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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### kudos

*n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment

*synonym* : acclaim, praise, congratulations

(1) gain **kudos**, (2) **kudos** to the team

She received **kudos** from her boss for her exceptional work on the project.

### extrapolation

*n.* the act of estimating or inferring something based on known information or data, often beyond the range of the available information or data; a projection or projection of trends or patterns into the future

*synonym* : inference, projection

(1) **extrapolation** method, (2) statistical **extrapolation**

The **extrapolation** error led to inaccuracies in the economic forecasting model.

## intern

*v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

*synonym*: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

## whistleblower

*n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

*synonym*: informant, snitch

(1) anonymous **whistleblower**, (2) government **whistleblower**

The government has laws in place to protect **whistleblowers** from retaliation.

## nephew

*n.* a son of your brother or sister

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

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

## comeback

*n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

*synonym*: return, resurgence, revival

(1) political **comeback**, (2) career **comeback**

The musician made an impressive **comeback** with their latest album.

## categorical

*adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories

*synonym*: absolute, unconditional, unqualified

(1) **categorical** denial, (2) law of **categorical** judgment

She made a **categorical** statement that she would never eat sushi.

## arrogance

*n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance

*synonym* : hubris, haughtiness, conceit

(1) brazen **arrogance**, (2) **arrogance** of power

He acted with **arrogance** and was not well-liked by his colleagues.

## arrogant

*adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

*synonym* : haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**

He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

## weaponry

*n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

*synonym* : arms, munition, artillery

(1) **weaponry** development, (2) advanced **weaponry**

The army used various **weaponry** to defend the country from attack.

## constrain

*v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

*synonym* : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

## adversary

*n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

*synonym* : opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

## smuggle

*v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

## oversea

*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

*synonym*: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

## diplomat

*n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

*synonym*: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

## allege

*v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

*synonym*: claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

## devise

*v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

*synonym*: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

## interdict

*n.* an authoritative prohibition or ban, often issued by a legal or religious authority

*synonym*: prohibition, ban, embargo

(1) **interdict** on trade, (2) judicial **interdict**

The government imposed an **interdict** on the sale of certain

goods to protect public health.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## idealist

*n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

*synonym*: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## secrecy

*n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

*synonym*: confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

## revelry

*n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration

marked by indulgence and enjoyment

*synonym* : festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

## takeoff

*n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne

*synonym* : leaving, departure, liftoff

(1) vertical **takeoff**, (2) **takeoff** run

Our aircraft is now ready for **takeoff**.

## compel

*v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

*synonym* : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

## industrialize

*v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

*synonym* : motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

## intercept

*v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

*synonym* : ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

## devote

*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym* : commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient

civilizations.

## **inordinate**

*adj.* excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate

*synonym*: exorbitant, unreasonable, extreme

(1) **inordinate** ambition, (2) **inordinate** interest

She had an **inordinate** amount of work to complete before the deadline.

## **sever**

*v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

*synonym*: cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship

He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

## **shred**

*v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

*synonym*: rip up, tear up, cut

(1) **shred** paper into little pieces, (2) **shred** lettuce for a salad

There is not a **shred** of evidence that he is guilty.

## **viol**

*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

*synonym*: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

## **sanction**

*n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

*synonym*: approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the

country.

## illicit

*adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

*synonym* : illegal, unlawful, prohibited

(1) **illicit** drugs, (2) **illicit** trade

He was arrested for his **illicit** activities in the black market.

## grind

*v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

*synonym* : mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

## petri

*n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria

(1) **petri** dish test, (2) bacteria on **petri** dishes

Glass **petri** dishes are used to culture microorganisms.

## admiral

*n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank

*synonym* : commander, captain, flag officer

(1) naval **admiral**, (2) respected **admiral**

Many high-ranking military officials attended the **admiral's** retirement ceremony.

## jihad

*n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

*synonym* : struggle, holy war, crusade

(1) **jihad** of knowledge, (2) nonviolent **jihad**

Many scholars argue that the true meaning of **jihad** is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and



peace.

## sectarian

*adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

*synonym*: denominational, factional, partisan

(1) **sectarian** violence, (2) **sectarian** tension

The political campaign descended into a **sectarian** battle between rival parties.

## cyber

*adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

*synonym*: digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

**Cyber** espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym*: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## leapfrog

*n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

*synonym*: hopping, jumpfrog

(1) **leapfrog** game, (2) **leapfrog** technology

During recess, the children played a game of **leapfrog** in the schoolyard.

## spate

*n.* a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events

*synonym*: flood, deluge, inundation

(1) a **spate** of business failures, (2) **spate** of attacks

After the heavy rain, a **spate** of accidents occurred on the flooded roads.

## reprisal

*n.* an act of retaliation or revenge for a perceived wrong, often involving violence or other hostile actions

*synonym*: retaliation, vengeance, revenge

(1) **reprisal** attack, (2) fear of **reprisal**

If you file a complaint, you may face **reprisal** from your employer.

## homegrown

*adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area

*synonym*: indigenous, local, native

(1) **homegrown** talent, (2) **homegrown** produce

The restaurant prides itself on its **homegrown** ingredients sourced from local farms.

## iceberg

*n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

*synonym*: glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

## haystack

*n.* a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding

*synonym*: pile, heap, stack

(1) **haystack** fire, (2) lost in a **haystack**

The children played hide and seek in the **haystacks** in the barnyard.

## sect

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym*: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## prism

*n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

*synonym* : crystal, polyhedron

(1) **prism** spectrometer, (2) a **prism** of viewpoints

The scientist used an optical **prism** to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.

## proportionate

*adj.* having a proper or suitable balance in size, amount, or degree; corresponding or in proportion to something else

*synonym* : proportional, commensurate, balanced

(1) **proportionate** response, (2) **proportionate** representation

The judge ruled that the punishment be **proportionate** to the crime committed.

## congressperson

*n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

*synonym* : lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

## disseminate

*v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

*synonym* : spread, circulate, propagate

(1) **disseminate** propaganda, (2) **disseminate** knowledge

It is important to **disseminate** accurate information to the

public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

## cyberattack

*n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

*synonym*: cyber intrusion, hack, cyberterrorism

(1) **cyberattack** prevention, (2) **cyberattack** defense system

The hackers launched a devastating **cyberattack**, stealing sensitive information from the company's servers.

## trade-off

*n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

*synonym*: compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

## encrypt

*v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

*synonym*: encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

## impassioned

*adj.* having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal

*synonym*: enthusiastic, fervent, ardent

(1) give an **impassioned** defense, (2) **impassioned** plea

He spoke with **impassioned** conviction about the need for change.

## conceive

*v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

*synonym*: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child  
I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

## amnesty

*n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes  
*synonym*: pardon, clemency, reprieve

(1) grant an **amnesty**, (2) **amnesty** for debt  
The government declared **amnesty** for all political prisoners.

## quote

*v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services  
*synonym*: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price  
In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

## defer

*v.* to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority  
*synonym*: postpone, delay, hold off

(1) **defer** decision, (2) **defer** payment  
I have to **defer** the meeting until next week.

## jurisprudence

*n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems  
*synonym*: legal theory, laws, legal system

(1) **jurisprudence** system, (2) modern **jurisprudence**  
The lawyer's understanding of **jurisprudence** helped her win the case.

## presuppose

*v.* to assume or require as an essential condition or prerequisite; to take for granted or consider as a necessary assumption before further discussion or action  
*synonym*: assume, suppose, postulate

(1) **presuppose** certain conditions, (2) **presuppose** a limitation

To fully understand the concept, we must **presuppose** certain background knowledge.

## **lanyard**

*n.* a cord or strap, often made of rope or nylon, designed to hold or secure something such as a key, identification card, or whistle, typically worn around the neck or wrist

*synonym* : strap, cord, tether

(1) **lanyard** attachment, (2) conference **lanyard**

The rock climber attached their safety harness to a sturdy **lanyard**.

## **alienated**

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

*synonym* : isolated, estranged, disconnected

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

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

## **crypto**

*n.* short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society

*synonym* : digital currency, virtual currency

(1) **crypto** exchange, (2) **crypto** wallet

The rise of **crypto** has revolutionized the world of finance and investment.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. pe\_\_i dish test *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
2. gr\_\_d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
3. qu\_\_e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
4. fear of re\_\_\_\_al *n.* an act of retaliation or revenge for a perceived wrong, often involving violence or other hostile actions
5. pre\_\_\_\_se certain conditions *v.* to assume or require as an essential condition or prerequisite; to take for granted or consider as a necessary assumption before further discussion or action
6. co\_\_\_\_in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
7. pre\_\_\_\_se a limitation *v.* to assume or require as an essential condition or prerequisite; to take for granted or consider as a necessary assumption before further discussion or action

ANSWERS: 1. petri, 2. grind, 3. quote, 4. reprisal, 5. presuppose, 6. constrain, 7. presuppose

8. ic\_\_\_\_\_g melting *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
9. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
10. ind\_\_\_\_\_ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
11. le\_\_\_\_\_og game *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
12. de\_\_r decision *v.* to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority
13. in\_\_\_\_\_pt X rays *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
14. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. a pr\_\_m of viewpoints *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic
16. brazen ar\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance

ANSWERS: 8. iceberg, 9. improvisation, 10. industrialize, 11. leapfrog, 12. defer, 13. intercept, 14. opportune, 15. prism, 16. arrogance



17. le\_\_\_\_og technology *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
18. pro\_\_\_\_\_ate response *adj.* having a proper or suitable balance in size, amount, or degree; corresponding or in proportion to something else
19. nonviolent ji\_\_d *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
20. sm\_\_\_\_\_e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
21. co\_\_\_\_\_ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
22. sm\_\_\_\_\_e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
23. se\_\_r a rope *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
24. ext\_\_\_\_\_ion method *n.* the act of estimating or inferring something based on known information or data, often beyond the range of the available information or data; a projection or projection of trends or patterns into the future
25. government whi\_\_\_\_\_wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

ANSWERS: 17. leapfrog, 18. proportionate, 19. jihad, 20. smuggle, 21. conceive, 22. smuggle, 23. sever, 24. extrapolation, 25. whistleblower

26. ind\_\_\_\_\_ized textile production      *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
27. al\_\_\_e wrongdoing      *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
28. ar\_\_\_\_\_ce of power      *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
29. sh\_\_d lettuce for a salad      *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
30. de\_\_r payment      *v.* to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority
31. hawkish con\_\_\_\_\_son      *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
32. al\_\_\_e abuse      *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
33. cr\_\_\_o wallet      *n.* short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society
34. for ov\_\_\_\_\_a use      *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

ANSWERS: 26. industrialize, 27. allege, 28. arrogance, 29. shred, 30. defer, 31. congressperson, 32. allege, 33. crypto, 34. oversea

35. gr\_\_d away at my work      *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
36. nieces and ne\_\_\_ws      *n.* a son of your brother or sister
37. former con\_\_\_\_\_son      *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
38. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct      *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
39. al\_\_\_\_\_ed from my parents      *adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
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41. hit an ic\_\_\_\_\_g      *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
42. imp\_\_\_\_\_ed plea      *adj.* having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal
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ANSWERS: 35. grind, 36. nephew, 37. congressperson, 38. intellect, 39. alienated, 40. jihad, 41. iceberg, 42. impassioned, 43. alienated

44. cat\_\_\_\_\_al denial *adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
45. la\_\_\_\_\_d attachment *n.* a cord or strap, often made of rope or nylon, designed to hold or secure something such as a key, identification card, or whistle, typically worn around the neck or wrist
46. de\_\_\_e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
47. expel a di\_\_\_\_\_at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
48. give an imp\_\_\_\_\_ed defense *adj.* having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal
49. se\_\_r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
50. ino\_\_\_\_\_te ambition *adj.* excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate
51. cy\_\_r bullying *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
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ANSWERS: 44. categorical, 45. lanyard, 46. devote, 47. diplomat, 48. impassioned, 49. sever, 50. inordinate, 51. cyber, 52. sectarian

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55. qu\_\_e a source      *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
56. r\_v up the crowd      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
57. am\_\_\_\_\_y for debt      *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
58. popular sa\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
59. low-r\_v engine      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 53. intellect, 54. illicit, 55. quote, 56. rev, 57. amnesty, 58. sanction, 59. rev

60. re\_\_\_\_al attack *n.* an act of retaliation or revenge for a perceived wrong, often involving violence or other hostile actions
61. pr\_\_m spectrometer *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic
62. ino\_\_\_\_\_te interest *adj.* excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate
63. respected ad\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
64. v\_\_l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
65. a sp\_\_e of business failures *n.* a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events
66. co\_\_\_l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

ANSWERS: 60. reprisal, 61. prism, 62. inordinate, 63. admiral, 64. viol, 65. spate, 66. compel

67. v\_\_l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
68. ho\_\_\_\_\_wn talent *adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area
69. en\_\_\_\_\_t data *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
70. career co\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
71. cyb\_\_\_\_\_ck prevention *n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
72. cy\_\_r crime *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
73. cyb\_\_\_\_\_ck defense system *n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
74. conference la\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a cord or strap, often made of rope or nylon, designed to hold or secure something such as a key, identification card, or whistle, typically worn around the neck or wrist
75. co\_\_\_\_\_in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

ANSWERS: 67. viol, 68. homegrown, 69. encrypt, 70. comeback, 71. cyberattack, 72. cyber, 73. cyberattack, 74. lanyard, 75. constrain

76. s\_\_t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
77. ad\_\_\_\_\_ry team *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
78. medical in\_\_\_n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
79. modern jur\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
80. en\_\_\_\_\_t message *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
81. de\_\_\_e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
82. in\_\_\_n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 76. sect, 77. adversary, 78. intern, 79. jurisprudence, 80. encrypt, 81. devise, 82. intern



83. grow ar\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
84. three-year-old ne\_\_\_\_w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
85. ha\_\_\_\_\_ck fire *n.* a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding
86. statistical ext\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of estimating or inferring something based on known information or data, often beyond the range of the available information or data; a projection or projection of trends or patterns into the future
87. co\_\_\_\_\_ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
88. allied di\_\_\_\_\_at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
89. in\_\_\_\_\_pt an enemy force *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
90. de\_\_\_\_e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
91. se\_\_\_\_\_an tension *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

ANSWERS: 83. arrogant, 84. nephew, 85. haystack, 86. extrapolation, 87. conceive, 88. diplomat, 89. intercept, 90. devote, 91. sectarian

92. an ar\_\_\_\_\_nt attitude *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
93. in\_\_\_\_\_ct on trade *n.* an authoritative prohibition or ban, often issued by a legal or religious authority
94. environmental tr\_\_\_\_\_ff *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
95. tr\_\_\_\_\_ff problem *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
96. gain ku\_\_s *n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
97. ov\_\_\_\_\_a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
98. jur\_\_\_\_\_nce system *n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
99. ku\_\_s to the team *n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
100. dis\_\_\_\_\_te propaganda *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
101. festival re\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
102. ho\_\_\_\_\_wn produce *adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area

ANSWERS: 92. arrogant, 93. interdict, 94. trade-off, 95. trade-off, 96. kudos, 97. oversea, 98. jurisprudence, 99. kudos, 100. disseminate, 101. revelry, 102. homegrown

103. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
104. il\_\_\_\_\_t drugs *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
105. advanced we\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
106. de\_\_\_\_e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
107. id\_\_\_\_\_st at heart *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
108. cr\_\_\_\_o exchange *n.* short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society
109. an id\_\_\_\_\_st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

ANSWERS: 103. improvisation, 104. illicit, 105. weaponry, 106. devise, 107. idealist, 108. crypto, 109. idealist

110. sh\_\_d paper into little pieces      *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
111. we\_\_\_\_ry development      *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
112. lost in a ha\_\_\_\_ck      *n.* a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding
113. law of cat\_\_\_\_al judgment      *adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
114. pro\_\_\_\_ate representation      *adj.* having a proper or suitable balance in size, amount, or degree; corresponding or in proportion to something else
115. dis\_\_\_\_te knowledge      *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
116. ta\_\_\_\_f run      *n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
117. Imperial sa\_\_\_\_on      *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 110. shred, 111. weaponry, 112. haystack, 113. categorical, 114. proportionate, 115. disseminate, 116. takeoff, 117. sanction

118. grant an am\_\_\_\_y *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
119. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
120. sp\_\_e of attacks *n.* a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events
121. maintain se\_\_\_\_y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
122. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
123. judicial in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an authoritative prohibition or ban, often issued by a legal or religious authority
124. re\_\_\_\_\_y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
125. bacteria on pe\_\_i dishes *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
126. co\_\_\_l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

ANSWERS: 118. amnesty, 119. sect, 120. spate, 121. secrecy, 122. opportune, 123. interdict, 124. revelry, 125. petri, 126. compel

127. political ad\_\_\_\_\_ry                    *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
128. vertical ta\_\_\_\_\_f                    *n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
129. political co\_\_\_\_\_ck                    *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
130. naval ad\_\_\_\_\_l                    *n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
131. anonymous whi\_\_\_\_\_wer                    *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
132. government se\_\_\_\_\_y                    *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

ANSWERS: 127. adversary, 128. takeoff, 129. comeback, 130. admiral, 131. whistleblower, 132. secrecy

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The government imposed an \_\_\_\_\_ on the sale of certain goods to protect public health.
  - n.* an authoritative prohibition or ban, often issued by a legal or religious authority
2. If you file a complaint, you may face \_\_\_\_\_ from your employer.
  - n.* an act of retaliation or revenge for a perceived wrong, often involving violence or other hostile actions
3. The political campaign descended into a \_\_\_\_\_ battle between rival parties.
  - adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
4. To fully understand the concept, we must \_\_\_\_\_ certain background knowledge.
  - v.* to assume or require as an essential condition or prerequisite; to take for granted or consider as a necessary assumption before further discussion or action
5. After the heavy rain, a \_\_\_\_\_ of accidents occurred on the flooded roads.
  - n.* a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events
6. The term of a \_\_\_\_\_ is two years.
  - n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

ANSWERS: 1. interdict, 2. reprisal, 3. sectarian, 4. presuppose, 5. spate, 6. congressperson

7. The prosecution \_\_\_\_\_ that the defendant was guilty of the crime.  
*v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
8. The company enhanced \_\_\_\_\_ operations to tap into new markets.  
*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
9. He acted with \_\_\_\_\_ and was not well-liked by his colleagues.  
*n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
10. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.  
*v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
11. The senior \_\_\_\_\_ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.  
*n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
12. There is not a \_\_\_\_\_ of evidence that he is guilty.  
*v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
13. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he thought he was always right.  
*adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
14. As a dedicated \_\_\_\_\_ she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.  
*n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

ANSWERS: 7. alleged, 8. oversea, 9. arrogance, 10. grind, 11. diplomat, 12. shred, 13. arrogant, 14. idealist,



15. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.
- v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
16. The government declared \_\_\_\_\_ for all political prisoners.
- n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
17. The new employee felt \_\_\_\_\_ from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.
- adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
18. I have to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting until next week.
- v.* to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority
19. The nations of South East Asia will quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and catch up with the West.
- v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
20. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses \_\_\_\_\_ their files.
- v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
21. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
- v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 15. disseminate, 16. amnesty, 17. alienated, 18. defer, 19. industrialize, 20. encrypt, 21. devoted

22. The street was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ on New Year's Eve.  
*n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
23. \_\_\_\_\_ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.  
*adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
24. She had an \_\_\_\_\_ amount of work to complete before the deadline.  
*adj.* excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate
25. The scientist used an optical \_\_\_\_\_ to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.  
*n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic
26. The children played hide and seek in the \_\_\_\_\_ in the barnyard.  
*n.* a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding
27. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.  
*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
28. The \_\_\_\_\_ error led to inaccuracies in the economic forecasting model.  
*n.* the act of estimating or inferring something based on known information or data, often beyond the range of the available information or data; a projection or projection of trends or patterns into the future

ANSWERS: 22. revelry, 23. Cyber, 24. inordinate, 25. prism, 26. haystacks, 27. sect, 28. extrapolation

29. The lawyer's understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ helped her win the case.
- n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
30. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ between speed and accuracy in the task.
- n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
31. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ he'd want to harm us.
- v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
32. During recess, the children played a game of \_\_\_\_\_ in the schoolyard.
- n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
33. The government imposed economic \_\_\_\_\_ on the country.
- n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
34. The army used various \_\_\_\_\_ to defend the country from attack.
- n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
35. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
36. The musician made an impressive \_\_\_\_\_ with their latest album.
- n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

ANSWERS: 29. jurisprudence, 30. trade-off, 31. conceive, 32. leapfrog, 33. sanctions, 34. weaponry, 35. opportune, 36. comeback

37. The navy \_\_\_\_\_ ships of defeated nations.

- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

38. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

39. He was arrested for his \_\_\_\_\_ activities in the black market.

- adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

40. The hackers launched a devastating \_\_\_\_\_ stealing sensitive information from the company's servers.

- n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

41. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

- n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

42. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

43. She received \_\_\_\_\_ from her boss for her exceptional work on the project.

- n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment

44. She made a \_\_\_\_\_ statement that she would never eat sushi.

- adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories

ANSWERS: 37. interned, 38. intellect, 39. illicit, 40. cyberattack, 41. secrecy, 42. improvisation, 43. kudos, 44. categorical

45. The judge ruled that the punishment be \_\_\_\_\_ to the crime committed.  
*adj.* having a proper or suitable balance in size, amount, or degree; corresponding or in proportion to something else
46. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
47. My \_\_\_\_\_ is eight months old and still being breastfed.  
*n.* a son of your brother or sister
48. The government has laws in place to protect \_\_\_\_\_ from retaliation.  
*n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
49. In his speech, he \_\_\_\_\_ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.  
*v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
50. The ship encountered a series of \_\_\_\_\_ and had to change its course.  
*n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
51. The restaurant prides itself on its \_\_\_\_\_ ingredients sourced from local farms.  
*adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area
52. Glass \_\_\_\_\_ dishes are used to culture microorganisms.  
*n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria

ANSWERS: 45. proportionate, 46. rev, 47. nephew, 48. whistleblowers, 49. quoted, 50. icebergs, 51. homegrown, 52. petri

53. The strict deadlines will \_\_\_\_\_ the team to work efficiently.
- v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
54. The rock climber attached their safety harness to a sturdy \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a cord or strap, often made of rope or nylon, designed to hold or secure something such as a key, identification card, or whistle, typically worn around the neck or wrist
55. They had to \_\_\_\_\_ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
- v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
56. Our aircraft is now ready for \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
57. The boxer's toughest \_\_\_\_\_ was his fear of losing.
- n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
58. He was able to \_\_\_\_\_ a gun inside the prison.
- v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
59. It is illegal to \_\_\_\_\_ police radio.
- v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
60. Many high-ranking military officials attended the \_\_\_\_\_ retirement ceremony.
- n. a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank

ANSWERS: 53. compel, 54. lanyard, 55. devise, 56. takeoff, 57. adversary, 58.

smuggle, 59. intercept, 60. admiral's

61. The political situation \_\_\_\_\_ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

*v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

62. Many scholars argue that the true meaning of \_\_\_\_\_ is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

*n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

63. He spoke with \_\_\_\_\_ conviction about the need for change.

*adj.* having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal

64. He \_\_\_\_\_ a branch from a tree quickly.

*v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

65. The rise of \_\_\_\_\_ has revolutionized the world of finance and investment.

*n.* short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society

66. The \_\_\_\_\_ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

ANSWERS: 61. constrained, 62. jihad, 63. impassioned, 64. severed, 65. crypto, 66. viol