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Session 1: Word List

- writ** *n.* a written legal order or command
synonym: legal document, order, legal process
(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- biography** *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
synonym: bio, memoir, life history
(1) **biography** of an actor, (2) medical **biography**
This is a well-recorded **biography**.
- territory** *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
synonym: domain, region, realm
(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge
They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.
- agnostic** *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
synonym: skeptic, doubter, unbeliever
(1) **agnostic** world-view, (2) **agnostic** position
Her scientific background led her to be **agnostic** about the existence of a higher power.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

misty

adj. characterized by, obscured by, or enveloped in mist or fog; hazy or unclear, often referring to the quality of a memory or thought

synonym: hazy, foggy, blurred

(1) **misty** intention, (2) **misty** forest

The **misty** morning made it hard to see the road ahead.

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**.

revelation

n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

synonym: disclosure, telling, annunciation

(1) a divine **revelation**, (2) the **revelation** of a secret

The shocking **revelation** embarrassed the administration.

mecca

n. a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam

synonym: cynosure, center

(1) tourist **mecca**, (2) **mecca** for surfers

The building has become a **mecca** for fans of the movie.

mystical

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

synonym: occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

empirical

adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

synonym: observational, experiential, factual

(1) **empirical** research, (2) **empirical** philosophy

The study's results were based on **empirical** evidence gathered from extensive research.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

secular

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

synonym: nonreligious, materialistic, temporal

(1) **secular** trends, (2) normal **secular** life

The school was founded as a **secular** institution with no religious affiliations.

chutzpah

n. the audacity, confidence, or boldness to do or say something that might be seen as shocking, daring, or disrespectful; a brazen or fearless attitude

synonym: audacity, nerve, boldness

(1) unwavering **chutzpah**, (2) sheer **chutzpah**

She displayed remarkable **chutzpah** by negotiating a higher salary during the job interview

plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

synonym : beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym : culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

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.

inevitably

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

synonym : unavoidably, necessarily, surely

(1) **inevitably** decline with age, (2) **inevitably** reach the consumer

Because of his excellent performance, he will **inevitably** be promoted.

transgression

n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle

synonym : misdeed, crime, wrongdoing

(1) inexcusable **transgression**, (2) commit a **transgression**

Reporters questioned the politician about his past **transgression**.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym :

border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

divine

adj. of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred

synonym: godly, holy, sacred

(1) **divine** intervention, (2) **divine** grace

The view from the mountaintop was truly **divine**.

fiction

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

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

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

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

hallelujah

n. an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship

synonym:

praise, worship, exultation

(1) **hallelujah** chorus, (2) **hallelujah** moment

The choir ended the performance with a powerful **hallelujah**.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

lord

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym: master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

radiate

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

synonym: give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions

Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

choir

n. a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

synonym: chorus, ensemble, club

(1) quintet **choir**, (2) **choir** performance

The gospel **choir** sang beautifully at the church service.

angel

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

synonym: messenger, spirit, celestial being

(1) **angel** investors, (2) fallen **angel**

As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy **angel** standing at the foot of her bed.

sphere

n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

synonym : ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

ecstasy

n. a state of overwhelming happiness, joy, or pleasure; an emotional or mental state of intense feelings of delight or happiness that is often accompanied by intense physical sensations

synonym : rapture, bliss, euphoria

(1) **ecstasy** pills, (2) state of **ecstasy**

She danced with **ecstasy** as her favorite band played their hit song.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

ordain

v. to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service

synonym : consecrate, appoint, order

(1) **ordain** a deacon, (2) **ordain** a minister

The bishop will **ordain** new priests next week during the religious ceremony.

messenger

n. someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document

synonym : courier, transmitter, envoy

(1) **messenger** app, (2) a secret **messenger**

An mRNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a copy of a molecule called **messenger** RNA.

foul

adj. extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad

synonym : nasty, loathsome, illegal

(1) **foul** day, (2) **foul** language

It was **foul** of him to betray his friend.

pious

adj. deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices

synonym : religious, devout, godly

(1) **pious** belief, (2) **pious** follower

The **pious** woman spent her days volunteering at the local church.

fable

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

synonym : fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

quitter

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

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

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

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

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym : opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

hallucinate

v. to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use

(1) start to **hallucinate**, (2) **hallucinate** with drug

Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may **hallucinate**.

possession

n. the state or fact of owning or having something

synonym: ownership, holding, control

(1) **possession** of the evidence, (2) a territorial **possession**

That painting is my **possession**, and I inherited it from my grandmother.

seize

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

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

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

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

evil

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

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

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

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

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

deceive

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

synonym: mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

crush

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

synonym: destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

possessed

adj. controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief

synonym: controlled, influenced, consumed

(1) **possessed** by a fox, (2) like a person **possessed**

She was **possessed** by a fierce determination to succeed.

impulse

n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

synonym: stimulation, provocation, urge

(1) a combative **impulse**, (2) profound religious **impulses**

Nerve **impulses** cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

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.

flee

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

synonym : exit, escape, run away

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

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

tremble

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

synonym : shiver, flutter, quaver

(1) **tremble** in fear, (2) **tremble** violently with emotion

When I heard the news, my whole body **trembled** with excitement.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym : crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

primordial

adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

synonym : ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

conviction

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

synonym: belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder

She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym: confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

disorient

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

synonym: confuse, flummox, perplex

(1) **disorient** his audience, (2) **disorient** and wrong-foot viewers

Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might **disorient** dolphins and whales.

sunder

v. to split, separate, or divide something, often forcefully or violently; to break apart or sever a relationship or bond

synonym : divide, split, separate

(1) **sunder** relationship, (2) **sunder** a bond

The earthquake **sundered** the bridge, cutting off access to the other side of the city.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task

My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

comprehension

n. the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience

synonym : understanding, knowledge, insight

(1) **comprehension** level, (2) a listening **comprehension** test

Her **comprehension** of the material was impressive for someone so young.

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

synonym : grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

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

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

earthquake

n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

synonym : seismic activity, tremor, temblor

(1) an **earthquake** zone, (2) an **earthquake-proof**

The violent **earthquake** caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

hunk

n. a large, strong, attractive man; a large piece or chunk, especially meat

synonym : muscleman, stud, gob

(1) muscular **hunk**, (2) **hunk** of cheese

She couldn't stop staring at the **hunk** on the magazine cover.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

mystic

adj. having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human

comprehension

synonym : secret, mystical, supernatural

(1) **mystic** teaching, (2) medieval **mystic**

He is interested in the **mystic** rites of that religion.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

modest

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

synonym : unassuming, humble, unpretentious

(1) **modest** income, (2) only a **modest** fee

Despite his many achievements, he remained **modest** and down-to-earth.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym : proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

sane

adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
synonym : rational, sound, normal

(1) for a **sane** reason, (2) **sane** judgment

Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained **sane**.

conservative

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

synonym : traditional, reactionary, cautious

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

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

theologian

n. an expert or student who studies theology

synonym : clergyperson, philosopher, scholar

(1) Swedish **theologian**, (2) great **theologians**

Death gets more than its share of attention from **theologians**.

maintain

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

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

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

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

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

insist

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

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over
He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

tolerate

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

synonym: endure, put up with, bear

(1) **tolerate** his disrespectful behavior, (2) **tolerate**

ambiguity

I can't **tolerate** spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym: amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

integrity

n. the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided

synonym : honesty, honor, morality

(1) a person of **integrity**, (2) **integrity** of data

The company's reputation for honesty and **integrity** is highly valued among its customers.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym : alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

graham

n. a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

synonym : cracker, biscuit, wafer

(1) **graham** bread, (2) **graham** flour

I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing **graham** cracker.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym : cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

possess

v. to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

synonym: keep, maintain, own

(1) **possess** a basic knowledge, (2) **possess** divine powers
He **possesses** a good sense of humor.

imply

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

synonym: hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

uppercase

n. the capital form of a letter in a written or printed text; text or writing that is predominantly or exclusively in capital letters

synonym: capital, capital letter, majuscule

(1) **uppercase** letter, (2) change to **uppercase**

Please type your password in **uppercase** to log into your account.

certainty

n. the state of being certain

synonym: inevitability, confidence, assurance

(1) scientific **certainty**, (2) reach **certainty** about the theory

Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into **certainty**.

devolve

v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form

synonym: degenerate, drop, decline

(1) **devolve** into chaos, (2) **devolve** his rights

As time has passed, the responsibility has **devolved** to the younger generation.

dogmatic

adj. characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence

synonym : authoritative, doctrinal, opinionated

(1) **dogmatic** beliefs, (2) **dogmatic** approach

The company's old **dogmatic** policies were the cause of its downfall.

demonstrative

adj. tending to show one's feelings or emotions openly; serving to demonstrate, explain, or prove something

synonym : ostentatious, expressive, emotional

(1) **demonstrative** evidence, (2) **demonstrative** behavior

The **demonstrative** exhibit showcased the latest advancements in technology.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym : vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

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.

fundamentalist

n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

synonym : extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**

He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

irony

n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or

rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

expletive

n. a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration

synonym : curse, swear word, profanity

(1) **expletive** language, (2) **expletive** pronoun

When she stubbed her toe, she let out an **expletive** in pain.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

crusader

n. a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims

synonym : advocate, activist, ideologue

(1) anti-corruption **crusader**, (2) a **crusader** for justice

The history books are full of tales of legendary **crusaders** who went on epic adventures.

infidel

n. a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith

synonym : unbeliever, pagan, gentile

(1) the war against the **infidel**, (2) convert **infidel**

The historical novel portrayed the conflict between the kingdom and the so-called **infidel** invaders from the north.

doubly

adv. to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance

synonym : twice, twofold, in two ways

(1) **doubly** difficult, (2) **doubly** effective

The athlete faced a challenge that was **doubly** daunting because of her injury.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

absolutism

n. a political system in which the ruler has complete and unlimited power, often without any checks or balances from other institutions

synonym : dictatorship, tyranny, authoritarianism

(1) religious **absolutism**, (2) advocate for **absolutism**

The king's **absolutism** meant he had complete and total control over the government and the people.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

stripe

n. a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears

synonym: line, band, streak

(1) a white **stripe**, (2) **stripe** texture

The plates have a blue **stripe** around the edge.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym: remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging

Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

refuge

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

synonym: shelter, fortress, hide-out

(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**

Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.

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.

wrestling

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

synonym: grappling, fighting, brawling

(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**

He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

prophet

n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

synonym: oracle, visionary, seer

(1) false **prophet**, (2) words of the **prophet**

In this tribe, people believed the **prophet** would save them from many calamities.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym: push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

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.

cede

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

synonym: surrender, relinquish, yield

(1) **cede** power, (2) **cede** custody of the kids

The landowner agreed to **cede** part of his property to the government for the public good.

arena

n. a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events

synonym: stadium, theatre, auditorium

(1) indoor **arena**, (2) political **arena**

The company is planning to build a 20,000-seat **arena** with a retractable roof.

extremist

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

synonym: radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

messiah

n. the promised deliverer who God will send to save the Jewish people, as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible

synonym: Jesus Christ, Son of God

(1) glorify the **Messiah**, (2) the arrival of **Messiah**

Many citizens regard him as a political **messiah** of the country.

settler

n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

synonym: frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

homophobia

n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports

The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

hypocrite

n. a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way

synonym: pretender, two-faced, insincere

(1) environmental **hypocrite**, (2) religious **hypocrite**

She accused her boss of being a **hypocrite** for advocating for workers' rights while mistreating his employees.

misogyny

n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

synonym : sexism, chauvinism

(1) **misogyny** issue, (2) the **misogyny** of medieval Christianity

His speech was filled with **misogyny** and caused widespread outrage.

bigot

n. a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people

synonym : sectarian, dogmatizer, intolerant

(1) **bigot** mentality, (2) religious **bigot**

His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded **bigot**.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym : self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

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.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

militant

n. willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

synonym : combative, aggressive, bellicose

(1) **militant** nations, (2) a **militant** reformer

The **militant** group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

steep

adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

synonym : sheer, precipitous, abrupt

(1) a **steep** staircase, (2) **steep** discount

The **steep** cliff made it difficult to climb.

fanaticism

n. excessive and irrational enthusiasm, zeal, or devotion to a particular cause, belief, or ideology, often to the point of intolerance or extremism

synonym : zealotry, extremism

(1) blind **fanaticism**, (2) sports **fanaticism**

Religious **fanaticism** can lead to extreme beliefs and actions that may harm others.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym: persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

ongoing

adj. continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening

synonym: continuous, current, proceeding

(1) still **ongoing**, (2) **ongoing** support

The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the **ongoing** economic crisis.

continually

adv. in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

synonym: repeatedly, frequently, constantly

(1) **continually** access information, (2) **continually** changing world

Her tongue runs on **continually**.

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.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

defiance

n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

synonym: disobedience, disregard, confrontation

(1) fierce **defiance**, (2) adopt an attitude of **defiance**

He acted in **defiance** of our decision.

accumulate

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

synonym: amass, stash, earn

(1) **accumulate** cash value, (2) **accumulate** evidence

He has **accumulated** his wealth through real estate investments.

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.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

temptation

n. the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire

synonym: allure, attraction, enticement

(1) withstand **temptation**, (2) many **temptations**

Researchers often succumb to the **temptation** of accolades and commit research misconduct.

resignation

n. an act of giving up or resigning from a job or office

synonym: retirement, termination, withdrawal

(1) **resignation** letters, (2) **resignation** as prime minister

The state legislature demanded his **resignation** immediately.

retreat

n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

synonym: escape, withdrawal, vacation

(1) **retreat** deeper into their territory, (2) **retreat** in a mountain region

Many people go on a **retreat** to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym: satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise
The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

nihilist

n. a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose

synonym: anarchist, cynic, skeptic

(1) violent **nihilist**, (2) militant **nihilist**

The professor accused the student of being a **nihilist** for constantly challenging the course material.

naive

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

synonym: innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

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.

refusal

n. the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: denial, rejection, turndown

(1) meet with a **refusal**, (2) **refusal** of inspection

She gave a firm **refusal**.

narrow-minded

adj. having a limited or closed-minded perspective; lacking tolerance or acceptance of different or opposing views or ideas

synonym : narrow-minded, prejudiced, intolerant

(1) **narrow-minded** prejudice, (2) **narrow-minded** individual

Her **narrow-minded** views prevented her from considering other perspectives and hindered her ability to connect with others.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym : absolutely, completely, perfectly

(1) **utterly** changed, (2) **utterly** ignorant

We are **utterly** opposed to any form of terrorism.

appall

v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

synonym : shock, disgust, dismay

(1) **appall** the tourists, (2) **appall** me

The news of the massacre **appalled** the entire nation.

repress

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

synonym : suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression

He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

divisiveness

n. the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people

synonym : discord, disunity, division

(1) political **divisiveness**, (2) ethnic **divisiveness**

The **divisiveness** in the community was apparent during the town hall meeting.

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.

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.

obscene

adj. offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

synonym : improper, nasty, lewd

(1) **obscene** literature, (2) an **obscene** story

He made an **obscene** gesture.

travesty

n. a mockery or satire that exaggerates or distorts something, often intending to ridicule or criticize it; a grotesque or outrageous imitation or representation

synonym : parody, mockery, sham

(1) **travesty** of the truth, (2) political **travesty**

The handling of the case was a **travesty** of justice.

thorny

adj. full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with

synonym : prickly, spiky, bristly

(1) the **thorny** path of life, (2) **thorny** problem

The rose bush had **thorny** branches.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. state of ec____y *n.* a state of overwhelming happiness, joy, or pleasure; an emotional or mental state of intense feelings of delight or happiness that is often accompanied by intense physical sensations

2. 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

3. pi__s follower *adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices

4. ar_____ce of power *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance

5. st_____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

6. religious abs_____sm *n.* a political system in which the ruler has complete and unlimited power, often without any checks or balances from other institutions

7. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

ANSWERS: 1. ecstasy, 2. process, 3. pious, 4. arrogance, 5. startling, 6. absolutism, 7. convinced

8. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
9. st____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
10. 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
11. th___y problem *adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
12. st___e texture *n.* a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears
13. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
14. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
15. im__y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
16. ag_____ic position *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
17. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental

ANSWERS: 8. blind, 9. stubborn, 10. sectarian, 11. thorny, 12. stripe, 13. recognize, 14. religion, 15. imply, 16. agnostic, 17. essential

18. blind fan_____sm *n.* excessive and irrational enthusiasm, zeal, or devotion to a particular cause, belief, or ideology, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
19. con_____ly changing world *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
20. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
21. com_____ion level *n.* the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience
22. a combative im_____e *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
23. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
24. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
25. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
26. 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
27. radical ex_____st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

ANSWERS: 18. fanaticism, 19. continually, 20. faith, 21. comprehension, 22. impulse, 23. massive, 24. involve, 25. opposition, 26. struggle, 27. extremist

28. to_____te ambiguity *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
29. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
30. start to hal_____te *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
31. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
32. co_____t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
33. at_____t belief *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
34. con_____on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
35. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
36. de_____e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
37. do_____y difficult *adv.* to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance
38. c____t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 28. tolerate, 29. religion, 30. hallucinate, 31. violent, 32. commit, 33. atheist, 34. conviction, 35. utterly, 36. deceive, 37. doubly, 38. cult

39. ut____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
40. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
41. do____y effective *adv.* to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance
42. pi__s belief *adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
43. a divine rev_____on *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
44. ge____r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
45. normal se_____r life *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
46. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
47. mi__y forest *adj.* characterized by, obscured by, or enveloped in mist or fog; hazy or unclear, often referring to the quality of a memory or thought

ANSWERS: 39. utterly, 40. leap, 41. doubly, 42. pious, 43. revelation, 44. gender, 45. secular, 46. analyze, 47. misty

48. ethnic div_____ess *n.* the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people
49. an__l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
50. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
51. like a person po_____ed *adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief
52. convert in_____l *n.* a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith
53. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
54. feel a bit gu____y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
55. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
56. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
57. mi__y intention *adj.* characterized by, obscured by, or enveloped in mist or fog; hazy or unclear, often referring to the quality of a memory or thought
58. ex_____ve language *n.* a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration

ANSWERS: 48. divisiveness, 49. angel, 50. conscious, 51. possessed, 52. infidel, 53. condemn, 54. guilty, 55. writ, 56. grasp, 57. misty, 58. expletive

59. political ar__a *n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
60. the clear co____ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
61. fallen an__l *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
62. he was ov____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
63. have an aw____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
64. me____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
65. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
66. ac____d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
67. in____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
68. violent ni____st *n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
69. tr____e violently with emotion *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

ANSWERS: 59. arena, 60. contrary, 61. angel, 62. overwhelm, 63. awesome, 64. mention, 65. instance, 66. accord, 67. involve, 68. nihilist, 69. tremble

70. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
71. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
72. fight vi___l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
73. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
74. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
75. change to up_____se *n.* the capital form of a letter in a written or printed text; text or writing that is predominantly or exclusively in capital letters
76. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
77. st___k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
78. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
79. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 70. desert, 71. economy, 72. viral, 73. conservative, 74. economy, 75. uppercase, 76. absolute, 77. stark, 78. transform, 79. insist

80. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
81. cr__h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
82. meet with a re____l *n.* the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something
83. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
84. brazen ar_____ce *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
85. mi____ny issue *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
86. ec____y pills *n.* a state of overwhelming happiness, joy, or pleasure; an emotional or mental state of intense feelings of delight or happiness that is often accompanied by intense physical sensations
87. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
88. on_____g support *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
89. c__e custody of the kids *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
90. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 80. urge, 81. crush, 82. refusal, 83. strike, 84. arrogance, 85. misogyny, 86. ecstasy, 87. startling, 88. ongoing, 89. cede, 90. violent

91. wr_____ng match *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
92. sports fan_____sm *n.* excessive and irrational enthusiasm, zeal, or devotion to a particular cause, belief, or ideology, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
93. se_____an violence *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
94. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
95. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
96. di_____nt and wrong-foot viewers *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
97. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
98. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
99. in_____ty of data *n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
100. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
101. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 91. wrestling, 92. fanaticism, 93. sectarian, 94. fiction, 95. cliff, 96. disorient, 97. flee, 98. proclaim, 99. integrity, 100. silent, 101. mass

102. the arrival of Me____h
n. the promised deliverer who God will send to save the Jewish people, as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible
103. de____e skillfully
v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
104. ob____e literature
adj. offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
105. false pr____t
n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
106. im__y a strong correlation
v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
107. medieval my____c
adj. having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
108. Swedish the____an
n. an expert or student who studies theology
109. na__e belief
adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
110. business sp____e
n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
111. cr__h coffee beans
v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

ANSWERS: 102. messiah, 103. deceive, 104. obscene, 105. prophet, 106. imply, 107. mystic, 108. theologian, 109. naive, 110. sphere, 111. crush

112. the an_____te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
113. tourist me__a *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
114. ine_____ly reach the consumer *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
115. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
116. di___e intervention *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
117. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
118. face the da_____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
119. ex_____ve pronoun *n.* a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration
120. ab_____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
121. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
122. geographical bo_____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

ANSWERS: 112. antidote, 113. mecca, 114. inevitably, 115. strike, 116. divine, 117. constantly, 118. daunting, 119. expletive, 120. abolish, 121. app, 122. boundary

123. up_____se letter *n.* the capital form of a letter in a written or printed text; text or writing that is predominantly or exclusively in capital letters
124. political div_____ess *n.* the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people
125. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
126. c__e power *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
127. h__k of cheese *n.* a large, strong, attractive man; a large piece or chunk, especially meat
128. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
129. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
130. arm wr_____ng *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
131. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
132. mi_____nt nations *n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
133. imp_____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way

ANSWERS: 123. uppercase, 124. divisiveness, 125. intellect, 126. cede, 127. hunk, 128. refuse, 129. Christ, 130. wrestling, 131. imperfectly, 132. militant, 133. imperfectly

134. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
135. mo___t income *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
136. ch__r performance *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
137. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
138. fierce de_____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
139. sp___e of influence *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
140. religious bi__t *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
141. st_____rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
142. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
143. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 134. bless, 135. modest, 136. choir, 137. flee, 138. defiance, 139. sphere, 140. bigot, 141. stubborn, 142. reject, 143. encounter

144. s__e judgment *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
145. fu____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
146. 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
147. inexcusable tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
148. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
149. for a s__e reason *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
150. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
151. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
152. moral con_____on *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
153. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 144. sane, 145. fulfill, 146. mass, 147. transgression, 148. ironic, 149. sane, 150. insist, 151. pride, 152. conviction, 153. evil

154. the rev_____on of a secret *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
155. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
156. res_____on as prime minister *n.* an act of giving up or resigning from a job or office
157. su_____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
158. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
159. pl__d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
160. pri_____al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
161. the th___y path of life *adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
162. a territorial pos_____on *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
163. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
164. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

ANSWERS: 154. revelation, 155. conversation, 156. resignation, 157. suicide, 158. faith, 159. plead, 160. primordial, 161. thorny, 162. possession, 163. essential, 164. fiction

165. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
166. de_____e into chaos *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
167. ine_____ly decline with age *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
168. st__p discount *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
169. co_____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
170. di___e grace *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
171. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
172. glorify the Me_____h *n.* the promised deliverer who God will send to save the Jewish people, as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible
173. se_____rs on some foreign shore *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
174. dem_____ive evidence *adj.* tending to show one's feelings or emotions openly; serving to demonstrate, explain, or prove something

ANSWERS: 165. spirit, 166. devolve, 167. inevitably, 168. steep, 169. contrary, 170. divine, 171. bless, 172. messiah, 173. settler, 174. demonstrative

175. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
176. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
177. dem_____ive behavior *adj.* tending to show one's feelings or emotions openly; serving to demonstrate, explain, or prove something
178. hal_____ah moment *n.* an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship
179. ra_____e an aura *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
180. environmental hy_____te *n.* a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way
181. po_____s a basic knowledge *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
182. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
183. cannot re_____s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

ANSWERS: 175. quitter, 176. stark, 177. demonstrative, 178. hallelujah, 179. radiate, 180. hypocrite, 181. possess, 182. claim, 183. repress

184. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
185. a cr____er for justice *n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
186. na__e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
187. 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
188. an ad____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
189. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
190. ag____ic world-view *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
191. en____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 184. seize, 185. crusader, 186. naive, 187. idealist, 188. advocate, 189. reject, 190. agnostic, 191. encounter

192. new se_____rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
193. oasis in the de____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
194. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
195. an ob_____e story *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
196. the mi_____ny of medieval Christianity *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
197. pos_____on of the evidence *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
198. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
199. re_____t in a mountain region *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
200. or_____n a minister *v.* to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service
201. political tr_____ty *n.* a mockery or satire that exaggerates or distorts something, often intending to ridicule or criticize it; a grotesque or outrageous imitation or representation
202. re_____l of inspection *n.* the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 192. settler, 193. desert, 194. maintain, 195. obscene, 196. misogyny, 197. possession, 198. analyze, 199. retreat, 200. ordain, 201. travesty, 202. refusal

203. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
204. con_____ly access information *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
205. me_____er app *n.* someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document
206. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
207. pri_____al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
208. gr___m flour *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
209. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
210. tr_____e in fear *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
211. me__a for surfers *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
212. em_____al philosophy *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

ANSWERS: 203. pride, 204. continually, 205. messenger, 206. precise, 207. primordial, 208. graham, 209. lord, 210. tremble, 211. mecca, 212. empirical

213. sheer ch____ah *n.* the audacity, confidence, or boldness to do or say something that might be seen as shocking, daring, or disrespectful; a brazen or fearless attitude
214. aw____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
215. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
216. gu____y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
217. gr____m bread *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
218. se____r trends *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
219. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
220. wanted cr____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
221. pr____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
222. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
223. me____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 213. chutzpah, 214. awesome, 215. accord, 216. guilty, 217. graham, 218. secular, 219. doubt, 220. criminal, 221. proclaim, 222. panic, 223. mention

224. great the_____ans *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
225. an ear_____ke zone *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
226. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
227. moralize a fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
228. de_____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
229. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
230. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
231. militant ni_____st *n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
232. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 224. theologian, 225. earthquake, 226. gender, 227. fable, 228. despair, 229. opposition, 230. vast, 231. nihilist, 232. claim

233. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
234. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
235. or____n a deacon *v.* to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service
236. re_____t deeper into their territory *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
237. detect a vi__l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
238. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
239. hom_____ia awareness *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
240. ab_____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
241. acc_____te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
242. political fun_____ist *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

ANSWERS: 233. overwhelm, 234. quitter, 235. ordain, 236. retreat, 237. viral, 238. criminal, 239. homophobia, 240. abolish, 241. accumulate, 242. fundamentalist

243. ra_____e in all directions *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
244. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
245. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
246. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
247. po_____s divine powers *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
248. indoor ar__a *n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
249. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
250. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
251. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
252. commit a tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
253. many tem_____ons *n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire

ANSWERS: 243. radiate, 244. bomb, 245. condemn, 246. app, 247. possess, 248. arena, 249. instance, 250. despair, 251. ironic, 252. transgression, 253. temptation

254. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
255. ap___l me *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
256. scientific ce_____ty *n.* the state of being certain
257. muscular h__k *n.* a large, strong, attractive man; a large piece or chunk, especially meat
258. anti-corruption cr_____er *n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
259. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
260. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
261. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
262. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
263. 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

ANSWERS: 254. lord, 255. appall, 256. certainty, 257. hunk, 258. crusader, 259. cult, 260. territory, 261. territory, 262. panic, 263. idealist

264. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
265. do____ic approach *adj.* characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence
266. a harbor of re___e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
267. withstand tem_____on *n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire
268. unwavering ch____ah *n.* the audacity, confidence, or boldness to do or say something that might be seen as shocking, daring, or disrespectful; a brazen or fearless attitude
269. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
270. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
271. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
272. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 264. ignore, 265. dogmatic, 266. refuge, 267. temptation, 268. chutzpah, 269. blind, 270. precise, 271. urge, 272. vast

273. si__t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
274. a st__p staircase *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
275. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
276. bi_____hy of an actor *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
277. pl__d a political cause *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
278. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
279. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
280. classic fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
281. cl__f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
282. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
283. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
284. em_____al research *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
285. my___c teaching *adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

ANSWERS: 273. silent, 274. steep, 275. writ, 276. biography, 277. plead, 278. absolute, 279. confuse, 280. fable, 281. cliff, 282. constantly, 283. seize, 284. empirical, 285. mystic

286. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
287. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
288. advocate for abs_____sm *n.* a political system in which the ruler has complete and unlimited power, often without any checks or balances from other institutions
289. quintet ch__r *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
290. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
291. religious hy_____te *n.* a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way
292. my_____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
293. profound religious im_____es *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
294. an ear_____ke-proof *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
295. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

ANSWERS: 286. Jewish, 287. leap, 288. absolutism, 289. choir, 290. commit, 291. hypocrite, 292. mystical, 293. impulse, 294. earthquake, 295. grasp

296. a listening com_____ion test *n.* the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience
297. 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
298. a person of in_____ty *n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
299. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
300. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
301. f__l language *adj.* extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad
302. su____r relationship *v.* to split, separate, or divide something, often forcefully or violently; to break apart or sever a relationship or bond
303. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
304. a white st____e *n.* a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears
305. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 296. comprehension, 297. struggle, 298. integrity, 299. bomb, 300. recognize, 301. foul, 302. sunder, 303. convinced, 304. stripe, 305. Christ

306. tr____ty of the truth *n.* a mockery or satire that exaggerates or distorts something, often intending to ridicule or criticize it; a grotesque or outrageous imitation or representation
307. re____e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
308. re____s gene expression *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
309. nar____ded individual *adj.* having a limited or closed-minded perspective; lacking tolerance or acceptance of different or opposing views or ideas
310. to____te his disrespectful behavior *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
311. ma____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
312. adopt an attitude of de____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
313. a mi____nt reformer *n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
314. still on____g *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
315. the war against the in____l *n.* a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith

ANSWERS: 306. travesty, 307. refuge, 308. repress, 309. narrow-minded, 310. tolerate, 311. maintain, 312. defiance, 313. militant, 314. ongoing, 315. infidel

316. my_____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
317. su____r a bond *v.* to split, separate, or divide something, often forcefully or violently; to break apart or sever a relationship or bond
318. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
319. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
320. reach ce_____ty about the theory *n.* the state of being certain
321. bi__t mentality *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
322. do_____ic beliefs *adj.* characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence
323. only a mo____t fee *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
324. nar_____ded prejudice *adj.* having a limited or closed-minded perspective; lacking tolerance or acceptance of different or opposing views or ideas

ANSWERS: 316. mystical, 317. sunder, 318. conscious, 319. surrounding, 320. certainty, 321. bigot, 322. dogmatic, 323. modest, 324. narrow-minded

325. words of the pr_____t
n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
326. tr_____rm an education system
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
327. e__l ways
adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
328. fun_____ist church
n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
329. d__y gravity
v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
330. Je___h culture
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
331. di_____nt his audience
v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
332. ir__y humor
n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
333. a con_____ive society
adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
334. con_____ion in English
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
335. f__l day
adj. extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad

ANSWERS: 325. prophet, 326. transform, 327. evil, 328. fundamentalist, 329. defy, 330. Jewish, 331. disorient, 332. irony, 333. conservative, 334. conversation, 335. foul

336. medical bi_____hy *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
337. hom_____ia in sports *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
338. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
339. a secret me_____er *n.* someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document
340. de_____e his rights *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
341. re_____e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
342. the an_____te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
343. at_____t community *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
344. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 336. biography, 337. homophobia, 338. fulfill, 339. messenger, 340. devolve, 341. refuse, 342. antidote, 343. atheist, 344. intellect

345. hal_____ah chorus *n.* an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship
346. bitter ir__y *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
347. res_____on letters *n.* an act of giving up or resigning from a job or office
348. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
349. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
350. ex_____st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
351. 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
352. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 345. hallelujah, 346. irony, 347. resignation, 348. advocate, 349. doubt, 350. extremist, 351. process, 352. ignore

353. seem like a da_____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
354. po_____ed by a fox *adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief
355. acc_____te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
356. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
357. hal_____te with drug *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
358. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
359. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
360. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
361. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
362. commit su_____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
363. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 353. daunting, 354. possessed, 355. accumulate, 356. massive, 357. hallucinate, 358. confuse, 359. defy, 360. boundary, 361. surrounding, 362. suicide, 363. spirit

364. ap___l the tourists

v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

ANSWERS: 364. appall

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She accused her boss of being a _____ for advocating for workers' rights while mistreating his employees.
 - n.* a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way

2. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
 - n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

3. The _____ cliff made it difficult to climb.
 - adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope

4. He acted with _____ and was not well-liked by his colleagues.
 - n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance

5. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
 - n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

6. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
 - v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

7. I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing _____ cracker.
 - n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

ANSWERS: 1. hypocrite, 2. app's, 3. steep, 4. arrogance, 5. cult, 6. maintain, 7. graham

8. Her scientific background led her to be _____ about the existence of a higher power.
n. a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
9. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
10. The company's old _____ policies were the cause of its downfall.
adj. characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence
11. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
12. The state legislature demanded his _____ immediately.
n. an act of giving up or resigning from a job or office
13. Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may _____.
v. to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
14. Despite his many achievements, he remained _____ and down-to-earth.
adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
15. 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

ANSWERS: 8. agnostic, 9. vast, 10. dogmatic, 11. accord, 12. resignation, 13. hallucinate, 14. modest, 15. sectarian

16. The car was completely _____ in the accident.

- v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

17. He is interested in the _____ rites of that religion.

- adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding;
(noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

18. The _____ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

- n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

19. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

- adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

20. 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

21. She displayed remarkable _____ by negotiating a higher salary during the job interview

- n.* the audacity, confidence, or boldness to do or say something that might be seen as shocking, daring, or disrespectful; a brazen or fearless attitude

22. He _____ a good sense of humor.

- v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

23. He made an _____ gesture.

- adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

ANSWERS: 16. crushed, 17. mystic, 18. irony, 19. awesome, 20. bombs, 21. chutzpah, 22. possesses, 23. obscene

24. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
- n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
25. When I heard the news, my whole body _____ with excitement.
- v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
26. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
27. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
28. My initial reaction was to _____.
- v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
29. She spoke with _____ about the importance of education.
- n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
30. The _____ exhibit showcased the latest advancements in technology.
- adj.* tending to show one's feelings or emotions openly; serving to demonstrate, explain, or prove something

ANSWERS: 24. spirit, 25. trembled, 26. opposition, 27. economy, 28. refuse, 29. conviction, 30. demonstrative

31. 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
32. 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
33. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
34. The building has become a _____ for fans of the movie.
- n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
35. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
36. His speech was filled with _____ and caused widespread outrage.
- n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
37. When she stubbed her toe, she let out an _____ in pain.
- n.* a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration

ANSWERS: 31. process, 32. idealist, 33. religion, 34. mecca, 35. overwhelm, 36. misogyny, 37. expletive

38. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
39. The athlete faced a challenge that was _____ daunting because of her injury.
adv. to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance
40. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
n. an area under the control of a ruler or state
41. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.
n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
42. Because of his excellent performance, he will _____ be promoted.
adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
43. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
44. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
45. The choir ended the performance with a powerful _____.
n. an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship
46. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.
v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

ANSWERS: 38. recognize, 39. doubly, 40. territory, 41. pride, 42. inevitably, 43. essential, 44. proclaimed, 45. hallelujah, 46. blessed

47. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

48. She danced with _____ as her favorite band played their hit song.

n. a state of overwhelming happiness, joy, or pleasure; an emotional or mental state of intense feelings of delight or happiness that is often accompanied by intense physical sensations

49. Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained _____.

adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

50. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

51. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

52. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

53. He _____ with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

54. She couldn't stop staring at the _____ on the magazine cover.

n. a large, strong, attractive man; a large piece or chunk, especially meat

ANSWERS: 47. stubborn, 48. ecstasy, 49. sane, 50. faith, 51. rejected, 52. leap, 53. pleaded, 54. hunk

55. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

56. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

57. Her _____ of the material was impressive for someone so young.

n. the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience

58. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

59. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

60. The earthquake _____ the bridge, cutting off access to the other side of the city.

v. to split, separate, or divide something, often forcefully or violently; to break apart or sever a relationship or bond

61. The historical novel portrayed the conflict between the kingdom and the so-called _____ invaders from the north.

n. a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith

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

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

ANSWERS: 55. abolish, 56. urged, 57. comprehension, 58. confused, 59. convinced, 60. sundered, 61. infidel, 62. quitter

63. The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the _____ economic crisis.

adj. continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening

64. Her _____ views prevented her from considering other perspectives and hindered her ability to connect with others.

adj. having a limited or closed-minded perspective; lacking tolerance or acceptance of different or opposing views or ideas

65. Knowledge is the _____ to fear.

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

66. An mRNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a copy of a molecule called _____ RNA.

n. someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document

67. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.

v. to do something illegal or wrong

68. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

69. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

70. His friend's death drove him to _____.

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 63. ongoing, 64. narrow-minded, 65. antidote, 66. messenger, 67. committed, 68. stark, 69. surrounding, 70. despair

71. A large proportion of railway workers in _____ colonies were white.
n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
72. The gospel _____ sang beautifully at the church service.
n. a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
73. We are _____ opposed to any form of terrorism.
adv. completely or absolutely
74. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
75. The content is _____ and informative for me.
adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited
76. The _____ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.
n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
77. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.
adj. relating to or caused by a virus
78. The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated _____.
n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

ANSWERS: 71. settler, 72. choir, 73. utterly, 74. ignored, 75. precise, 76. sphere, 77. viral, 78. homophobia

79. He became _____ that he was being followed.

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

80. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

81. The _____ in the community was apparent during the town hall meeting.

n. the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people

82. Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might _____ dolphins and whales.

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

83. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

84. Her tongue runs on _____.

adv. in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

85. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

86. I can't _____ spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

ANSWERS: 79. conscious, 80. conversation, 81. divisiveness, 82. disorient, 83. contrary, 84. continually, 85. gender, 86. tolerate

87. The professor accused the student of being a _____ for constantly challenging the course material.
- n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
88. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.
- n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
89. The school was founded as a _____ institution with no religious affiliations.
- adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
90. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
91. He _____ the memories of his traumatic childhood.
- v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
92. Many citizens regard him as a political _____ of the country.
- n.* the promised deliverer who God will send to save the Jewish people, as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible
93. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
- adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
94. She gave a firm _____.
- n.* the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 87. nihilist, 88. suicide, 89. secular, 90. insisted, 91. repressed, 92. messiah, 93. absolute, 94. refusal

95. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
96. The _____ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.
n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
97. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.
n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
98. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
99. The history books are full of tales of legendary _____ who went on epic adventures.
n. a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
100. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.
v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
101. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.
n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
102. The plates have a blue _____ around the edge.
n. a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears

ANSWERS: 95. Jewish, 96. extremist, 97. lord, 98. writ, 99. crusaders, 100. imply, 101. refuge, 102. stripe

103. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
104. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.
- v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
105. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
- adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
106. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
107. The discovery of the _____ soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.
- adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
108. The company's reputation for honesty and _____ is highly valued among its customers.
- n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
109. The violent _____ caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.
- n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

ANSWERS: 103. involves, 104. fulfilled, 105. blind, 106. intellect, 107. primordial, 108. integrity, 109. earthquake

110. The view from the mountaintop was truly _____.

adj. of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred

111. His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded _____.

n. a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people

112. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

113. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

114. The bishop will _____ new priests next week during the religious ceremony.

v. to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service

115. The shocking _____ embarrassed the administration.

n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

116. The rose bush had _____ branches.

adj. full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with

117. The _____ woman spent her days volunteering at the local church.

adj. deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 110. divine, 111. bigot, 112. instances, 113. defy, 114. ordain, 115. revelation, 116. thorny, 117. pious

118. He acted in _____ of our decision.

n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

119. As time has passed, the responsibility has _____ to the younger generation.

v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form

120. This is a well-recorded _____.

n. the story of a person's life written by someone else

121. That painting is my _____ and I inherited it from my grandmother.

n. the state or fact of owning or having something

122. In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known _____.

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

123. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

124. The study's results were based on _____ evidence gathered from extensive research.

adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

125. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

ANSWERS: 118. defiance, 119. devolved, 120. biography, 121. possession, 122. fable, 123. Doubt, 124. empirical, 125. guilty

126. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

127. The news of the massacre _____ the entire nation.

v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

128. 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

129. He had always been interested in sumo _____ and decided to try it.

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

130. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

131. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.

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

132. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

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

133. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

ANSWERS: 126. boundary, 127. appalled, 128. mass, 129. wrestling, 130. violent, 131. conservative, 132. seize, 133. grasp

134. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

135. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

136. The handling of the case was a _____ of justice.

n. a mockery or satire that exaggerates or distorts something, often intending to ridicule or criticize it; a grotesque or outrageous imitation or representation

137. Religious _____ can lead to extreme beliefs and actions that may harm others.

n. excessive and irrational enthusiasm, zeal, or devotion to a particular cause, belief, or ideology, often to the point of intolerance or extremism

138. He created an _____ shaped torso.

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

139. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

140. Roads _____ from the famous building in the center of the city.

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

141. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 134. daunting, 135. accumulated, 136. travesty, 137. fanaticism, 138. imperfectly, 139. strike, 140. radiate, 141. mentioned

142. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

143. This region is predominantly _____.

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

144. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.

- n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

145. Many people go on a _____ to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

- n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

146. Researchers often succumb to the _____ of accolades and commit research misconduct.

- n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire

147. Death gets more than its share of attention from _____.

- n.* an expert or student who studies theology

148. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

- adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

149. Nerve _____ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

- n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

ANSWERS: 142. claim, 143. desert, 144. atheist, 145. retreat, 146. temptation, 147. theologians, 148. ironic, 149. impulses

150. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy _____ standing at the foot of her bed.

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

151. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

152. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.

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

153. It was _____ of him to betray his friend.

adj. extremely unpleasant, dirty, or smelling bad

154. Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into _____.

n. the state of being certain

155. The _____ morning made it hard to see the road ahead.

adj. characterized by, obscured by, or enveloped in mist or fog; hazy or unclear, often referring to the quality of a memory or thought

156. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

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

157. 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

158. 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

ANSWERS: 150. angel, 151. transformed, 152. flee, 153. foul, 154. certainty, 155. misty, 156. evil, 157. cliff, 158. struggle

159. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
- n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
160. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
- n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
161. Truth is stranger than _____.
- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
162. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.
- v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
163. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
164. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
165. In this tribe, people believed the _____ would save them from many calamities.
- n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
166. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
- adj.* without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 159. Advocates, 160. panic, 161. fiction, 162. condemned, 163. massive, 164. Christmas, 165. prophet, 166. silent

167. The company is planning to build a 20,000-seat _____ with a retractable roof.
- n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
168. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.
- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
169. Please type your password in _____ to log into your account.
- n.* the capital form of a letter in a written or printed text; text or writing that is predominantly or exclusively in capital letters
170. The landowner agreed to _____ part of his property to the government for the public good.
- v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
171. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.
- adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
172. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
- v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
173. The magician's illusions were designed to _____ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.
- v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
174. The king's _____ meant he had complete and total control over the government and the people.
- n.* a political system in which the ruler has complete and unlimited power, often without any checks or balances from other institutions

ANSWERS: 167. arena, 168. encounter, 169. uppercase, 170. cede, 171. naive, 172. analyze, 173. deceive, 174. absolutism

175. He describes the story with _____ reality.

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

176. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

177. While meditating, he had a _____ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

178. The _____ group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

n. willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

179. She was _____ by a fierce determination to succeed.

adj. controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief

180. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.

n. a person who has committed a crime

181. Reporters questioned the politician about his past _____.

n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle

182. He is a religious _____ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

ANSWERS: 175. startling, 176. constantly, 177. mystical, 178. militant, 179. possessed, 180. criminal, 181. transgression, 182. fundamentalist