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Session 1: Word List

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

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.

quantity

n. the amount or number of something; magnitude

synonym: abundance, portion, amount

(1) half **quantity**, (2) residual **quantity**

In southward, the average annual water **quantity** increases.

shiny

adj. reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface

synonym: polished, glossy, lustrous

(1) **shiny** surface, (2) **shiny** object

The **shiny** new car drew everyone's attention as it drove by.

curdle

v. to separate or cause to separate into solid lumps, particularly as a result of spoilage or by the addition of an acidic substance; to cause someone to feel

uncomfortable or uneasy

synonym : clot, solidify, curd

(1) make his blood **curdle**, (2) start to **curdle** in the hot sun
If you add lemon juice to milk, it will **curdle** and form chunks.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

devious

adj. cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky

synonym : cunning, deceitful, tricky

(1) **devious** plot, (2) use **devious** methods

The **devious** plan to cheat on the test was foiled by the teacher.

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym : hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym: crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

fiddle

v. to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

synonym: tinker, diddle, play

(1) **fiddle** with a PC, (2) **fiddle** away the whole afternoon

She was able to **fiddle** a free trip to the United States.

rival

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

synonym: adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

demote

v. to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities

synonym: downgrade, lower, demerit

(1) **demote** an employee, (2) **demote** a song from the top charts

His poor performance caused the coach to **demote** him to the bench.

appalling

adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant

synonym : shocking, horrifying, alarming

(1) **appalling** crimes, (2) **appalling** behavior

The condition of that old house was **appalling**.

frenzy

n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

synonym : frenetic, commotion, tumult

(1) **frenzy** of activity, (2) buying **frenzy**

The shoppers were **frenzy** to get the best deals on Black Friday.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

row

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

synonym : line, sequence, layer

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

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

baffle

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

synonym : perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

blatantly

adv. in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise

synonym : openly, candidly, overtly

(1) **blatantly** obvious, (2) **blatantly** unfair

She **blatantly** ignored his warning and continued with her dangerous behavior.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

suffer

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

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

primate

n. any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

synonym: ape, monkey, lemur

(1) **primate** species, (2) **primate** sanctuary

Many scientists study **primate** behavior and intelligence.

bluebird

n. a small, predominantly blue-colored bird, often symbolizing happiness and cheerfulness

(1) **bluebird** feathers, (2) **bluebird** habitat

I awoke to the sweet sound of a **bluebird** singing outside my window.

prone

adj. inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward

synonym: inclined, susceptible, liable

(1) accident- **prone**, (2) **prone** to diarrhea

He was **prone** to making rash decisions.

spouse

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

synonym: partner, mate, wife

(1) **spouse** tax deduction, (2) **spouse** visa

The **spouse** of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

statistics

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

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

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

parse

v. to separate a sentence into grammatical parts, such as subject, verb, etc., and describe their syntactic roles

synonym: analyze, dissect, construe

(1) **parse** strings of the form, (2) **parse** the command line

At first, we have to **parse** out our priorities.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym : seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

grim

adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

synonym : fierce, harsh, gloomy

(1) **grim** reality, (2) a **grim-featured** man

The result presented a **grim** picture of inefficiency and corruption.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym : exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

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**.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym : workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

configuration

n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things

synonym: arrangement, composition, formatting

(1) **configuration** of the system, (2) engine **configuration**

The **configuration** of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.

exaggeration

n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

synonym: hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

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.

odyssey

n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

(1) go on a serious **odyssey**, (2) cross-country **odyssey**

He continued the extraordinary **odyssey** with his brother.

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym: rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

fashionable

adj. popular at a particular time

synonym: chic, stylish, trendy

(1) **fashionable** designs, (2) **fashionable** café
Lengthened skirts are **fashionable** this year.

centennial

n. a 100th anniversary or celebration of an event that occurred 100 years ago
synonym: centenary, hundredth anniversary, hundred-year celebration

(1) **centennial** park, (2) **centennial** history
The town celebrated its **centennial** with a parade and fireworks display.

masterpiece

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
synonym: classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design
The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of art.

exhaustive

adj. comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
synonym: thorough, complete, comprehensive

(1) **exhaustive** study, (2) **exhaustive** review
The team conducted an **exhaustive** search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.

competitiveness

n. the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior
synonym: rivalry, competition, contest

(1) economic **competitiveness**, (2) global **competitiveness**
The industry's **competitiveness** requires companies to innovate and improve their products constantly.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by

burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car
There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage
Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

moisten

v. to make slightly damp or wet; to add moisture or humidity to something, often to improve its texture or taste

synonym: dampen, humidify, moistify

(1) **moisten** the air, (2) **moisten** the cloth
I need to **moisten** the soil before planting the flowers.

lavender

n. a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking

(1) **lavender** fields, (2) **lavender-scented** bath products
I love the soothing scent of **lavender** essential oil.

harsh

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

synonym: brutal, severe, backbreaking

(1) **harsh** climate, (2) use of **harsh** chemicals
The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**
Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

pitiless

adj. without pity or mercy; relentless; ruthless; displaying no compassion or concern for the suffering or well-being of others

synonym : cruel, heartless, ruthless

(1) **pitiless** treatment, (2) **pitiless** injustice

The **pitiless** dictator showed no mercy to anyone who opposed him.

gut

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

synonym : belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym : daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

impediment

n. a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
synonym : obstacle, hindrance, barrier

(1) have a speech **impediment**, (2) biological **impediment**
The language barrier was an **impediment** to their communication.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
synonym : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures
The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

narrative

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

synonym : the tale, chronology, annals

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

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

teller

n. a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

synonym : cashier, bank clerk, clerk

(1) fortune- **teller**, (2) **teller** machine

The bank **teller** carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym : canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym : capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

fond

adj. having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

synonym : liking, enjoying, affectionate

(1) very **fond** of, (2) **fond** memories of the birthday

He is excessively **fond** of alcohol.

mistress

n. a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others

synonym : ladylove, paramour, paramour

(1) a **mistress** of comedy, (2) keep a **mistress**

She used to be his **mistress** before the death of his first wife.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

recoil

v. to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain

synonym : flinch, shy, shrink

(1) **recoil** in horror, (2) **recoil** from a snake

The gun **recoiled** with a loud bang.

charm

n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

synonym : allure, appeal, beauty

(1) masculine **charm**, (2) **charm** against bad luck

These are significantly more exquisite than typical **charm** bracelets.

detect

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

synonym : catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders
The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym: apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

torture

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

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

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

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

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

concede

v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

synonym: admit, acknowledge, allow

(1) **concede** a territory, (2) **concede** a point

He had to **concede** defeat after losing the game.

exhaust

n. the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

synonym: emission, fumes, (verb) deplete

(1) **exhaust** pipe, (2) **exhaust** a topic

The factory's **exhaust** fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

scholarship

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

synonym : grant, award, stipend

(1) a **scholarship** association, (2) college **scholarship**

She received a full **scholarship** to study abroad.

throe

n. a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty

synonym : spasm, pang, throb

(1) the **throes** of a financial crisis, (2) **throes** of death

She writhed in the **throes** of pain during labor.

doorway

n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

synonym : entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success

He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym : graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

servant

n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

synonym : attendant, helper, assistant

(1) **servant** of God, (2) fellow **servant**

The faithful **servant** had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

repugnant

adj. causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable

synonym : disgusting, offensive, revolting

(1) **repugnant** odor, (2) **repugnant** attitude

The dictator's **repugnant** actions have been condemned by leaders worldwide.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym : decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

monument

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

synonym : memorial, marker, statue

(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring

The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.

investigation

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

synonym : examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an **investigation**

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

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.

intolerable

adj. incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable

synonym : agonizing, insufferable, unbearable

(1) **intolerable** situation, (2) the heat is **intolerable**

Chronic pain from the side effects of treatment made her life **intolerable**.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym : ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

crux

n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

synonym : heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something
synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness
That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

grief

n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
synonym: anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**
Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

humiliation

n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
synonym: mortification, degradation, embarrassment

(1) an intolerable **humiliation**, (2) a taste of **humiliation**
His public **humiliation** resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

avenue

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
synonym: artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success
They explored every **avenue** they could think of.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature
The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

elicit

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
synonym: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution
Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

gamut

n. the complete range or scope of something; the entire spectrum or extent of a particular quality, emotion, or situation

synonym : range, spectrum, array

(1) musical **gamut**, (2) **gamut** of jobs

The actress's performance ran the **gamut** of emotions, from anger to joy to sorrow.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym : critical, crucial, invigorating

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

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

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

cruel

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

synonym : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

rev

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

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

aggression

n. the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior

synonym : hostility, assertiveness, antagonism

(1) **aggression** by a hostile country, (2) naked **aggression**

The dog's **aggression** made it difficult for its owners to take it for a walk.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

peculiar

adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

synonym : bizarre, abnormal, odd

(1) **peculiar** way, (2) **peculiar** people

The juice has a **peculiar** taste.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym : amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

anxious

adj. worried and nervous

synonym : nervous, uneasy, afraid

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

He cast **anxious** glances behind her.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym : deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

blameless

adj. without fault or guilt

synonym : guiltless, innocent, sinless

(1) **blameless** victim, (2) live a **blameless** life

The judge declared the defendant **blameless**.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

suspicion

n. the act of doubting something, especially something wrong

synonym: doubt, misgiving, skepticism

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

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

unintentional

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

synonym: accidental, unforeseen, spontaneous

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

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

accidentally

adv. by chance or without planning

synonym: by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide

He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

custodian

n. a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important

synonym: caretaker, keeper, guardian

(1) **custodian** bank, (2) **custodian** of the records

The school **custodian** worked tirelessly to keep the building clean and maintained for the students and faculty.

unconscious

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

synonym: comatose, paralyzed, senseless

(1) **unconscious** bias, (2) a person who is **unconscious**

I know his **unconscious** habit that he touches his face when he lies.

accuracy

n. the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

synonym: precision, exactness, truthfulness

(1) degree of **accuracy**, (2) the **accuracy** of his compass
To assure **accuracy**, I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.

intense

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

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

resident

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax

Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once every five years.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

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.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

prompt

v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

synonym : actuate, inspire, incite

(1) **prompt** a feeling of hunger, (2) **prompt** a debate

That incident **prompted** a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym : imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

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

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

vile

adj. highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence

synonym : disgusting, repulsive, despicable

(1) **vile** behavior, (2) **vile** language

The **vile** smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy
The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

confess

v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

synonym: admit, acknowledge, own up

(1) **confess** sin, (2) **confess** truth

He **confessed** to his crime and turned himself into the police.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

admiration

n. the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something

synonym: respect, esteem, appreciation

(1) ungrudging **admiration**, (2) **admiration** by other people

The artist received **admiration** for their work from critics and fans alike.

immense

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: enormous, giant, huge

(1) **immense** amount, (2) **immense** pressure

He left his wife an **immense** fortune.

misplace

v. to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily

synonym: lose, mislay, misfile

(1) to **misplace** the figure, (2) **misplace** documents

I have **misplaced** my keys again and need help finding them.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym : luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym : abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

talented

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

synonym : gifted, able, skilled

(1) a very **talented** actor, (2) **talented** athlete

She is a **talented** musician, able to play several instruments.

muddle

v. to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos

synonym : confuse, jumble, mix up

(1) **muddle** the instructions, (2) **muddle** the situation

I accidentally **muddled** up the reports and need help to tell which.

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.

realm

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
synonym: domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility
Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

membrane

n. a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue
synonym: tissue layer

(1) cell **membranes**, (2) nuclear **membrane**
Loud noises might harm the fragile ear **membrane**.

pierce

v. to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
synonym: jab, penetrate, stab

(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery
The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay
synonym: immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply
His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

floorboard

n. a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the other
synonym: plank, board, panel

(1) **floorboard** creaks, (2) hardwood **floorboard**
The **floorboard** in my bedroom is creaking and needs to be repaired.

pity

n. a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
synonym: sympathy, compassion, mercy

(1) allow self- **pity**, (2) **pity** speech
It is a **pity** that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.

envious

adj. feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy

synonym : jealous, covetous, green-eyed

(1) **envious** gaze, (2) feel **envious**

She was **envious** of her friend's success in the stock market.

currency

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

synonym : money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

envy

v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

synonym : covet, resent, grudge

(1) **envy** his success, (2) feeling **envy** toward him

I can't help but **envy** my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

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.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym : enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

nemesis

n. an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions

synonym : foe, adversary, rival

(1) personal **nemesis**, (2) athletic **nemesis**

The CEO's **nemesis** was a competing business that refused to go out of business.

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.

mastermind

v. to plan, organize, or oversee a complex scheme or project; to be the central or key person behind a brilliant or intricate plan or idea

synonym : plan, orchestrate, scheme

(1) **mastermind** a plan, (2) **mastermind** a general strike

The detective **masterminded** the entire operation to catch the thief red-handed.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym : choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

inspector

n. a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body

synonym : investigator, examiner, auditor

(1) **inspector** general, (2) building **inspector**

The school **inspector** was there to evaluate the teachers' performance and the student's progress.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

resent

v. to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

synonym : dislike, begrudge, envy

(1) **resent** being called a fool, (2) **resent** their success

He couldn't help but **resent** his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.

seethe

v. to be filled with intense but barely suppressed anger, resentment, or agitation; to boil or churn with inner turmoil or intense activity

synonym : fume, boil, rage

(1) **seethe** with anger, (2) **seethe** resentment

The tension between the two countries continued to **seethe** beneath the surface.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym : experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his

adventures.

dazzle

v. to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

synonym : sparkle, flash, astonish

(1) **dazzle** his eyes, (2) **dazzle** all who see it

The audience was **dazzled** by her realistic acting.

geometry

n. the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces

(1) Euclidean **geometry**, (2) spherical **geometry**

The mathematician pioneered fractal **geometry**.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym : esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

excellence

n. the quality of being extremely good

synonym : distinction, goodness, superiority

(1) **excellence** in product design, (2) highest standards of **excellence**

He has also won many marketing **excellence** awards.

align

v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

synonym: coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

contingency

n. a future event or circumstance that is possible but not certain; an eventuality; a plan or strategy that is put into place in the event that a particular situation arises

synonym: backup, emergency, plan B

(1) emergency **contingency**, (2) **contingency** fund

We need to have a **contingency** plan in case of an emergency.

consolation

n. the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment

synonym: comfort, condolence, solacing

(1) a letter of **consolation**, (2) ask for **consolation** money

Your company has been a great **consolation** to me.

mystification

n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

synonym: puzzle, perplexity, confusion

(1) **mystification** of the public, (2) **mystification** of the subject

The magician's tricks were a source of **mystification** for the audience.

domesticate

v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

synonym: tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

invite

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

synonym : ask, request, summon

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

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

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. highest standards of exc_____ce | <i>n.</i> the quality of being extremely good |
| 2. the scope of an inv_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth |
| 3. personal ne_____s | <i>n.</i> an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions |
| 4. ungrudging adm_____on | <i>n.</i> the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something |
| 5. sp____e of influence | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 6. dom_____te the plant | <i>v.</i> to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company |
| 7. buying fr____y | <i>n.</i> a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior |
| 8. an instrument of to_____e | <i>n.</i> the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason |
| 9. market f__y | <i>n.</i> intense and often violent anger |
| 10. in_____e heat | <i>adj.</i> (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe |

ANSWERS: 1. excellence, 2. investigation, 3. nemesis, 4. admiration, 5. sphere, 6. domesticate, 7. frenzy, 8. torture, 9. fury, 10. intense

11. gastronomic ad_____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
12. spherical ge_____ry *n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces
13. mo_____n the cloth *v.* to make slightly damp or wet; to add moisture or humidity to something, often to improve its texture or taste
14. fr____y of activity *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
15. pi_____ss injustice *adj.* without pity or mercy; relentless; ruthless; displaying no compassion or concern for the suffering or well-being of others
16. da____e all who see it *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
17. start to cu____e in the hot sun *v.* to separate or cause to separate into solid lumps, particularly as a result of spoilage or by the addition of an acidic substance; to cause someone to feel uncomfortable or uneasy
18. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
19. pr_____e species *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

ANSWERS: 11. adventure, 12. geometry, 13. moisten, 14. frenzy, 15. pitiless, 16. dazzle, 17. curdle, 18. ancient, 19. primate

20. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
21. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
22. building in_____or *n.* a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body
23. al__n the economic interest of each other *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
24. pi___e a mystery *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
25. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
26. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
27. an av___e to success *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
28. a wide do_____y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
29. mi_____ce documents *v.* to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily
30. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

ANSWERS: 20. row, 21. violent, 22. inspector, 23. align, 24. pierce, 25. relation, 26. fantasy, 27. avenue, 28. doorway, 29. misplace, 30. tale

31. feel en____s *adj.* feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy
32. cell me____nes *n.* a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue
33. se____t of God *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
34. co____e a point *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
35. the story is bi____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
36. in____e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
37. fa____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
38. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
39. in____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
40. official sta____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
41. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 31. envious, 32. membrane, 33. servant, 34. concede, 35. bizarre, 36. invite, 37. fantasy, 38. vast, 39. intensify, 40. statistics, 41. brand

42. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
43. a sch_____ip association *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
44. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
45. ex_____t pipe *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
46. have a speech imp_____nt *n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
47. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
48. re___t their success *v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
49. flo_____rd creaks *n.* a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the other
50. el___t a solution *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
51. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 42. admire, 43. scholarship, 44. profound, 45. exhaust, 46. impediment, 47. relation, 48. resent, 49. floorboard, 50. elicit, 51. creative

52. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
53. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
54. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
55. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
56. in_____or general *n.* a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body
57. unsolved my_____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
58. da___e his eyes *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
59. ba___e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
60. sh__y object *adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface

ANSWERS: 52. genius, 53. creep, 54. genius, 55. mysterious, 56. inspector, 57. mystery, 58. dazzle, 59. baffle, 60. shiny

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| 61. fas_____le caf□ | <i>adj.</i> popular at a particular time |
| 62. adm_____on by other people | <i>n.</i> the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something |
| 63. live a bl_____ss life | <i>adj.</i> without fault or guilt |
| 64. minimal exa_____ion | <i>n.</i> an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is |
| 65. for_____le competitor | <i>adj.</i> causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration |
| 66. cr_____re of habit | <i>n.</i> a living being, especially an animal |
| 67. ch__m against bad luck | <i>n.</i> the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people |
| 68. pa__e strings of the form | <i>v.</i> to separate a sentence into grammatical parts, such as subject, verb, etc., and describe their syntactic roles |
| 69. de_____s plot | <i>adj.</i> cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky |
| 70. se_____e resentment | <i>v.</i> to be filled with intense but barely suppressed anger, resentment, or agitation; to boil or churn with inner turmoil or intense activity |
| 71. ch__t in a game | <i>v.</i> to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws |
| 72. v__t majority | <i>adj.</i> enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity |

ANSWERS: 61. fashionable, 62. admiration, 63. blameless, 64. exaggeration, 65. formidable, 66. creature, 67. charm, 68. parse, 69. devious, 70. seethe, 71. cheat, 72. vast

73. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
74. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
75. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
76. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
77. easy to dom_____te *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
78. bl____rd feathers *n.* a small, predominantly blue-colored bird, often symbolizing happiness and cheerfulness
79. pr___t a debate *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
80. fi___e away the whole afternoon *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
81. l__ked behind the words *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
82. students at all gr___e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
83. sp___e visa *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

ANSWERS: 73. assume, 74. volume, 75. solid, 76. obvious, 77. domesticate, 78. bluebird, 79. prompt, 80. fiddle, 81. lurk, 82. grade, 83. spouse

84. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
85. ha__h climate *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
86. l__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
87. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
88. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
89. int_____le situation *adj.* incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
90. co_____s truth *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
91. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
92. a mas_____ce of design *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
93. ga__t of jobs *n.* the complete range or scope of something; the entire spectrum or extent of a particular quality, emotion, or situation
94. fortune-te___r *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

ANSWERS: 84. rev, 85. harsh, 86. lurk, 87. defend, 88. quest, 89. intolerable, 90. confess, 91. crazy, 92. masterpiece, 93. gamut, 94. teller

95. la____er-scented bath products *n.* a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking
96. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
97. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
98. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
99. e__y his success *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
100. the blind g_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
101. pr___t a feeling of hunger *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
102. residual qu____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude

ANSWERS: 95. lavender, 96. react, 97. volume, 98. mysterious, 99. envy, 100. gut, 101. prompt, 102. quantity

103. main c__x	<i>n.</i> the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
104. the pe_____ve odor of garlic	<i>adj.</i> spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
105. f__e police officer	<i>adj.</i> not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
106. en_____e the company to use the logo	<i>v.</i> to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
107. br__e a politician	<i>v.</i> to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
108. mu___e the situation	<i>v.</i> to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos
109. je_____sy feeling towards another person	<i>n.</i> a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
110. fi___e with a PC	<i>v.</i> to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
111. em___e as a butterfly	<i>v.</i> to move out of or away from something and become visible
112. economic com_____ess	<i>n.</i> the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior

ANSWERS: 103. crux, 104. pervasive, 105. fake, 106. entitle, 107. bribe, 108. muddle, 109. jealousy, 110. fiddle, 111. emerge, 112. competitiveness

113. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
114. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
115. pr____r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
116. an_____s about his health *adj.* worried and nervous
117. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
118. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
119. cen_____al park *n.* a 100th anniversary or celebration of an event that occurred 100 years ago
120. em_____e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
121. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
122. the ac_____cy of his compass *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
123. public re__m *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
124. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

ANSWERS: 113. entitle, 114. interpret, 115. prefer, 116. anxious, 117. chamber, 118. fake, 119. centennial, 120. emerge, 121. creative, 122. accuracy, 123. realm, 124. bribe

125. mys_____ion of the public *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
126. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
127. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
128. hardwood flo_____rd *n.* a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the other
129. cu_____an of the records *n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important
130. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
131. p__y speech *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
132. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
133. su_____on of fraud *n.* the act of doubting something, especially something wrong
134. engine con_____ion *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things

ANSWERS: 125. mystification, 126. instrument, 127. suddenly, 128. floorboard, 129. custodian, 130. intense, 131. pity, 132. suffer, 133. suspicion, 134. configuration

135. an intolerable hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
136. g__m reality *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
137. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
138. feeling e__y toward him *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
139. the th__es of a financial crisis *n.* a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty
140. accident-pr__e *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
141. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
142. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 135. humiliation, 136. grim, 137. consume, 138. envy, 139. throe, 140. prone, 141. thrill, 142. assume

143. fas_____le designs *adj.* popular at a particular time
144. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
145. get in_____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
146. mu___e the instructions *v.* to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos
147. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
148. nuclear me_____ne *n.* a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue
149. a lot of gr___f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
150. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
151. exh_____ve review *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned
152. sensational exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
153. the c__x of the argument *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
154. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law

ANSWERS: 143. fashionable, 144. admire, 145. instant, 146. muddle, 147. emotion, 148. membrane, 149. grief, 150. invite, 151. exhaustive, 152. exaggeration, 153. crux, 154. illegal

155. merge with a ri__l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
156. emergency con_____cy *n.* a future event or circumstance that is possible but not certain; an eventuality; a plan or strategy that is put into place in the event that a particular situation arises
157. re___l in horror *v.* to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
158. f__d memories of the birthday *adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time
159. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
160. lo_____ty crisis *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
161. athletic ne_____s *n.* an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions
162. use of ha__h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
163. have gr__f and sorrow *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
164. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
165. masculine ch__m *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

ANSWERS: 155. rival, 156. contingency, 157. recoil, 158. fond, 159. sentimental, 160. longevity, 161. nemesis, 162. harsh, 163. grief, 164. terrifying, 165. charm

166. die su____ly	<i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly
167. ex____t a topic	<i>n.</i> the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
168. d_e rabbit	<i>n.</i> a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
169. pe_____ve language	<i>adj.</i> spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
170. the fr__e of the policy	<i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
171. fleshly de____e	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
172. religious fa__h	<i>n.</i> complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
173. br_____nt performance	<i>adj.</i> extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
174. pe____ar people	<i>adj.</i> odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
175. ap_____ng behavior	<i>adj.</i> causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
176. literary mas_____ce	<i>n.</i> a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
177. ad_____re film	<i>n.</i> a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

ANSWERS: 166. suddenly, 167. exhaust, 168. doe, 169. pervasive, 170. frame, 171. desire, 172. faith, 173. brilliant, 174. peculiar, 175. appalling, 176. masterpiece, 177. adventure

178. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
179. te___r machine *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience
180. digital cu_____cy *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
181. mo_____nt honoring *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
182. to mi_____ce the figure *v.* to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily
183. pr___e to diarrhea *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
184. im_____e pressure *adj.* extremely large or great
185. cr___k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
186. th___es of death *n.* a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty

ANSWERS: 178. imaginative, 179. teller, 180. currency, 181. monument, 182. misplace, 183. prone, 184. immense, 185. crack, 186. throe

187. agg_____on by a hostile country	<i>n.</i> the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior
188. they met acc_____lly	<i>adv.</i> by chance or without planning
189. cen_____al history	<i>n.</i> a 100th anniversary or celebration of an event that occurred 100 years ago
190. ta_____ed athlete	<i>adj.</i> having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
191. do_____y to success	<i>n.</i> an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
192. a prodigious vi_____n	<i>n.</i> the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
193. stuff of science fi_____n	<i>n.</i> the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
194. pe_____ar way	<i>adj.</i> odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
195. cr__p along the leaf	<i>v.</i> to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
196. co_____e a territory	<i>v.</i> to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
197. sta_____cs for cancer	<i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
198. pa__e the command line	<i>v.</i> to separate a sentence into grammatical parts, such as subject, verb, etc., and describe their syntactic roles

ANSWERS: 187. aggression, 188. accidentally, 189. centennial, 190. talented, 191. doorway, 192. vision, 193. fiction, 194. peculiar, 195. creep, 196. concede, 197. statistics, 198. parse

199. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
200. mas_____nd a plan *v.* to plan, organize, or oversee a complex scheme or project; to be the central or key person behind a brilliant or intricate plan or idea
201. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
202. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
203. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
204. bl_____rd habitat *n.* a small, predominantly blue-colored bird, often symbolizing happiness and cheerfulness
205. pos_____on of the evidence *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
206. go on a serious od_____y *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
207. re_____nt attitude *adj.* causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable

ANSWERS: 199. quest, 200. mastermind, 201. desperately, 202. intellect, 203. hatch, 204. bluebird, 205. possession, 206. odyssey, 207. repugnant

208. r_v up the crowd	<i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
209. pi___e the armored shells	<i>v.</i> to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
210. de___t smuggling across borders	<i>v.</i> to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
211. el___t a confession	<i>v.</i> to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
212. so___d employment measures	<i>adj.</i> hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
213. ab___d storyline	<i>adj.</i> ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
214. v___e language	<i>adj.</i> highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
215. the th___l of speed	<i>n.</i> a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
216. a re_____nt of the city	<i>n.</i> a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
217. bi_____e behavior	<i>adj.</i> very strange or unusual
218. criminal on death r_w	<i>n.</i> an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

ANSWERS: 208. rev, 209. pierce, 210. detect, 211. elicit, 212. solid, 213. absurd, 214. vile, 215. thrill, 216. resident, 217. bizarre, 218. row

219. biological imp_____nt *n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
220. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
221. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
222. pr_____e sanctuary *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
223. sp___e tax deduction *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
224. college sch_____ip *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
225. allow self-p__y *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
226. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
227. a territorial pos_____on *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
228. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 219. impediment, 220. doe, 221. desire, 222. primate, 223. spouse, 224. scholarship, 225. pity, 226. faith, 227. possession, 228. emotion

229. a g__m-featured man	<i>adj.</i> looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
230. an ab___d amount of money	<i>adj.</i> ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
231. wanted cr_____al	<i>n.</i> a person who has committed a crime
232. cu_____cy exchange	<i>n.</i> a system of money in general use in a particular country
233. ha__h a baby chick	<i>v.</i> to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
234. de___e an employee	<i>v.</i> to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities
235. ima_____ve as a child	<i>adj.</i> having or showing new and creative ideas
236. f__y of the storm	<i>n.</i> intense and often violent anger
237. the heat is int_____le	<i>adj.</i> incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
238. br_____nt idea	<i>adj.</i> extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
239. lo_____ty genes	<i>n.</i> the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
240. a cr__l and unusual punishment	<i>adj.</i> feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
241. business sp___e	<i>n.</i> 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

ANSWERS: 229. grim, 230. absurd, 231. criminal, 232. currency, 233. hatch, 234. demote, 235. imaginative, 236. fury, 237. intolerable, 238. brilliant, 239. longevity, 240. cruel, 241. sphere

242. de___t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
243. a taste of hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
244. an am_____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
245. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
246. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
247. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
248. child of il_____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
249. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
250. pi_____ss treatment *adj.* without pity or mercy; relentless; ruthless; displaying no compassion or concern for the suffering or well-being of others
251. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
252. in_____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
253. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
254. cast su_____on *n.* the act of doubting something, especially something wrong

ANSWERS: 242. detect, 243. humiliation, 244. ambition, 245. narrative, 246. react, 247. terrifying, 248. illegal, 249. vision, 250. pitiless, 251. murder, 252. inventive, 253. grade, 254. suspicion

255. an in_____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
256. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
257. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
258. naked agg_____on *n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior
259. sh__y surface *adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface
260. a pr_____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
261. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
262. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
263. exc_____ce in product design *n.* the quality of being extremely good
264. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
265. uni_____nal insult *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
266. acc_____lly coincide *adv.* by chance or without planning
267. re_____nt odor *adj.* causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable
268. re_____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

ANSWERS: 255. instant, 256. creature, 257. consume, 258. aggression, 259. shiny, 260. profound, 261. prefer, 262. defend, 263. excellence, 264. lab, 265. unintentional, 266. accidentally, 267. repugnant, 268. resident

269. in_____et a graph	<i>v.</i> to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
270. a preliminary inv_____ion	<i>n.</i> the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
271. des_____ly ill patient	<i>adv.</i> in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
272. imp_____ve performances	<i>adj.</i> arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
273. avoid uni_____nal harm	<i>adj.</i> not done or made on purpose; accidental
274. cross-country od_____y	<i>n.</i> a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
275. pr_____e a disease	<i>v.</i> to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
276. make his blood cu_____e	<i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into solid lumps, particularly as a result of spoilage or by the addition of an acidic substance; to cause someone to feel uncomfortable or uneasy
277. im_____e amount	<i>adj.</i> extremely large or great
278. no__l effect	<i>n.</i> an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
279. in_____fy diplomatic efforts	<i>v.</i> to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

ANSWERS: 269. interpret, 270. investigation, 271. desperately, 272. impressive, 273. unintentional, 274. odyssey, 275. provoke, 276. curdle, 277. immense, 278. novel, 279. intensify

280. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
281. human in _____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
282. degree of ac_____cy *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
283. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
284. se___e with anger *v.* to be filled with intense but barely suppressed anger, resentment, or agitation; to boil or churn with inner turmoil or intense activity
285. have the in_____ve talent *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
286. la_____er fields *n.* a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking
287. half qu_____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
288. global com_____ess *n.* the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior

ANSWERS: 280. suffer, 281. intellect, 282. accuracy, 283. provoke, 284. seethe, 285. inventive, 286. lavender, 287. quantity, 288. competitiveness

289. use de_____s methods	<i>adj.</i> cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky
290. a picture fr__e	<i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
291. con_____ion of the system	<i>n.</i> the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
292. wi___m literature	<i>n.</i> the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
293. a cr__y scheme	<i>adj.</i> stupid or not sensible; very angry
294. musical ga__t	<i>n.</i> the complete range or scope of something; the entire spectrum or extent of a particular quality, emotion, or situation
295. personal na_____ve	<i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
296. ri__l bidder	<i>n.</i> a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
297. unc_____us bias	<i>adj.</i> in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
298. ch__t on my taxes	<i>v.</i> to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
299. an imp_____ve array of facts	<i>adj.</i> arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

ANSWERS: 289. devious, 290. frame, 291. configuration, 292. wisdom, 293. crazy, 294. gamut, 295. narrative, 296. rival, 297. unconscious, 298. cheat, 299. impressive

300. con_____cy fund *n.* a future event or circumstance that is possible but not certain; an eventuality; a plan or strategy that is put into place in the event that a particular situation arises
301. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
302. g_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
303. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
304. mo_____n the air *v.* to make slightly damp or wet; to add moisture or humidity to something, often to improve its texture or taste
305. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
306. keep a mi_____ss *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
307. ap_____ng crimes *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
308. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

ANSWERS: 300. contingency, 301. cruel, 302. gut, 303. sentimental, 304. moisten, 305. criminal, 306. mistress, 307. appalling, 308. lab

309. en_____s gaze *adj.* feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy
310. cu_____an bank *n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important
311. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
312. bl_____ss victim *adj.* without fault or guilt
313. al__n with a historical trend *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
314. re___t being called a fool *v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
315. a very ta_____ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
316. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
317. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

ANSWERS: 309. envious, 310. custodian, 311. novel, 312. blameless, 313. align, 314. resent, 315. talented, 316. tale, 317. jealousy

318. a letter of con_____on *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
319. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
320. play a vi___l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
321. an an_____s look *adj.* worried and nervous
322. for_____le challenge *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
323. ask for con_____on money *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
324. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
325. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
326. re___l from a snake *v.* to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
327. very f__d of *adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time
328. humanity's mo_____nt *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

ANSWERS: 318. consolation, 319. torture, 320. vital, 321. anxious, 322. formidable, 323. consolation, 324. chamber, 325. instrument, 326. recoil, 327. fond, 328. monument

329. 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
330. attempted mu____r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
331. bl_____ly obvious *adv.* in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise
332. a mi_____ss of comedy *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
333. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
334. an av____e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
335. mas_____nd a general strike *v.* to plan, organize, or oversee a complex scheme or project; to be the central or key person behind a brilliant or intricate plan or idea
336. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
337. Euclidean ge_____ry *n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces
338. exh_____ve study *adj.* comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned

ANSWERS: 329. fiction, 330. murder, 331. blatantly, 332. mistress, 333. vital, 334. avenue, 335. mastermind, 336. obvious, 337. geometry, 338. exhaustive

339. ba___e his plan *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
340. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
341. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
342. v__e behavior *adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
343. mys_____ion of the subject *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
344. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
345. boundless am_____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
346. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
347. beyond the re__m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 339. baffle, 340. mystery, 341. ancient, 342. vile, 343. mystification, 344. violent, 345. ambition, 346. brand, 347. realm

348. a fountain of wi___m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
349. a person who is unc____us *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
350. bl_____ly unfair *adv.* in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise
351. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
352. de___e a song from the top charts *v.* to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities
353. co_____s sin *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
354. fellow se_____t *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

ANSWERS: 348. wisdom, 349. unconscious, 350. blatantly, 351. crack, 352. demote, 353. confess, 354. servant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
2. He is excessively _____ of alcohol.
adj. having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time
3. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.
adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
4. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.
v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
5. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.
adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
6. She was _____ of her friend's success in the stock market.
adj. feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy
7. The mistake was _____ and made in good faith.
adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental
8. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 1. relations, 2. fond, 3. mysterious, 4. admire, 5. cruel, 6. envious, 7. unintentional, 8. statistics

9. The magician's tricks were a source of _____ for the audience.
n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
10. The juice has a _____ taste.
adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
11. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
12. I love the soothing scent of _____ essential oil.
n. a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking
13. The factory's _____ fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.
n. the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
14. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.
n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
15. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
16. The security camera has _____ four intruders.
v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. mystification, 10. peculiar, 11. vision, 12. lavender, 13. exhaust, 14. resident, 15. tales, 16. detected

17. Lengthened skirts are _____ this year.

adj. popular at a particular time

18. It is a _____ that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.

n. a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain

19. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

20. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

21. He has also won many marketing _____ awards.

n. the quality of being extremely good

22. She writhed in the _____ of pain during labor.

n. a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty

23. The _____ dictator showed no mercy to anyone who opposed him.

adj. without pity or mercy; relentless; ruthless; displaying no compassion or concern for the suffering or well-being of others

24. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

ANSWERS: 17. fashionable, 18. pity, 19. quest, 20. rivals, 21. excellence, 22. throes, 23. pitiless, 24. hatch,

25. I have _____ my keys again and need help finding them.

v. to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily

26. He cast _____ glances behind her.

adj. worried and nervous

27. We need to have a _____ plan in case of an emergency.

n. a future event or circumstance that is possible but not certain; an eventuality; a plan or strategy that is put into place in the event that a particular situation arises

28. She _____ ignored his warning and continued with her dangerous behavior.

adv. in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise

29. He was _____ killed by friendly fire.

adv. by chance or without planning

30. He had to _____ defeat after losing the game.

v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

31. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

32. The result presented a _____ picture of inefficiency and corruption.

adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

33. He left his wife an _____ fortune.

adj. extremely large or great

ANSWERS: 25. misplaced, 26. anxious, 27. contingency, 28. blatantly, 29. accidentally, 30. concede, 31. faked, 32. grim, 33. immense

34. She is a _____ musician, able to play several instruments.

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

35. The bank _____ carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.

n. a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

36. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

37. She is a hard worker but not very _____.

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

38. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

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

n. the state or fact of owning or having something

40. The shoppers were _____ to get the best deals on Black Friday.

n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

41. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 34. talented, 35. teller, 36. vital, 37. imaginative, 38. sentimental, 39. possession, 40. frenzy, 41. ancient

42. Chronic pain from the side effects of treatment made her life _____.
adj. incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
43. Each person has a unique _____ experience.
n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
44. The school _____ worked tirelessly to keep the building clean and maintained for the students and faculty.
n. a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important
45. If you add lemon juice to milk, it will _____ and form chunks.
v. to separate or cause to separate into solid lumps, particularly as a result of spoilage or by the addition of an acidic substance; to cause someone to feel uncomfortable or uneasy
46. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
47. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.
v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
48. He _____ to his crime and turned himself into the police.
v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
49. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 42. intolerable, 43. grief, 44. custodian, 45. curdle, 46. impressive, 47. cheated, 48. confessed, 49. entitled

50. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a _____ of art.
n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
51. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
52. She was able to _____ a free trip to the United States.
v. to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
53. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.
adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas
54. I can't help but _____ my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.
v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
55. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
56. I awoke to the sweet sound of a _____ singing outside my window.
n. a small, predominantly blue-colored bird, often symbolizing happiness and cheerfulness
57. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 50. masterpiece, 51. intellect, 52. fiddle, 53. inventive, 54. envy, 55. intensify, 56. bluebird, 57. brand

58. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

59. The _____ of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.

n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things

60. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

61. He was _____ to making rash decisions.

adj. inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward

62. The _____ plan to cheat on the test was foiled by the teacher.

adj. cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky

63. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

64. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.

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

65. I know his _____ habit that he touches his face when he lies.

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

ANSWERS: 58. desperately, 59. configuration, 60. brilliant, 61. prone, 62. devious, 63. investigation, 64. intense, 65. unconscious

66. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
67. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
68. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
69. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
70. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.
n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
71. Your company has been a great _____ to me.
n. the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
72. He continued the extraordinary _____ with his brother.
n. a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
73. The mountain range was a _____ obstacle for the hikers.
adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

ANSWERS: 66. chambers, 67. rev, 68. obvious, 69. assumes, 70. realm, 71. consolation, 72. odyssey, 73. formidable

74. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

75. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

76. Greed and _____ composed his personality.

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

77. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

78. The paradox _____ most philosophers.

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

79. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

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

80. She used to be his _____ before the death of his first wife.

n. a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others

81. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 74. provoked, 75. crazy, 76. ambition, 77. adventures, 78. baffled, 79. invite, 80. mistress, 81. emotions

82. The judge declared the defendant _____.

adj. without fault or guilt

83. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

84. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

85. His public _____ resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

86. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

87. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

88. The school _____ was there to evaluate the teachers' performance and the student's progress.

n. a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body

89. Aging _____ up slowly with time.

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

90. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

ANSWERS: 82. blameless, 83. creature, 84. terrifying, 85. humiliation, 86. murder, 87. consume, 88. inspector, 89. creeps, 90. prefer

91. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

92. The tension between the two countries continued to _____ beneath the surface.

v. to be filled with intense but barely suppressed anger, resentment, or agitation; to boil or churn with inner turmoil or intense activity

93. The CEO's _____ was a competing business that refused to go out of business.

n. an archenemy, opponent, or rival who is often seen as a personification of retribution or divine justice; a downfall or undoing that is a consequence of one's actions

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

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

95. The dog's _____ made it difficult for its owners to take it for a walk.

n. the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior

96. The condition of that old house was _____.

adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant

97. Different people might _____ this news differently.

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

98. Have you _____ a response from them yet?

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

ANSWERS: 91. harsh, 92. seethe, 93. nemesis, 94. violent, 95. aggression, 96. appalling, 97. interpret, 98. elicited

99. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

100. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.

adj. not allowed by law

101. I accidentally _____ up the reports and need help to tell which.

v. to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos

102. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

103. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

104. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

105. The artist received _____ for their work from critics and fans alike.

n. the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something

106. The town celebrated its _____ with a parade and fireworks display.

n. a 100th anniversary or celebration of an event that occurred 100 years ago

107. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

ANSWERS: 99. thrill, 100. illegal, 101. muddled, 102. fantasy, 103. grade, 104. genius, 105. admiration, 106. centennial, 107. bribe

108. Many scientists study _____ behavior and intelligence.
n. any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
109. His poor performance caused the coach to _____ him to the bench.
v. to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities
110. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
111. The _____ of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.
n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
112. Both parties are now entirely ideologically _____.
v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
113. At first, we have to _____ out our priorities.
v. to separate a sentence into grammatical parts, such as subject, verb, etc., and describe their syntactic roles
114. The language barrier was an _____ to their communication.
n. a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
115. 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.

ANSWERS: 108. primate, 109. demote, 110. creative, 111. crux, 112. aligned, 113. parse, 114. impediment, 115. faith

116. The truth was more _____ than expected.

adj. very strange or unusual

117. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

118. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.

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

119. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

120. 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

121. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

122. The stone _____ was built to commemorate the war heroes.

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

123. The mathematician pioneered fractal _____.

n. the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces

ANSWERS: 116. bizarre, 117. jealousy, 118. row, 119. desire, 120. sphere, 121. frame, 122. monument, 123. geometry

124. The team conducted an _____ search for the missing hiker, but unfortunately, she was never found.

adj. comprehensive and thorough; totally complete; leaving no stone unturned

125. In southward, the average annual water _____ increases.

n. the amount or number of something; magnitude

126. They explored every _____ they could think of.

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

127. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

128. The _____ smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.

adj. highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence

129. The _____ of water is called ice.

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

130. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

131. The gun _____ with a loud bang.

v. to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain

132. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

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

ANSWERS: 124. exhaustive, 125. quantity, 126. avenue, 127. volume, 128. vile, 129. solid-state, 130. suddenly, 131. recoiled, 132. suffers

133. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

134. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

135. There was an almost certain _____ that the company was involved in illegal activities.

n. the act of doubting something, especially something wrong

136. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

137. She received a full _____ to study abroad.

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

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

n. a person who has committed a crime

139. The dictator's _____ actions have been condemned by leaders worldwide.

adj. causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable

140. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

141. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.

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

ANSWERS: 133. pervasive, 134. instant, 135. suspicion, 136. emerged, 137. scholarship, 138. criminal, 139. repugnant, 140. instrument, 141. torture

142. His story was filled with obvious _____.

- n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

143. He leaned against the _____ waiting for her to come home.

- n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

144. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

145. The faithful _____ had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.

- n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

146. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.

- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

147. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.

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

148. How did he _____ to your idea?

- v.* to take action in response to something

149. He couldn't help but _____ his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.

- v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

ANSWERS: 142. exaggerations, 143. doorway, 144. novel, 145. servant, 146. lab, 147. wisdom, 148. react, 149. resent

150. The _____ new car drew everyone's attention as it drove by.

adj. reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface

151. The _____ used in this country is the Euro.

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

152. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

153. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

154. The actress's performance ran the _____ of emotions, from anger to joy to sorrow.

n. the complete range or scope of something; the entire spectrum or extent of a particular quality, emotion, or situation

155. The _____ in my bedroom is creaking and needs to be repaired.

n. a long, thin plank of wood used to make a floor in a building, typically laid lengthwise, one overlapping the other

156. We _____ cows to gain milk and meat.

v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

157. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 150. shiny, 151. currency, 152. mystery, 153. defend, 154. gamut, 155. floorboard, 156. domesticate, 157. crack

158. The industry's _____ requires companies to innovate and improve their products constantly.
- n.* the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior
159. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.
- v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
160. The extreme cold _____ our bones.
- v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
161. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
- n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
162. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.
- n.* intense and often violent anger
163. The audience was _____ by her realistic acting.
- v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
164. Loud noises might harm the fragile ear _____.
- n.* a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue
165. That incident _____ a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.
- v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

ANSWERS: 158. competitiveness, 159. lurks, 160. pierced, 161. narrative, 162. fury, 163. dazzled, 164. membrane, 165. prompted

166. The detective _____ the entire operation to catch the thief red-handed.

v. to plan, organize, or oversee a complex scheme or project; to be the central or key person behind a brilliant or intricate plan or idea

167. The _____ of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

168. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

169. He told me a _____ truth about my parent's death.

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

170. These are significantly more exquisite than typical _____ bracelets.

n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

171. Hunters use a whistle that makes the _____ sound to lure stags.

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

172. 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

173. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

ANSWERS: 166. masterminded, 167. spouse, 168. profound, 169. gut-wrenching, 170. charm, 171. doe, 172. fiction, 173. absurd

174. To assure _____ I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.

n. the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

175. He is proud of the _____ of the business.

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

176. I need to _____ the soil before planting the flowers.

v. to make slightly damp or wet; to add moisture or humidity to something, often to improve its texture or taste

177. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

ANSWERS: 174. accuracy, 175. longevity, 176. moisten, 177. vast