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Session 1: Word List

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.

enterprise

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

synonym: business, company, industry

(1) undertake an **enterprise**, (2) his business **enterprise**
A growing **enterprise** requires a bold leader.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights
The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

galaxy

n. an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity

synonym: star cluster, nebula, star system

(1) elliptic **galaxy**, (2) a **galaxy** of famous actors

The Milky Way **galaxy** has numerous water-bearing planets.

crew

n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

synonym: team, group, squad

(1) the film **crew**, (2) the **crew** of a fishing boat

The ship's **crew** worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

heritage

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

synonym: legacy, tradition, inheritance

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

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

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.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

immigrant

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

synonym: settler, expatriate, emigrant

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

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

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.

pearl

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

synonym: bead, gem, nacre

(1) a cultured **pearl**, (2) **pearl** beyond price

She wore a **pearl** necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

harbor

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

synonym: port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym: all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym : dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

sweep

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

synonym : clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance

The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

hysteria

n. a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled

synonym : panic, fury, agitation

(1) global warming **hysteria**, (2) anxiety **hysteria**

There was mass **hysteria** when the team won a championship.

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.

suspicion

n. the act of doubting something, especially something wrong

synonym : doubt, misgiving, skepticism

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

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

outright

adj. completely; completely and without reservation; without any attempt at concealment

synonym: absolute, complete, unconditional

(1) impose an **outright** ban, (2) **outright** lie

He made an **outright** donation of \$1,000 to the charity.

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.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym: spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

desolate

adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

synonym: barren, stark, uninhabited

(1) a **desolate** scene, (2) **desolate** moon

The deserted island was **desolate** and uninhabited.

blister

n. a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

synonym: sore, vesicle, pustule

(1) **blister** after walking for miles, (2) **blister** treatment

The new hiking shoes gave me a **blister** on my heel after just a few miles of walking.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

sultry

adj. hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure

synonym : hot, humid, oppressive

(1) **sultry** perfume, (2) **sultry** weather

The **sultry** summer heat made it difficult to sleep at night.

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym : marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

wasteland

n. a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

synonym : desert, barren, wild

(1) post-apocalyptic **wasteland**, (2) nuclear **wasteland**

The abandoned industrial site is now a **wasteland** of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym : acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

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.

driveway

n. a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles

synonym : entrance, access, approach

(1) long **driveway**, (2) snow-covered **driveway**

I accidentally backed into my wife's car while backing out of the **driveway** this morning.

bayonet

n. a long, sharp-edged weapon, typically a knife or blade, attached to the muzzle end of a rifle or similar firearm, used for close combat, allowing soldiers to engage in hand-to-hand combat after firing their weapons if necessary

synonym: dagger, blade, pike

(1) combat **bayonet**, (2) **bayonet** training

The troops trained extensively in **bayonet** techniques to prepare for combat.

rifle

n. a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy

synonym: gun, firearm, weapon

(1) **rifle** barrel, (2) hunting **rifle**

The police discovered a **rifle** case in the suspect's car during their investigation.

stomp

v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

synonym: trample, tread, dance

(1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot

The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

porch

n. a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards

synonym: veranda, balcony, deck

(1) **porch** light, (2) a glass **porch**

The old rocking chair on the **porch** creaked as he sat down to read his book.

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym: crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

lug *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
synonym: carry, haul, transport
(1) **lug** a hose, (2) **lug** my son into a room
He had to **lug** the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

duffel *n.* a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities
synonym: gym bag, satchel, knapsack
(1) canvas **duffel**, (2) waterproof **duffel**
He packed all his clothes and gear into his **duffel** bag for the camping trip.

stream *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
synonym: flow, current, brook
(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars
Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

cheek *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
synonym: jaw, mandible, malar
(1) **cheek** bone, (2) hollowed-out **cheek**
He gently touched her apple-red **cheek** and whispered that he loved her.

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.

fence

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

synonym : barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**

She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym : restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

sentry

n. a person assigned to stand guard and keep watch, often at a military post, entrance, or other strategic location, whose role is to observe and protect against potential threats or dangers

synonym : guard, watchman, sentinel

(1) **sentry** duty, (2) night **sentry**

The castle's **sentry** tower provided a strategic vantage point for spotting any approaching enemies.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym : building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

barrack

v. to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel

synonym : house, lodge, cheer

(1) **barrack** room, (2) **barrack** the opposing team

The soldiers were instructed to **barrack** in the buildings until further notice.

latrine

n. a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings

synonym : outhouse, lavatory, washroom

(1) outdoor **latrine**, (2) army **latrine**

During the exercise, the troops were forced to use a makeshift **latrine** in the field.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

adaptable

adj. able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

synonym : flexible, adjustable, elastic

(1) **adaptable** enough for the environment, (2) an **adaptable** person

We seek a candidate who possesses **adaptable** fighting potential.

grotesque

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

synonym : bizarre, deformed, monstrous

(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance

The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.

abnormal

adj. not typical, usual, or regular, especially in a way that is bad

synonym : aberrant, bizzare, unusual

(1) **abnormal** heart rhythms, (2) **abnormal** cells

An **abnormal** climate in the region caused a sharp decline in grain harvest.

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**.

routine

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

synonym: habit, custom, procedure

(1) **routine** business, (2) a built-in diagnostic **routine**

She studies gardening on a **routine** basis.

louse

n. a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

synonym: bug, insect, parasite

(1) pubic **louse**, (2) **louse** egg

The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one **louse**.

noisy

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

synonym: loud, cacophonous, clamorous

(1) **noisy** neighbor, (2) **noisy** party

The construction outside was creating a **noisy** distraction from my work.

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.

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.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

penny

n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

synonym : cent, coin, copper

(1) **penny** stock, (2) save a **penny**

I found a lucky **penny** on the ground while walking to work this morning.

hostility

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

synonym : antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching
That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

skid

v. to slide or slip on a surface, especially in an uncontrolled or unsafe manner; to come to a sudden halt or stop with a scraping or sliding noise; (noun) a sliding or slipping motion of a vehicle, usually sideways or out of control, due to a loss of traction with the road surface

synonym : slide, slip, glide

(1) cause the tires to **skid**, (2) **skid** steer

The car started to **skid** on the icy road, but the driver was able to regain control.

row

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

synonym : line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

derelict

adj. abandoned or neglectful; failing to fulfill one's duties or responsibilities

synonym : neglected, abandoned, forsaken

(1) **derelict** car, (2) **derelict** property

The park was filled with overgrown grass and **derelict** benches.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

stench

n. a strong or unpleasant odor; a foul or nauseating smell

synonym : stench, odor, smell

(1) bad **stench**, (2) strong **stench**

The **stench** of rotting garbage wafted through the alleyway, making breathing hard.

urine

n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

synonym : excrement, dung, pee

(1) **urine** composition, (2) blood in the **urine**

They collected a **urine** specimen for urinalysis.

alley

n. a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets

synonym : lane, passage, pathway

(1) back **alley**, (2) **alley** cat

They played basketball in the **alley** behind their house.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

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.

imprisonment

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

synonym : incarceration, confinement, detention

(1) **imprisonment** at hard labor, (2) life **imprisonment**
The judge handed down a sentence of **imprisonment** for the convicted criminal.

civic

adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
synonym: community, civic, communal

(1) **civic** activity, (2) **civic** center

The city promotes **civic** collaboration in community development

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.

inalienable

adj. unable to be taken away, surrendered, or transferred to someone else; inherent and cannot be lost or given away

synonym: unforfeitable, unalienable, innate

(1) **inalienable** dignity, (2) **inalienable** possession

We all have certain **inalienable** rights that the law should protect.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym: freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms
She intends to **pursue** a political career.

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.

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.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

suffer

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

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym: treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

headquarter

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

governor

n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

synonym: administrator, executive, leader

(1) **governor** general, (2) a prefectural **governor**

The state **governor** visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

presidency

n. the office or term of the President of a country or organization

synonym: leadership, administration, governance

(1) **presidency** term, (2) **presidency** duties

Her candidacy for the **presidency** has been met with both support and criticism.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym: voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

draft

n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

synonym: blueprint, outline, rough drawing

(1) a working **draft**, (2) write the first **draft**

During debates in the legislature, the **draft** of the law caused a lot of controversies.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

patriotism

n. love and loyalty to one's country

synonym: nationalism, loyalty, devotion

(1) the spirit of **patriotism**, (2) fanatic **patriotism**

His actions were a testament to his deep love and **patriotism** for his country.

slap

v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym: smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

categorize

v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

synonym: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym: combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

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.

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.

workforce

n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

synonym: labor pool, manpower

(1) skilled **workforce**, (2) the **workforce** is on strike

Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their **workforce** flexible.

military

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

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

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

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

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym: illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

synonym: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

uniform

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

synonym: livery, outfit

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

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

abrogate

v. to repeal, revoke, or annul a law, agreement, or obligation, often through official means or legal process;

to abolish or cancel something that was previously in effect

synonym : revoke, nullify, cancel

(1) **abrogate** a responsibility, (2) **abrogate** a contract

The government decided to **abrogate** the outdated law and implement a new one that better serves the needs of the citizens.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym : isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

battlefield

n. a place where a battle or conflict is fought

synonym : warzone, front line, combat area

(1) **battlefield** casualties, (2) tactics on the **battlefield**

The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the **battlefield**.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

courage

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

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

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

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

valor

n. courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions

synonym : bravery, courage, heroism

(1) **valor** in war, (2) show **valor**

The soldier was awarded a medal of **valor** for his heroic actions in combat.

sustained

adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense

synonym : prolonged, extended, continual

(1) **sustained** economic growth, (2) **sustained** release medication

The company experienced **sustained** growth over the past decade.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym : victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

proportionally

adv. in a way that corresponds in size, amount, or degree to change in something else

synonym : proportionately

(1) distribute the profits **proportionally**, (2) **proportionally** increased

Northern regions have **proportionally** greater rates of unemployment.

illustrate

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

synonym : demonstrate, explain, exemplify

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

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

Gothic

adj. of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries

synonym : medieval, mysterious, eerie

(1) a **Gothic** cathedral, (2) **Gothic** novel

The **Gothic** architecture of the cathedral was awe-inspiring.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym : ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

hillside

n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

synonym : slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

rocky

adj. full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock

synonym : stony, boulder-strewn, rough

(1) **rocky** terrain, (2) **rocky** relationship

The **rocky** road made it difficult to drive on.

impregnable

adj. impossible to enter, capture, or defeat; difficult to argue against or resist

synonym : unassailable, unyielding, invulnerable

(1) **impregnable** self-confidence, (2) in an **impregnable** position

His argument was so well-reasoned that it seemed almost **impregnable**.

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym : cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**

Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

battalion

n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

synonym : unit, regiment, squad

(1) infantry **battalion**, (2) armored **battalion**

The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained **battalion**.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

stalemate

n. a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse

synonym : deadlock, impasse, standstill

(1) political **stalemate**, (2) **stalemate** situation

The negotiations between the two companies reached a **stalemate**, and neither side would compromise.

cliff

n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

synonym : crag, escarpment, precipice

(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving

He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.

gear

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

synonym : equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

handheld

adj. designed to be held in one hand; portable, and compact enough to be carried or used on the go

synonym : portable, mobile, compact

(1) **handheld** device, (2) **handheld** camera

The technician used a **handheld** tool to fix the machine.

ravine

n. a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide

synonym : canyon, gorge, gulch

(1) **ravine** trail, (2) steep **ravine**

The hiker fell into a **ravine** and had to be rescued by a helicopter.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

decor

n. the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic

synonym : ornamentation, embellishment, adornment

(1) tropical **decor**, (2) **decor** styles

The **decor** of the restaurant gave it a cozy and inviting feel.

greet

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

synonym : welcome, salute, acknowledge

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

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

lawn

n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

synonym : yard, grass, meadow

(1) **lawn** mower, (2) lush **lawn**

The family enjoyed a picnic on the **lawn** in the park.

prejudice

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

synonym : bias, preconception, predisposition

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

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

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**.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym : stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

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.

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.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

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.

struggle

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

synonym : toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

gay

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

synonym : cheerful, lively, joyful

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. life imp_____ent
n. the state of being confined to a prison or jail; a sentence of confinement as a punishment for a crime
2. give si___t consent
adj. without any or little sound
3. bl____r after walking for miles
n. a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
4. ch____h a stuffed animal
v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
5. at inc_____le speed
adj. unbelievable; enormous
6. si___t reading
adj. without any or little sound
7. atomic b__bs
n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
8. 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
9. cultural n__m
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 1. imprisonment, 2. silent, 3. blister, 4. cherish, 5. incredible, 6. silent, 7. bomb, 8. hero, 9. norm

10. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
11. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
12. hollowed-out ch__k *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
13. as_____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
14. have gr_____ue design *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
15. im_____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
16. 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.
17. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
18. a sheltered ha____r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
19. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
20. qualified for an el____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election

ANSWERS: 10. embedded, 11. bang, 12. cheek, 13. astound, 14. grotesque, 15. imprison, 16. president, 17. horrible, 18. harbor, 19. illustrate, 20. elector

21. a brushwood fe__e *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
22. historical he____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
23. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
24. pre_____cy term *n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization
25. presidential el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
26. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
27. po__h light *n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
28. cat_____ze the cause of failure *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
29. domiciliary c__es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
30. our school un_____m *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
31. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 21. fence, 22. heritage, 23. segregate, 24. presidency, 25. elector, 26. cliff, 27. porch, 28. categorize, 29. cave, 30. uniform, 31. decide

32. hi____de vineyard *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
33. oasis in the de____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
34. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. wanted cr____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
36. the mouth of the c__e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
37. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
38. al__y cat *n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
39. global warming hy____ia *n.* a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled
40. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
41. develop in____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
42. pe__l beyond price *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

ANSWERS: 32. hillside, 33. desert, 34. opportune, 35. criminal, 36. cave, 37. military, 38. alley, 39. hysteria, 40. statistics, 41. intense, 42. pearl

43. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
44. impose an ou_____ht ban *adj.* completely; completely and without reservation; without any attempt at concealment
45. skilled wo_____ce *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
46. 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
47. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
48. cat_____ze the image *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
49. imp_____ent at hard labor *n.* the state of being confined to a prison or jail; a sentence of confinement as a punishment for a crime
50. 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
51. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
52. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
53. deep-rooted pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

ANSWERS: 43. headquarter, 44. outright, 45. workforce, 46. mass, 47. amazing, 48. categorize, 49. imprisonment, 50. mass, 51. horrible, 52. circumstance, 53. prejudice

54. an irr_____al request *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
55. pro_____lly increased *adv.* in a way that corresponds in size, amount, or degree to change in something else
56. gr_____ue appearance *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
57. steep ra___e *n.* a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide
58. his business ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
59. infantry ba_____on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
60. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
61. distribute the profits pro_____lly *adv.* in a way that corresponds in size, amount, or degree to change in something else
62. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
63. personal li_____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

ANSWERS: 54. irrational, 55. proportionally, 56. grotesque, 57. ravine, 58. enterprise, 59. battalion, 60. disappear, 61. proportionally, 62. decide, 63. liberty

64. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
65. g_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
66. Go___c novel *adj.* of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries
67. waterproof du___l *n.* a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities
68. irr_____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
69. an act of ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
70. 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
71. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
72. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
73. ab_____te a contract *v.* to repeal, revoke, or annul a law, agreement, or obligation, often through official means or legal process; to abolish or cancel something that was previously in effect

ANSWERS: 64. engage, 65. gay, 66. Gothic, 67. duffel, 68. irrational, 69. hostility, 70. democracy, 71. courage, 72. disappear, 73. abrogate

74. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
75. 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.
76. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
77. combat ba_____t *n.* a long, sharp-edged weapon, typically a knife or blade, attached to the muzzle end of a rifle or similar firearm, used for close combat, allowing soldiers to engage in hand-to-hand combat after firing their weapons if necessary
78. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
79. armored ba_____on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
80. strong st___h *n.* a strong or unpleasant odor; a foul or nauseating smell
81. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
82. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

ANSWERS: 74. ultimate, 75. president, 76. barb, 77. bayonet, 78. immigrant, 79. battalion, 80. stench, 81. segregate, 82. greet

83. ba____t training *n.* a long, sharp-edged weapon, typically a knife or blade, attached to the muzzle end of a rifle or similar firearm, used for close combat, allowing soldiers to engage in hand-to-hand combat after firing their weapons if necessary
84. ur__e composition *n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
85. co_____e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
86. ci__c center *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
87. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
88. hunting ri__e *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
89. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
90. anxiety hy_____ia *n.* a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled
91. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
92. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

ANSWERS: 83. bayonet, 84. urine, 85. confine, 86. civic, 87. statistics, 88. rifle, 89. responsible, 90. hysteria, 91. conversation, 92. cling

93. tactics on the bat_____ld *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
94. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
95. A 20-year ve_____n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
96. write the first dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
97. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
98. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
99. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
100. a ga____y of famous actors *n.* an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity
101. long dr_____ay *n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles
102. tropical de__r *n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic
103. ex____d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

ANSWERS: 93. battlefield, 94. release, 95. veteran, 96. draft, 97. suffer, 98. conversation, 99. military, 100. galaxy, 101. driveway, 102. decor, 103. expand

104. fanatic pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
105. cause the tires to s__d *v.* to slide or slip on a surface, especially in an uncontrolled or unsafe manner; to come to a sudden halt or stop with a scraping or sliding noise; (noun) a sliding or slipping motion of a vehicle, usually sideways or out of control, due to a loss of traction with the road surface
106. I_g my son into a room *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
107. va__r in war *n.* courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions
108. sw__p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
109. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
110. he_____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
111. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
112. as_____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
113. 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: 104. patriotism, 105. skid, 106. lug, 107. valor, 108. swamp, 109. bomb, 110. heritage, 111. greet, 112. astound, 113. democracy

114. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
115. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
116. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
117. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
118. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
119. a working dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
120. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
121. color pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
122. ra___e trail *n.* a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide
123. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
124. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something

ANSWERS: 114. overnight, 115. tower, 116. illustrate, 117. define, 118. soar, 119. draft, 120. grandchild, 121. prejudice, 122. ravine, 123. stream, 124. vital

125. pl___e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
126. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
127. post-apocalyptic wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
128. the spirit of pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
129. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
130. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
131. ad_____le enough for the environment *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
132. bl_____r treatment *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
133. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
134. a fountain of wi___m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

ANSWERS: 125. plunge, 126. expand, 127. wasteland, 128. patriotism, 129. pound, 130. government, 131. adaptable, 132. blister, 133. march, 134. wisdom

135. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
136. sports g__r *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
137. hi____de landscape *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
138. de____ct car *adj.* abandoned or neglectful; failing to fulfill one's duties or responsibilities
139. political st____te *n.* a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse
140. sw__p up dead leaves *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
141. de__r styles *n.* the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic
142. cast su____on *n.* the act of doubting something, especially something wrong
143. a built-in diagnostic ro____e *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

ANSWERS: 135. germ, 136. gear, 137. hillside, 138. derelict, 139. stalemate, 140. sweep, 141. decor, 142. suspicion, 143. routine

144. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
145. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
146. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
147. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
148. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
149. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
150. st__p off to the room *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
151. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
152. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
153. snow-covered dr_____ay *n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles
154. im_____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
155. s__d steer *v.* to slide or slip on a surface, especially in an uncontrolled or unsafe manner; to come to a sudden halt or stop with a scraping or sliding noise; (noun) a sliding or slipping motion of a vehicle, usually sideways or out of control, due to a loss of traction with the road surface

ANSWERS: 144. responsible, 145. suddenly, 146. deny, 147. suspect, 148.

compound, 149. intense, 150. stomp, 151. crazy, 152. row, 153. driveway, 154.
imprison, 155. skid

156. se___y duty *n.* a person assigned to stand guard and keep watch, often at a military post, entrance, or other strategic location, whose role is to observe and protect against potential threats or dangers
157. show va__r *n.* courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions
158. a de_____te scene *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
159. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
160. ab_____al heart rhythms *adj.* not typical, usual, or regular, especially in a way that is bad
161. co_____e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
162. at a un_____m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
163. a prefectural go_____or *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
164. li_____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
165. su___y weather *adj.* hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure

ANSWERS: 156. sentry, 157. valor, 158. desolate, 159. deny, 160. abnormal, 161. confine, 162. uniform, 163. governor, 164. liberty, 165. sultry

166. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
167. no__y party *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
168. l_g a hose *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
169. cel_____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
170. bat_____ld casualties *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
171. pl___e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
172. s__p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
173. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
174. su_____ed economic growth *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
175. 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
176. l__n mower *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

ANSWERS: 166. amazing, 167. noisy, 168. lug, 169. celebrated, 170. battlefield, 171. plunge, 172. slap, 173. suspect, 174. sustained, 175. bold, 176. lawn

177. 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
178. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
179. lush l__n *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
180. back al__y *n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
181. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
182. ou_____ht lie *adj.* completely; completely and without reservation; without any attempt at concealment
183. a glass po__h *n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
184. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
185. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

ANSWERS: 177. mess, 178. gear, 179. lawn, 180. alley, 181. pursue, 182. outright, 183. porch, 184. opportune, 185. alien

186. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
187. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
188. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
189. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
190. 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
191. army la_____e *n.* a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings
192. pre_____cy duties *n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization
193. ba_____k room *v.* to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
194. ch_____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

ANSWERS: 186. volunteer, 187. germ, 188. release, 189. hallway, 190. hero, 191. latrine, 192. presidency, 193. barrack, 194. cherish

195. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
196. go____or general *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
197. night se____y *n.* a person assigned to stand guard and keep watch, often at a military post, entrance, or other strategic location, whose role is to observe and protect against potential threats or dangers
198. an endless st____m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
199. wi____m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
200. de____ct property *adj.* abandoned or neglectful; failing to fulfill one's duties or responsibilities
201. de____e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
202. de____t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
203. su____ed release medication *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
204. ina____le possession *adj.* unable to be taken away, surrendered, or transferred to someone else; inherent and cannot be lost or given away
205. save a pe____y *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

ANSWERS: 195. suddenly, 196. governor, 197. sentry, 198. stream, 199. wisdom, 200. derelict, 201. define, 202. desert, 203. sustained, 204. inalienable, 205. penny

206. a Go___c cathedral *adj.* of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries
207. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
208. ro__y relationship *adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
209. ri__e barrel *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
210. ab_____al cells *adj.* not typical, usual, or regular, especially in a way that is bad
211. sw__p a room with a glance *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
212. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
213. in an imp_____le position *adj.* impossible to enter, capture, or defeat; difficult to argue against or resist
214. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 206. Gothic, 207. introduction, 208. rocky, 209. rifle, 210. abnormal, 211. sweep, 212. straight, 213. impregnable, 214. courage

215. ha___r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
216. nuclear wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
217. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
218. su_____on of fraud *n.* the act of doubting something, especially something wrong
219. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
220. 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
221. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
222. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
223. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 215. harbor, 216. wasteland, 217. norm, 218. suspicion, 219. struggle, 220. mess, 221. headquarter, 222. straight, 223. negative

224. civilian ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
225. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
226. ha_____ld device *adj.* designed to be held in one hand; portable, and compact enough to be carried or used on the go
227. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
228. st__p on his foot *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
229. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
230. st_____te situation *n.* a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse
231. no__y neighbor *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
232. lo__e egg *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
233. em_____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something

ANSWERS: 224. casualty, 225. bold, 226. handheld, 227. overnight, 228. stomp, 229. crazy, 230. stalemate, 231. noisy, 232. louse, 233. embedded

234. su___y perfume *adj.* hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure
235. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
236. pe___y stock *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
237. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
238. 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
239. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
240. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
241. canvas du___l *n.* a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities
242. imp_____le self-confidence *adj.* impossible to enter, capture, or defeat; difficult to argue against or resist
243. the wo_____ce is on strike *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

ANSWERS: 234. sultry, 235. immigrant, 236. penny, 237. criminal, 238. dedicate, 239. incredible, 240. barb, 241. duffel, 242. impregnable, 243. workforce

244. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
245. a cultured pe__l *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
246. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
247. blood in the ur__e *n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
248. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
249. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
250. elliptic ga___y *n.* an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity
251. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 244. suffer, 245. pearl, 246. pursue, 247. urine, 248. vital, 249. volunteer, 250. galaxy, 251. process

252. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
253. an ad_____le person *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
254. muddy sw__p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
255. 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
256. ina_____le dignity *adj.* unable to be taken away, surrendered, or transferred to someone else; inherent and cannot be lost or given away
257. pubic lo__e *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
258. de_____te moon *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
259. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
260. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
261. military ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

ANSWERS: 252. hallway, 253. adaptable, 254. swamp, 255. dedicate, 256. inalienable, 257. louse, 258. desolate, 259. circumstance, 260. cling, 261. casualty

262. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
263. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
264. undertake an ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
265. ab_____te a responsibility *v.* to repeal, revoke, or annul a law, agreement, or obligation, often through official means or legal process; to abolish or cancel something that was previously in effect
266. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
267. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
268. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
269. the film c__w *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
270. ci__c activity *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
271. bitter ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
272. ro_____e business *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

ANSWERS: 262. march, 263. gay, 264. enterprise, 265. abrogate, 266. bang, 267. process, 268. ultimate, 269. crew, 270. civic, 271. hostility, 272. routine

273. outdoor la____e *n.* a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings
274. ve____n teacher *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
275. ro__y terrain *adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
276. cl__f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
277. ch__k bone *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
278. a distinguished an____ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
279. cel____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
280. bad st____h *n.* a strong or unpleasant odor; a foul or nauseating smell
281. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
282. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
283. en____e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
284. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 273. latrine, 274. veteran, 275. rocky, 276. cliff, 277. cheek, 278. ancestry, 279. celebrated, 280. stench, 281. alien, 282. negative, 283. engage, 284. government

285. fe__e post *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
286. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
287. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
288. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
289. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
290. prehuman an_____ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
291. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
292. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
293. ha_____ld camera *adj.* designed to be held in one hand; portable, and compact enough to be carried or used on the go
294. the c__w of a fishing boat *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

ANSWERS: 285. fence, 286. compound, 287. row, 288. pound, 289. struggle, 290. ancestry, 291. soar, 292. grandchild, 293. handheld, 294. crew

295. ba____k the opposing team
- v. to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
296. a bell to__r
- n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
297. int_____ion education
- n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
298. s__p a heavy fine
- v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 295. barrack, 296. tower, 297. introduction, 298. slap

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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.
2. 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
3. They played basketball in the _____ behind their house.
n. a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
4. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.
adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
5. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.
v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
6. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.
n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
7. There was mass _____ when the team won a championship.
n. a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 1. president, 2. veteran, 3. alley, 4. overnight, 5. plunged, 6. row, 7. hysteria

8. He gently touched her apple-red _____ and whispered that he loved her.
n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
9. The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the _____.
n. a place where a battle or conflict is fought
10. There was an almost certain _____ that the company was involved in illegal activities.
n. the act of doubting something, especially something wrong
11. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.
n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
12. Her unconcealed _____ made us unpleasant.
n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
13. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
14. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.
v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
15. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
16. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.
v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

ANSWERS: 8. cheek, 9. battlefield, 10. suspicion, 11. volunteer, 12. hostility, 13. intense, 14. bang, 15. denying, 16. illustrate

17. The hiker fell into a _____ and had to be rescued by a helicopter.
n. a deep, narrow gorge or valley with steep sides, often carved by the flow of water or a landslide
18. The children _____ their feet in time to the music.
v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
19. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.
n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
20. The technician used a _____ tool to fix the machine.
adj. designed to be held in one hand; portable, and compact enough to be carried or used on the go
21. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
22. The park was filled with overgrown grass and _____ benches.
adj. abandoned or neglectful; failing to fulfill one's duties or responsibilities
23. The politician's words were full of _____ designed to hurt his opponent.
n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
24. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 17. ravine, 18. stomped, 19. immigrants, 20. handheld, 21. disappear, 22. derelict, 23. barbs, 24. norms

25. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

26. He was _____ for embezzlement.

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

27. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural _____ around her garden.

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

28. The soldiers were instructed to _____ in the buildings until further notice.

v. to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel

29. 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

30. The abandoned industrial site is now a _____ of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

n. a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

31. They collected a _____ specimen for urinalysis.

n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

ANSWERS: 25. straight, 26. imprisoned, 27. fence, 28. barrack, 29. mess, 30. wasteland, 31. urine

32. A growing _____ requires a bold leader.
n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
33. His argument was so well-reasoned that it seemed almost _____.
adj. impossible to enter, capture, or defeat; difficult to argue against or resist
34. The negotiations between the two companies reached a _____ and neither side would compromise.
n. a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse
35. The construction outside was creating a _____ distraction from my work.
adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
36. The judge handed down a sentence of _____ for the convicted criminal.
n. the state of being confined to a prison or jail; a sentence of confinement as a punishment for a crime
37. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
38. Northern regions have _____ greater rates of unemployment.
adv. in a way that corresponds in size, amount, or degree to change in something else
39. 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

ANSWERS: 32. enterprise, 33. impregnable, 34. stalemate, 35. noisy, 36. imprisonment, 37. streams, 38. proportionally, 39. bold

40. The politician tried to _____ down the rumors about his personal life.
v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
41. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
42. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
43. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
44. The new hiking shoes gave me a _____ on my heel after just a few miles of walking.
n. a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
45. 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
46. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

ANSWERS: 40. slap, 41. ultimate, 42. military, 43. wisdom, 44. blister, 45. hero, 46. suspected

47. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.
- n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
48. During debates in the legislature, the _____ of the law caused a lot of controversies.
- n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
49. 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
50. The car started to _____ on the icy road, but the driver was able to regain control.
- v.* to slide or slip on a surface, especially in an uncontrolled or unsafe manner; to come to a sudden halt or stop with a scraping or sliding noise; (noun) a sliding or slipping motion of a vehicle, usually sideways or out of control, due to a loss of traction with the road surface
51. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
52. The deserted island was _____ and uninhabited.
- adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
53. She _____ the memories of her childhood.
- v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
54. This community is free of social _____.
- n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

ANSWERS: 47. casualty, 48. draft, 49. mass, 50. skid, 51. decide, 52. desolate, 53. cherished, 54. prejudice

55. 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
56. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something
57. The old rocking chair on the _____ creaked as he sat down to read his book.
n. a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
58. The Milky Way _____ has numerous water-bearing planets.
n. an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity
59. She intends to _____ a political career.
v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
60. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
61. The government decided to _____ the outdated law and implement a new one that better serves the needs of the citizens.
v. to repeal, revoke, or annul a law, agreement, or obligation, often through official means or legal process; to abolish or cancel something that was previously in effect

ANSWERS: 55. government, 56. embedded, 57. porch, 58. galaxy, 59. pursue, 60. process, 61. abrogate

62. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

63. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

64. I found a lucky _____ on the ground while walking to work this morning.

n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

65. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

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

66. _____ 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

67. 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

68. His actions were a testament to his deep love and _____ for his country.

n. love and loyalty to one's country

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

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

70. The _____ architecture of the cathedral was awe-inspiring.

adj. of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries

ANSWERS: 62. amazing, 63. compound, 64. penny, 65. expand, 66. Democracy, 67. dedicated, 68. patriotism, 69. define, 70. Gothic

71. We all have certain _____ rights that the law should protect.
adj. unable to be taken away, surrendered, or transferred to someone else; inherent and cannot be lost or given away
72. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
73. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
74. The company experienced _____ growth over the past decade.
adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
75. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.
adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes
76. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.
n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
77. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
78. The soldier was awarded a medal of _____ for his heroic actions in combat.
n. courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; heroic qualities or actions

ANSWERS: 71. inalienable, 72. tower, 73. suffers, 74. sustained, 75. celebrated, 76. harbor, 77. soared, 78. valor

79. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
- n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
80. 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
81. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
82. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.
- n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
83. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
- n.* a person who has committed a crime
84. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
85. The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained _____.
- n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
86. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
- v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

ANSWERS: 79. circumstances, 80. engaged, 81. conversation, 82. Alien, 83. criminal, 84. opportune, 85. battalion, 86. greeted

87. We seek a candidate who possesses _____ fighting potential.
adj. able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
88. Bats reside in sheltered _____.
n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
89. The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the _____.
n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
90. The _____ sculpture made me feel uneasy.
adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
91. During the exercise, the troops were forced to use a makeshift _____ in the field.
n. a public or communal toilet, usually located outdoors or in the military, camping, or other semi-permanent settings
92. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
93. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
94. The ___ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.
adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

ANSWERS: 87. adaptable, 88. caves, 89. hillside, 90. grotesque, 91. latrine, 92. introduction, 93. pounds, 94. gay

95. Her candidacy for the _____ has been met with both support and criticism.
n. the office or term of the President of a country or organization
96. The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one _____.
n. a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
97. The city promotes _____ collaboration in community development
adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
98. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.
adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something
99. The ship's _____ worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.
n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
100. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
101. He made an _____ donation of \$1,000 to the charity.
adj. completely; completely and without reservation; without any attempt at concealment
102. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
103. He had to _____ the heavy suitcase up the stairs.
v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

ANSWERS: 95. presidency, 96. louse, 97. civic, 98. vital, 99. crew, 100. negative, 101. outright, 102. incredible, 103. lug

104. Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their _____ flexible.
- n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
105. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
106. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
- n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
107. The family enjoyed a picnic on the _____ in the park.
- n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
108. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
109. An _____ climate in the region caused a sharp decline in grain harvest.
- adj.* not typical, usual, or regular, especially in a way that is bad
110. She studies gardening on a _____ basis.
- n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
111. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.
- adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

ANSWERS: 104. workforce, 105. responsible, 106. bombs, 107. lawn, 108. struggle, 109. abnormal, 110. routine, 111. irrational

112. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

113. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

114. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

115. The _____ summer heat made it difficult to sleep at night.

adj. hot, humid, and oppressively close; having a certain sensuality or sexual allure

116. He packed all his clothes and gear into his _____ bag for the camping trip.

n. a large cylindrical bag, usually made of cloth or canvas, used for carrying personal belongings, especially during travel or sports activities

117. The state _____ visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

118. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

119. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

120. The troops trained extensively in _____ techniques to prepare for combat.

n. a long, sharp-edged weapon, typically a knife or blade, attached to the muzzle end of a rifle or similar firearm, used for close combat, allowing soldiers to engage in hand-to-hand combat after firing their weapons if necessary

ANSWERS: 112. marched, 113. release, 114. suddenly, 115. sultry, 116. duffel, 117. governor, 118. crazy, 119. swamp, 120. bayonet

121. The _____ road made it difficult to drive on.

adj. full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock

122. The _____ of rotting garbage wafted through the alleyway, making breathing hard.

n. a strong or unpleasant odor; a foul or nauseating smell

123. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

124. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

125. The animal was _____ in a small cage.

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

126. This country has a nationally _____ culture.

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

127. The biologist _____ the viruses into four groups.

v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

128. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

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

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

ANSWERS: 121. rocky, 122. stench, 123. desert, 124. grandchild, 125. confined, 126. uniform, 127. categorized, 128. hallway, 129. ancestry

130. The politician tried to _____ the embarrassing incident under the rug.
- v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
131. The police discovered a _____ case in the suspect's car during their investigation.
- n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
132. I accidentally backed into my wife's car while backing out of the _____ this morning.
- n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles
133. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
- adj.* without any or little sound
134. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
135. The final result was nothing short of _____.
- v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
136. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.
- n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
137. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.
- v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

ANSWERS: 130. sweep, 131. rifle, 132. driveway, 133. silent, 134. germ, 135. astounding, 136. liberty, 137. segregate

138. He stood at the edge of the _____ and looked out to sea.
n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
139. The _____ of the restaurant gave it a cozy and inviting feel.
n. the arrangement and style of the furniture, art, and other items in a room or building, used to create a particular atmosphere or aesthetic
140. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
n. a person who has the right to vote in an election
141. The castle's _____ tower provided a strategic vantage point for spotting any approaching enemies.
n. a person assigned to stand guard and keep watch, often at a military post, entrance, or other strategic location, whose role is to observe and protect against potential threats or dangers
142. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.
n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
143. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
144. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.
v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
145. She wore a _____ necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.
n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

ANSWERS: 138. cliff, 139. decor, 140. elector, 141. sentry, 142. heritage, 143. statistics, 144. clings, 145. pearl

146. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.

- n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

147. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

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

148. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

- adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

149. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.

- n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

ANSWERS: 146. gear, 147. courage, 148. horrible, 149. headquarters