 34. invite

35. st___y frame *adj.* physically strong and not easily damaged
36. en_____e area *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
37. pe_____t necklace *n.* a piece of jewelry that hangs from a chain or necklace; a decorative or symbolic object that hangs from a necklace or chain; a decorative hanging light fixture
38. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
39. po_____o entrance *n.* a covered entranceway or porch, usually with columns or pillars supporting a roof; a structure attached to the entrance of a building, providing shelter or a ceremonial space
40. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
41. needs of pr_____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
42. pa_____y to understanding *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
43. the r__r gate *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

ANSWERS: 35. sturdy, 36. enclose, 37. pendant, 38. conclude, 39. portico, 40. torture, 41. pregnant, 42. pathway, 43. rear

44. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
45. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
46. cellular signaling pa_____ys *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
47. we___e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
48. third-generation des_____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
49. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
50. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
51. former em_____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
52. be_____h to marry *v.* to engage or promise to marry someone; to become formally engaged or betrothed
53. at___m valve *n.* a central or main hall or open space in a building, typically with a skylight or large window, often serving as a gathering area or focal point; (of anatomy) a chamber or cavity within the heart or inner ear

ANSWERS: 44. prostitute, 45. dedicate, 46. pathway, 47. weave, 48. descendant, 49. survive, 50. separate, 51. emperor, 52. betroth, 53. atrium

54. gr____ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
55. the spinal co___n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
56. as___d to power *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
57. abstract sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
58. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
59. ste_____er role *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
60. bulletproof v__t *n.* a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority
61. un_____ke an enterprise *v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility
62. the intricate pattern in the b__l *n.* a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts

ANSWERS: 54. graffiti, 55. column, 56. ascend, 57. sculpture, 58. wealth, 59. stepfather, 60. vest, 61. undertake, 62. burl

63. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
64. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
65. ve_____ce justice *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
66. silk ga_____t *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
67. t__e a wild beast *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
68. at___m architecture *n.* a central or main hall or open space in a building, typically with a skylight or large window, often serving as a gathering area or focal point; (of anatomy) a chamber or cavity within the heart or inner ear
69. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
70. yearn for the de___t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
71. my___e essential oil *n.* a small evergreen shrub or tree with glossy leaves and white, pink, or purple flowers; the aromatic oil derived from the leaves of this plant often used in perfumes and as a flavoring agent

ANSWERS: 63. engagement, 64. prostitute, 65. vengeance, 66. garment, 67. tame, 68. atrium, 69. slave, 70. decent, 71. myrtle

72. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
73. an an_____s look *adj.* worried and nervous
74. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
75. en_____e a check with a letter *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
76. medium da_____g *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
77. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
78. sa_____d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
79. in_____t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
80. electric e_l *n.* a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins
81. aw__t your reply *v.* to wait or stay ready for something; to expect or anticipate something

ANSWERS: 72. torture, 73. anxious, 74. separate, 75. enclose, 76. darling, 77. dedicate, 78. sacred, 79. insist, 80. eel, 81. await

82. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
83. as____d the ladder *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
84. struck a mi____y blow *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
85. em____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
86. become a f_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
87. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
88. a t__e animal *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
89. the h__s of a snake *v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound

ANSWERS: 82. massive, 83. ascend, 84. mighty, 85. emperor, 86. fad, 87. pun, 88. tame, 89. hiss

90. act like a gl_____or *n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
91. un_____ke routine duties *v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility
92. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
93. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
94. beautiful my___e tree *n.* a small evergreen shrub or tree with glossy leaves and white, pink, or purple flowers; the aromatic oil derived from the leaves of this plant often used in perfumes and as a flavoring agent
95. favorite ba___r *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
96. exchange of be_____al gifts *n.* the act of engaging or promising to marry; a formal engagement or promise to marry, usually involving a formal agreement between the families of the betrothed individuals
97. p__d water *n.* a small, shallow lake
98. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

ANSWERS: 90. gladiator, 91. undertake, 92. engagement, 93. mad, 94. myrtle, 95. barber, 96. betrothal, 97. pond, 98. gore

99. bridle my te___r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
100. a co___n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
101. sp_____or seat *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
102. a de___t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
103. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
104. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
105. personal es___t *n.* a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination
106. wreak ve_____ce *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done

ANSWERS: 99. temper, 100. column, 101. spectator, 102. decent, 103. violent, 104. Senate, 105. escort, 106. vengeance

107. have a da____g baby *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
108. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
109. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
110. mass sp_____or sport *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
111. gat_____er role *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
112. a sm____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
113. in____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
114. flashy bl__g *n.* a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials
115. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

ANSWERS: 107. darling, 108. enormous, 109. doll, 110. spectator, 111. gatekeeper, 112. smashing, 113. invite, 114. bling, 115. maintain

116. aw__t a decision *v.* to wait or stay ready for something; to expect or anticipate something
117. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
118. tr____se a vast extent of sea *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
119. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
120. b__l furniture *n.* a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts
121. enter vi___n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
122. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
123. vi___n material *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
124. gr____ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place
125. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

ANSWERS: 116. await, 117. slave, 118. traverse, 119. construct, 120. burl, 121. virgin, 122. gore, 123. virgin, 124. graffiti, 125. flame

126. co____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
127. tri_____te discussion *adj.* consisting of three parts or elements
128. an ell_____al motion *adj.* having the shape of an oval (= a closed plane curve); using a word or expression that is ambiguous or vague, especially to mislead or avoid committing oneself
129. computer game f_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
130. the halo of a sa____d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
131. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
132. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
133. the cr__n and throne *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
134. ap_____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
135. w__p into shape *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

ANSWERS: 126. conclude, 127. tripartite, 128. elliptical, 129. fad, 130. sacred, 131. violent, 132. applaud, 133. crown, 134. applaud, 135. whip

136. 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
137. es___t for VIPs *n.* a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination
138. the Christian gl_____or *n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
139. diamond pe_____t *n.* a piece of jewelry that hangs from a chain or necklace; a decorative or symbolic object that hangs from a necklace or chain; a decorative hanging light fixture
140. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
141. a garden p__d *n.* a small, shallow lake
142. ga_____t industry *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
143. beaded ne_____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
144. w__p egg whites *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

ANSWERS: 136. deck, 137. escort, 138. gladiator, 139. pendant, 140. massive, 141. pond, 142. garment, 143. necklace, 144. whip

145. a hasty te___r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
146. we___e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
147. bl___g jewelry *n.* a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials
148. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
149. tr____se the region *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
150. work pe___t *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
151. gleaming je___l *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
152. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
153. prehuman an____ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
154. computer op____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
155. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 145. temper, 146. weave, 147. bling, 148. wealth, 149. traverse, 150. permit, 151. jewel, 152. suddenly, 153. ancestry, 154. opponent, 155. pun

156. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
157. elite bo_____rd unit *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
158. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
159. l__m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
160. the rh_____ic of a debate *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
161. be_____al ceremony *n.* the act of engaging or promising to marry; a formal engagement or promise to marry, usually involving a formal agreement between the families of the betrothed individuals
162. give sm_____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
163. gr__e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

ANSWERS: 156. confuse, 157. bodyguard, 158. mess, 159. loom, 160. rhetoric, 161. betrothal, 162. smashing, 163. grave

164. bid fa_____ll to the departed *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
165. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
166. h__h for a while *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
167. pe___t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
168. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
169. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
170. death-penalty op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
171. live up_____rs *adv.* on or to an upper or highest floor of a building
172. create sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
173. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

ANSWERS: 164. farewell, 165. spot, 166. hush, 167. permit, 168. descendant, 169. Senate, 170. opponent, 171. upstairs, 172. sculpture, 173. din

174. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
175. a distinguished an_____ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
176. pearl ne_____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
177. ba____r pole *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
178. w_o consumers *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
179. classical po_____o *n.* a covered entranceway or porch, usually with columns or pillars supporting a roof; a structure attached to the entrance of a building, providing shelter or a ceremonial space
180. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
181. an_____s about his health *adj.* worried and nervous
182. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
183. sp_____ng machine *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

ANSWERS: 174. construct, 175. ancestry, 176. necklace, 177. barber, 178. woo, 179. portico, 180. confuse, 181. anxious, 182. suddenly, 183. spinning

184. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
185. 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
186. v__t him with authority *n.* a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority
187. high-flown rh_____ic *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
188. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
189. r__r children *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
190. st____y young athletes *adj.* physically strong and not easily damaged
191. simmering fl__e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
192. supportive ste_____er *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father

ANSWERS: 184. pregnant, 185. deck, 186. vest, 187. rhetoric, 188. insist, 189. rear, 190. sturdy, 191. flame, 192. stepfather

193. information gat_____er

n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

194. h__s warningly at the intruder

v. to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound

ANSWERS: 193. gatekeeper, 194. hiss

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
 - v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

2. The office building had a beautiful _____ in the center, filled with natural light and plants.
 - n. a central or main hall or open space in a building, typically with a skylight or large window, often serving as a gathering area or focal point; (of anatomy) a chamber or cavity within the heart or inner ear

3. The couple decided to _____ themselves in a private ceremony.
 - v. to engage or promise to marry someone; to become formally engaged or betrothed

4. Rome's _____ gets busy in peak season.
 - n. (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

5. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
 - v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

6. He _____ his life to helping others.
 - v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

7. Approximately 1000 automobiles _____ the bridge every day.
 - v. to cross or move through a land or water area

ANSWERS: 1. separate, 2. atrium, 3. betroth, 4. Colosseum, 5. invite, 6. dedicated, 7. traverse

8. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.
- n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
9. Please ____ your voice so that the baby can sleep.
- v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
10. She took a _____ class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.
- n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
11. This space is a private office _____ to the President
- adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
12. Young people in this country should _____ military duties.
- v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility
13. He was ____ with joy to see the results.
- adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
14. He was attempting to confuse his _____.
- n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
15. I love wearing ____ socks during the winter to keep my feet warm.
- n.* a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items

ANSWERS: 8. torture, 9. hush, 10. spinning, 11. sacred, 12. undertake, 13. mad, 14. opponent, 15. wool

16. An _____ of bodyguards surrounded the celebrity to keep fans safe.
- n.* a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination
17. The hiker put his map and compass in the _____ pocket for easy access.
- n.* a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority
18. The cat arched its back and _____ at the approaching dog.
- v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound
19. He made a frightful _____ in his room.
- n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
20. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.
- v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
21. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.
- n.* the male ruler of an empire
22. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 16. escort, 17. vest, 18. hissed, 19. mess, 20. loomed, 21. Emperor, 22. violent

23. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

24. She hung the wet _____ on the clothesline to dry.

n. a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt

25. The military uniform had a bright red _____ on the sleeve.

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

26. The school dance required each group of students to have a _____ to supervise.

n. a person, typically an older woman, who accompanies and supervises a younger woman or a group of young people in social situations to ensure proper behavior; (verb) to accompany and supervise someone, especially a young person, on a social occasion to ensure their safety and proper behavior

27. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.

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

28. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

29. The player quickly went to the _____ side of the defender.

adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

30. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 23. confused, 24. garment, 25. insignia, 26. chaperon, 27. descendants, 28. permit, 29. rear, 30. suddenly

31. We _____ the results of the election with bated breath.

v. to wait or stay ready for something; to expect or anticipate something

32. He looked down on the royal _____ of the neighboring country.

n. the family or the ethnic descent that you come from

33. He tried to ____ her with his charm and wit.

v. to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

34. I heard a noise _____.

adv. on or to an upper or highest floor of a building

35. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

36. The plane began to _____ into the sky.

v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

37. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

38. The grand mansion had a beautiful _____ at the entrance.

n. a covered entranceway or porch, usually with columns or pillars supporting a roof; a structure attached to the entrance of a building, providing shelter or a ceremonial space

39. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

ANSWERS: 31. await, 32. ancestry, 33. woo, 34. upstairs, 35. survive, 36. ascend, 37. concluded, 38. portico, 39. applaud

40. His interest in music composition is only a ____.

- n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze

41. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.

- n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

42. She received a beautiful _____ from her grandmother as a birthday gift.

- n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

43. He sought _____ for the wrongs done to him.

- n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done

44. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

- adj.* extremely large or great

45. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.

- n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

46. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

- n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 40. fad, 41. graves, 42. necklace, 43. vengeance, 44. enormous, 45. prostitute, 46. doll

47. The ____ of the city was overwhelming.
n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
48. The _____ shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.
n. a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
49. We have to ____ substantial financial deficits at first.
v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
50. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
51. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.
v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
52. The company's _____ all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.
n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
53. My parents entered into a _____ agreement with my fiance's parents.
n. the act of engaging or promising to marry; a formal engagement or promise to marry, usually involving a formal agreement between the families of the betrothed individuals

ANSWERS: 47. din, 48. barber, 49. tame, 50. massive, 51. weaves, 52. gatekeeper screened, 53. betrothal

54. She wore a beautiful _____ around her neck, adding elegance to her outfit.
n. a piece of jewelry that hangs from a chain or necklace; a decorative or symbolic object that hangs from a necklace or chain; a decorative hanging light fixture
55. He cast _____ glances behind her.
adj. worried and nervous
56. She treasured the small _____ that her grandmother had given her.
n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
57. The walls were _____ to create a private outdoor space.
v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
58. The freshwater _____ was home to many different types of fish and was a popular spot for fishing.
n. a small, shallow lake
59. The _____ soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.
n. a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
60. When the first molecule in the _____ receives a signal, it activates other molecules.
n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
61. Only the _____ God has the power to brighten this dark land.
adj. very large, powerful, or strong

ANSWERS: 54. pendant, 55. anxious, 56. jewel, 57. enclosed, 58. pond, 59. veteran, 60. pathway, 61. mighty

62. Within a few years, no _____ forests will remain.
n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
63. 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
64. There is his _____ party tomorrow.
n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
65. The satellite's _____ orbit made it appear to change its distance from earth.
adj. having the shape of an oval (= a closed plane curve); using a word or expression that is ambiguous or vague, especially to mislead or avoid committing oneself
66. The _____ of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.
n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
67. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.
n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
68. He earned a _____ salary at his job.
adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
69. The jockey _____ the horse hard to take first place.
v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

ANSWERS: 62. virgin, 63. deck, 64. farewell, 65. elliptical, 66. temper, 67. columns, 68. decent, 69. whipped

70. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.
- n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
71. I didn't get along with my _____ when I was young, but now we're like best friends.
- n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
72. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.
- n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
73. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
74. The _____ on the tree trunk added character to the table made from it.
- n.* a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts
75. The _____ training regimen included physical conditioning, weapons training, and strategy.
- n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
76. The _____ agreement between the government, the unions, and the employers helped to resolve the labor dispute.
- adj.* consisting of three parts or elements

ANSWERS: 70. sculptures, 71. stepfather, 72. flame, 73. maintain, 74. burl, 75. gladiator's, 76. tripartite

77. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

78. The hunter _____ the deer with an arrow.

- v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

79. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.

- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

80. My _____ child, I love you so much.

- n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

81. The celebrity hired a personal _____ to protect them from the paparazzi.

- n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

82. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

83. I planted _____ bushes in my garden to add color and fragrance.

- n.* a small evergreen shrub or tree with glossy leaves and white, pink, or purple flowers; the aromatic oil derived from the leaves of this plant often used in perfumes and as a flavoring agent

84. She vacated the position when she got _____.

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

ANSWERS: 77. insisted, 78. gored, 79. pun, 80. darling, 81. bodyguard, 82. spot, 83. myrtle, 84. pregnant

85. She enjoyed watching the game as a _____.

- n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

86. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.

- n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

87. The bishop bestowed the golden _____ on the king.

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

88. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.

- adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

89. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

- n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

90. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.

- n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

91. The fisherman caught a slippery _____ while out on the lake.

- n.* a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins

92. The vehicle is _____ enough to handle rough terrain.

- adj.* physically strong and not easily damaged

ANSWERS: 85. spectator, 86. slave, 87. crown, 88. smashing, 89. Senate, 90. engagement, 91. eel, 92. sturdy

93. He _____ hypothesizes that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
94. She loves to accessorize with lots of _____ but I prefer a different style.
- n.* a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials
95. He was known for his powerful _____ and ability to persuade people with his words.
- n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
96. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
97. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the _____ on the buildings downtown.
- n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

ANSWERS: 93. constructs, 94. bling, 95. rhetoric, 96. wealth, 97. graffiti