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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### plumb

*v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully

*synonym* : fathom, dip, sound

(1) **plumb** the depths, (2) **plumb** a pipe

The contractor had to **plumb** the new building before erecting the walls.

### depth

*n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

*synonym* : deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

### dumb

*adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

*synonym* : mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

## discourse

*n.* any form of communication in speech or writing  
*synonym*: discussion, dialogue, communication

(1) hold **discourse** with him, (2) a **discourse** about art  
Sweet **discourse** makes short days and nights.

## conspiracy

*n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

*synonym*: plot, collaboration, scheme

(1) political **conspiracy**, (2) **conspiracy** theory  
There was a **conspiracy** of silence about illegal police interrogation.

## psychic

*adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes

*synonym*: intuitive, clairvoyant, extrasensory

(1) **psychic** intuition, (2) **psychic** reading  
She claimed to have **psychic** powers and could predict the future.

## hotline

*n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance

*synonym*: helpline, emergency line, crisis line

(1) **hotline** number, (2) automated **hotline**  
The emergency **hotline** is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.

## resurgence

*n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

*synonym*: revival, recovery, rejuvenation

(1) **resurgence** in popularity, (2) **resurgence** of exports  
After years of decline, the city is experiencing a **resurgence** in economic growth.

## religion

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

*synonym*: faith, creed, belief

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

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

## fundamentalist

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

*synonym*: extremist, zealot, hardliner

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

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

## accuse

*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

*synonym*: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

## elitist

*adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege

*synonym*: exclusive, superior

(1) **elitist** mentality, (2) **elitist** mindset

His **elitist** attitude made it difficult for him to work with people from different backgrounds.

## academy

*n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

*synonym*: school, institute, college

(1) an **academy** of music, (2) a member of the **Academy**

Her new documentary earned her an **Academy** Award.

## logos

*n.* a Greek term referring to logic, reason, or intellectual discourse, which denotes the rational principle that governs the universe or the persuasive appeal based on logic or reason in an argument

*synonym* : word, language, discourse

(1) **logos** principle, (2) divine **logos**

Modern philosophy has often been criticized as **logos-centric**, focusing predominantly on rationality.

## logic

*n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

*synonym* : reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

## dominate

*v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

*synonym* : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

## necessarily

*adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

*synonym* : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

## pundit

*n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

*synonym* : expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

## argue

*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

*synonym* : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

## steadfast

*adj.* firm, unwavering, or determined in purpose or belief; resolute and loyal even in the face of adversity or challenges

*synonym*: unwavering, resolute, steadfast

(1) **steadfast** commitment, (2) **steadfast** determination

The **steadfast** soldier refused to leave his post despite the danger.

## moral

*adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

*synonym*: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

## clarity

*n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

*synonym*: clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

## superior

*adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

*synonym*: better, greater, exceptional

(1) **superior** performance, (2) provide **superior** customer service

The new smartphone model is **superior** to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

## triangulation

*n.* the process of determining the location or position of something, such as an object, place, or point, by measuring the angles or distances between multiple reference points or landmarks

*synonym*: measurement, surveying, trilateration

(1) **triangulation** method, (2) political **triangulation**

The archaeologists used GPS **triangulation** to accurately map the ancient ruins.

## overeducated

*adj.* having more education than is necessary for a particular job or position

*synonym*: overqualified, hypereducated, excessively educated

(1) **overeducated** worker, (2) **overeducated** job applicant

Despite his impressive academic achievements, some people thought he was **overeducated** and lacked practical experience.

## policy

*n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

*synonym*: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

## wonk

*n.* a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy

*synonym*: nerd, geek, enthusiast

(1) book **wonk**, (2) tech **wonk**

The political **wonk** analyzed every detail of the debate.

## drag

*v.* to pull or haul with force

*synonym*: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

## quagmire

*n.* a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament

*synonym* : morass, swamp, bog

(1) sink into a **quagmire**, (2) **quagmire** debate

The company found itself in a legal **quagmire**, unable to resolve the issue without causing harm to its reputation.

## despoil

v. to strip or plunder something of its possessions or resources; to deprive or rob something of its natural or valuable qualities; to ruin the appearance or integrity of something

*synonym* : plunder, ravage, loot

(1) **despoil** the natural resources, (2) **despoiled** land

The company's practice of using cheap materials to cut costs will **despoil** the quality of the final product.

## planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

*synonym* : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

## threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

*synonym* : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

## mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

*synonym* : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

## destruction

*n.* the act of causing so much damage to something  
*synonym*: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

## conscience

*n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior  
*synonym*: morality, ethics, scruples

(1) inner **conscience**, (2) guilty **conscience**

He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his **conscience**, even if it meant losing the job.

## half-hearted

*adj.* without enthusiasm or commitment; lacking enthusiasm or energy; not done with conviction or conviction  
*synonym*: lackluster, lukewarm, apathetic

(1) **half-hearted** support, (2) **half-hearted** smile

She made a **half-hearted** attempt to apologize for her mistake.

## calculation

*n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

*synonym*: analysis, computation, estimate

(1) make a **calculation**, (2) **calculation** of loss and gain

The error in the **calculation** was attributable to rounding.

## brain

*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

*synonym*: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

## stick

*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

*synonym*: pierce, adhere, stay



(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

## fellow

*adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

*synonym*: buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

## psychology

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

## 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.

## puny

*adj.* small, weak, or frail in size, strength, or appearance; insignificant or unimportant in value or impact

*synonym*: small, weak, feeble

(1) **puny** muscles, (2) **puny** excuse

The weightlifter could easily lift the **puny** dumbbell with one hand.

## mere

*adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

*synonym*: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

## 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.

## argument

*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

*synonym* : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

## entail

*v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

*synonym* : involve, necessitate, require

(1) **entail** legal consequences, (2) **entail** risks

The job offer **entails** a lot of responsibility and hard work.

## ineffective

*adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result

*synonym* : useless, feeble, fruitless

(1) an **ineffective** speech, (2) pull an **ineffective** player

These treatments were **ineffective** against a virus.

## persuade

*v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

*synonym* : convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

## impotent

*adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

*synonym* :

helpless, worthless, powerless

(1) an **impotent** feeling, (2) sexually **impotent**

Modern medicine was largely **impotent** against the disease.

## 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.

## resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

*synonym*: decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

## contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

*synonym*: battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

## 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.

## grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

*synonym*: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

## debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a

public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

*synonym*: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

## decent

*adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

*synonym*: respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education

He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

## harmony

*n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

*synonym*: balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

## conflict

*n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

*synonym*: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

## strife

*n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

*synonym*: conflict, disagreement, dissension

(1) at **strife** over the land, (2) civil **strife**

The country has been wracked by political **strife** for many years.

## delight

*n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

*synonym*: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

## 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.

## well-being

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

*synonym*: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

## 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.

## communal

*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

*synonym*: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

**Communal** elections were held in several European countries.

## exchange

*v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or

traded

*synonym*: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

**comprehend**

*v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

*synonym*: understand, grasp, apprehend

(1) **comprehend** English, (2) **comprehend** instructions

She struggled to **comprehend** complex math problems.

**gregarious**

*adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities

*synonym*: sociable, outgoing, friendly

(1) **gregarious** animals, (2) **gregarious** nature

She was a **gregarious** person, always making friends with everyone she met.

**loquacious**

*adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length

*synonym*: chatty, talkative, garrulous

(1) **loquacious** chatter, (2) **loquacious** interviewee

The **loquacious** salesman talked for hours without letting the customer get a word in.

**endow**

*v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution

*synonym*: finance, subsidize, support

(1) **endow** him with the power, (2) **endow** the scholarship

Some people believe that human is **endowed** with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.

**instinct**

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym*: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## historic

*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

*synonym*: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat  
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

## develop

*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

## ancestor

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## entertainment

*n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

*synonym*: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

## knight

*n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit

*synonym*: noble, cavalier, chevalier

(1) the black **knight**, (2) white **knight**

In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the **knight** to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.

## wage

*n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

*synonym*: payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**

His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

## constant

*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

*synonym*: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

**Constant** dropping wears away the stone.

## peasant

*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

*synonym*: farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

## government

*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

*synonym*: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

## execute

*v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

*synonym*: direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play

The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.



## frivolous

*adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

*synonym* : silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation

He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

## cab

*n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven

*synonym* : taxi, hack, cabriolet

(1) taxi **cab**, (2) yellow **cab**

I hailed a **cab** to take me to the airport.

## critic

*n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

*synonym* : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

## royal

*adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family

*synonym* : imperial, noble, aristocratic

(1) a **royal** palace, (2) prince **royal**

She is willing to give up her position in the **royal** family to marry him.

## execution

*n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty

*synonym* : carrying out, implementation, completion

(1) compulsory **execution**, (2) **execution** by injection

The **execution** of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.

## prolong

*v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

*synonym* : extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

## crucify

*v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die

*synonym* : execute, martyr, nail to cross

(1) **crucify** a criminal, (2) **crucify** him for their actions

The religious leaders wanted to **crucify** the heretic for his teachings.

## disembowel

*v.* to remove the internal organs, especially from an animal or carcass; to gut or eviscerate

*synonym* : eviscerate, remove organs

(1) **disembowel** a fish, (2) **disembowel** an enemy

The lion used its sharp claws to **disembowel** large prey like zebras and antelopes.

## slave

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

*synonym* : captive, bondservant, hard worker

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

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

## flaw

*n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

*synonym* : defect, fault, imperfection

(1) a minor **flaw**, (2) the **flaw** in the legislation

Even the slightest design **flaw** in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

## abandon

*v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

*synonym* : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice  
The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

## barbaric

*adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence;  
resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or  
uncivilized society

*synonym*: savage, cruel, primitive

(1) **barbaric** treatment, (2) **barbaric** act

The **barbaric** practice of gladiator fighting was popular in  
ancient Rome.

## harbor

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

*synonym*: port, dock, pier

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

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

## erupt

*v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke,  
etc.; to start abruptly and violently

*synonym*: eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

## 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.

## greedy

*adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for  
wealth, status, power, or food

*synonym*: avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

## tribal

*adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society

*synonym*: indigenous, ethnic, traditional

(1) **tribal** culture, (2) **tribal** community

The **tribal** leaders gathered for a summit to discuss important issues.

## revenge

*n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution

*synonym*: retaliation, retribution, vengeance

(1) plot **revenge**, (2) **revenge** killing

He seeks **revenge** against the person who wronged him.

## dominance

*n.* the state or quality of being the most powerful or influential person or group

*synonym*: control, mastery, supremacy

(1) **dominance** of traits, (2) **dominance** relationship

The company has maintained its **dominance** in the market for several years.

## steer

*v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

*synonym*: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym*: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## angel

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

*synonym*: messenger, spirit, celestial being

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

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

## invigorate

v. to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh

*synonym*: energize, stimulate, revitalize

(1) **invigorate** the economy, (2) **invigorate** the team

Exercising in the morning helps to **invigorate** my mind and body.

## expand

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

*synonym*: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

## expansion

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

*synonym*: growth, enlargement, development

(1) industrial **expansion**, (2) **expansion** project

The company is undergoing an **expansion**, opening new locations in several states.

## sympathize

v. to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences

*synonym*: empathize, understand, commiserate

(1) **sympathize** with a tragic hero, (2) **sympathize** with their situation

I **sympathize** with your struggles and am here to support you through them.

## clan

n. a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland

*synonym*: family, kin, tribe

(1) **clan** society, (2) tribal **clan**

This **clan** saved people from a world full of violence.

## tribe

*n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

*synonym*: family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

## nation

*n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

*synonym*: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

## eventually

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

*synonym*: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

## creditor

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## kind-hearted

*adj.* having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others

*synonym*: compassionate, kind, sympathetic

(1) **kind-hearted** person, (2) **kind-hearted** gesture

The volunteer organization is full of **kind-hearted** people who donate their time to help others.

## physiology

*n.* the branch of the biological sciences dealing with the functioning of organisms

(1) human **physiology**, (2) **physiology** research

**Physiology** is the science of how living things work.

## neuron

*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

*synonym*: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

## 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**.

## civilization

*n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

*synonym*: society, culture, community

(1) **civilization** decline, (2) lost **civilization**

The rise and fall of **civilizations** can be studied through history and archaeology.

## feeble

*adj.* lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact

*synonym*: weak, frail, feeble-minded

(1) **feeble** attempt, (2) **feeble** excuse

The older man's **feeble** voice suggested he was not feeling well.

## 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.

## progression

*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

*synonym* : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

## bias

*n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

*synonym* : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

## 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.

## fuzzy

*adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

*synonym* : hazy, blurry, indistinct

(1) **fuzzy** logic, (2) **fuzzy** memory

The picture was **fuzzy** because it was taken with an old camera.



## ugly

*adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at  
*synonym* : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

## outsider

*n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

*synonym* : stranger, foreigner, alien

(1) **outsider** perspective, (2) **outsider** artist

Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an **outsider** at times.

## hell

*n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

*synonym* : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

## attempt

*n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

*synonym* : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

## sympathy

*n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions

*synonym* : compassion, empathy, understanding

(1) **sympathy** card, (2) feel **sympathy**

I expressed my **sympathy** to my friend after her cat passed away.

## disconnect

*v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

*synonym* : unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply  
She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

## miserable

*adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

*synonym* : unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience  
She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

## blacksmith

*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop  
The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

## suppose

*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

*synonym* : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand  
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

## empire

*n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

*synonym* : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya  
He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym* : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**  
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## swallow

*v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

*synonym* : consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

## earthquake

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

*synonym* : seismic activity, tremor, temblor

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

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

## 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?

## intelligence

*n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

*synonym* : brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

## dreadful

*adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

*synonym* : terrible, horrible, awful

(1) **dreadful** accident, (2) **dreadful** news

The conditions of the prison were **dreadful** and inhumane.

## calamity

*n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss

*synonym* : disaster, tragedy, misfortune

(1) financial **calamity**, (2) a dire **calamity**

The earthquake was a major **calamity** that left many homeless.

## sorrow

*n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending

*synonym* : grief, heartache, melancholy

(1) deep **sorrow**, (2) **sorrow** for sin

The death of her best friend filled her with **sorrow**.

## misfortune

*n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble

*synonym* : adversity, calamity, tragedy

(1) economic **misfortune**, (2) a string of **misfortunes**

The flood was a great **misfortune** to the small town causing extensive damage.

## melancholy

*n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation

*synonym* : sadness, sorrow, gloom

(1) feel **melancholy**, (2) nostalgic **melancholy**

His **melancholy** mood was apparent to everyone who knew him.

## precarious

*adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

*synonym* : precariousness, instability, uncertainty

(1) **precarious** job, (2) **precarious** financial situation

She had a **precarious** hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

## 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.

## pursue

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

*synonym* : seek, hunt, chase

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

## tranquility

*n.* a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment

*synonym*: calmness, serenity, peace

(1) the **tranquility** of the environment, (2) feeling of **tranquility**

She found **tranquility** by meditating in the garden.

## accident

*n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

*synonym*: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

## snore

*v.* to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull

*synonym*: doze, slumber, yawn

(1) **snore** in my sleep, (2) **snore** peacefully

I couldn't sleep because my roommate **snored** loudly every night.

## 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.

## ruin

*v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

*synonym*: bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

## mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly  
*synonym*: reference, allude, cite

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

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

## widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

*synonym*: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

## humanitarian

*adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare

*synonym*: philanthropic, compassionate, caring

(1) **humanitarian** crisis, (2) a truly **humanitarian** act

The organization is dedicated to providing **humanitarian** aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.

## origin

*n.* the first existence or beginning of something

*synonym*: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

## indefensible

*adj.* unable to be protected or justified from criticism

*synonym*: untenable, unjustifiable, unsupportable

(1) logically **indefensible**, (2) **indefensible** argument

The argument was **indefensible**, and the judge dismissed it.

## demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

*synonym*: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

## inconsistent

*adj.* not remaining constant or in agreement

*synonym*: conflicting, discrepant, contrary

(1) **inconsistent** results, (2) **inconsistent** with the roadmap  
This lawsuit appears to be unfair and **inconsistent**.

## insist

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

*synonym*: demand, assert, claim

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

## conviction

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

*synonym*: belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder  
She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

## conform

*v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group

*synonym*: comply, follow, adhere

(1) **conform** to standards, (2) **conform** in all its aspects  
The school requires students to **conform** to a strict dress code.

## fascinating

*adj.* extremely interesting

*synonym*: alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me  
The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

## contradiction

*n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial

*synonym* : inconsistency, opposition, contravention

(1) **contradiction** of capitalism, (2) apparent **contradiction**

His statement was filled with **contradictions** that made it difficult to take seriously.

## confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

*synonym* : engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

## susceptible

*adj.* easily influenced, harmed, or affected by something

*synonym* : exposed, liable, gullible

(1) a **susceptible** young woman, (2) **susceptible** of proof

Well-stretched muscles are less **susceptible** to injury.

## trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

*synonym* : seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

## pathway

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

*synonym* : route, footpath, trail

(1) **pathway** to understanding, (2) cellular signaling

**pathways**

When the first molecule in the **pathway** receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

## irrational

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

*synonym* : illogical, ludicrous, senseless

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

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



## essay

*n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

*synonym*: paper, commentary, report

(1) score the SAT **essays**, (2) thoughtful **essay**

The Chief editor checks all **essays** for plagiarism with software.

## viral

*adj.* relating to or caused by a virus

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

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

## translate

*v.* to convert or change words into another language

*synonym*: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

**Translate** the text from Italian into English.

## salon

*n.* a place for social gathering, especially for exchanging ideas and discussing artistic or cultural matters; a place of beauty treatment, such as a hair salon

*synonym*: gathering place, meeting place, social venue

(1) beauty **salon**, (2) cultural **salon**

She frequented the **salon** for intellectual discussions and to keep up with the latest cultural trends.

## influence

*n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

*synonym*: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

## legislator

*n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

*synonym*: lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent

## legislator

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

## conclude

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

*synonym*: complete, finish, decide

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

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

## absorb

*v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

*synonym*: consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

## decency

*n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards

*synonym*: morality, propriety, decorum

(1) an offense against **decency**, (2) **decency** standards

He always tried to act with **decency**, treating others with respect and kindness.

## erase

*v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

*synonym*: wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

## rigorous

*adj.* allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate

*synonym*: severe, exact, strict

(1) **rigorous** standards, (2) have **rigorous** criticism

The way he manages his employees is extremely **rigorous**.

## philosophy

*n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

*synonym*:

doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**  
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

## slavery

*n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

*synonym*: bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

## grasp

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

*synonym*: grab, clasp, grip

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

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

## wee

*adj.* very small or tiny; referring to a short amount of time

*synonym*: tiny, small, diminutive

(1) **wee** child, (2) a **wee** bit

The toddler was excited to wear his new **wee-sized** shoes.

## heretic

*n.* a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community

*synonym*: dissenter, nonconformist, dissident

(1) **heretic** beliefs, (2) labeled a **heretic**

The philosopher was accused of being a **heretic** for his controversial ideas.

## stake

*n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

*synonym*: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's

### **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

### **theologian**

*n.* an expert or student who studies theology

*synonym*: clergyperson, philosopher, scholar

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

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

### **sect**

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

*synonym*: group, faction, cult

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

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

### **judge**

*n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

*synonym*: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

### **manifest**

*v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

*synonym*: exhibit, make plain, demonstrate

(1) **manifest** as the word, (2) **manifest** displeasure

The Prime Minister **manifested** his regret for his neighbors

### **uncertain**

*adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose

*synonym*: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

### **define**

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

*synonym*: characterize, depict, express

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

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

## disagree

*v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

*synonym*: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

## outcome

*n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

*synonym*: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

## exterminate

*v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds

*synonym*: eradicate, eliminate, wipe out

(1) **exterminate** pests, (2) **exterminate** communism

The government **exterminated** the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.

## punishment

*n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

*synonym*: penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

## prohibition

*n.* the act of not allowing something, or an order that does so, especially by law or authority

*synonym*: banning, forbidding, restriction

(1) driving **prohibition**, (2) **prohibition** of alcohol

There were no **prohibitions** against excessive overtime.

## constitution

*n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

*synonym*: fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**

When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

## pamphlet

*n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

*synonym*: brochure, leaflet, booklet

(1) propaganda **pamphlet**, (2) **pamphlet** in English

The political organization handed out **pamphlets** to raise awareness about their cause.

## circulate

*v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

*synonym*: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

## jurisprudence

*n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems

*synonym*: legal theory, laws, legal system

(1) **jurisprudence** system, (2) modern **jurisprudence**

The lawyer's understanding of **jurisprudence** helped her win the case.

## fluid

*n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid

*synonym*: liquid, aqua, sap

(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets

She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

## adjust

*v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it

function better.

*synonym*: adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror

You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

## surround

*v.* to be all around something or somebody

*synonym*: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

## imprisonment

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

*synonym*: incarceration, confinement, detention

(1) **imprisonment** at hard labor, (2) life **imprisonment**

The judge handed down a sentence of **imprisonment** for the convicted criminal.

## achieve

*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

*synonym*: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

## inflict

*v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

*synonym*: impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow

The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

## outweigh

*v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

*synonym*: dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

## certainty

*n.* the state of being certain

*synonym* : inevitability, confidence, assurance

(1) scientific **certainty**, (2) reach **certainty** about the theory  
Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into **certainty**.

## commission

*n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

*synonym* : task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

## superfluous

*adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required

*synonym* : extra, unnecessary, redundant

(1) **superfluous** information, (2) **superfluous** words

The recipe called for a **superfluous** amount of salt and made the dish too salty.

## tyrannical

*adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

*synonym* : despotic, oppressive, authoritarian

(1) a **tyrannical** government, (2) a **tyrannical** parent

**Tyrannical** Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.

## movement

*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

*synonym* : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.



## demonstration

*n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

*synonym*: manifestation, presentation, show

(1) **demonstration** project, (2) a campus **demonstration**  
Thousands of people attended the protest **demonstration** against the proposed policy.

## catchy

*adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention

*synonym*: captivating, haunting, memorable

(1) **catchy** nickname, (2) a **catchy** title for a movie  
This track starts with a **catchy** guitar riff.

## folk

*n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

*synonym*: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district  
Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

## wrench

*v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

*synonym*: twist, turn, bend

(1) **wrench** off the lock, (2) **wrench** my back  
A deep sigh was **wrenched** from his chest.

## photograph

*n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

*synonym*: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories  
I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

## doubt

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

*synonym*: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news  
**Doubt** is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

## modern

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

*synonym* : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

## chain

*n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

*synonym* : series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

## mobilize

*v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

*synonym* : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

## modernity

*n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

*synonym* : contemporaneousness, present-day, contemporaneity

(1) spirit of **modernity**, (2) path toward **modernity**

He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's **modernity**.

## advantage

*n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

*synonym* : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

## diffuse

*adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

*synonym* : spread, scatter

(1) **diffuse** bleeding, (2) **diffuse** cloud

Direct lighting is preferable to **diffuse** lighting when reading.

## redound

*v.* to have a favorable or unfavorable impact, effect, or consequence; to contribute or result in something, often something positive

*synonym* : contribute, result, benefit

(1) **redound** to the team's victory, (2) **redound** to our advantage

His dedication to his work **redounds** to his success.

## reap

*v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

*synonym* : collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

## plunder

*v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

*synonym* : pillage, loot, despoil

(1) **plunder** the enemy's stronghold, (2) **plunder** his reputation

The pirates could **plunder** the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.

## rejoicing

*n.* the expression of joy or happiness; a feeling or state of great joy or delight

*synonym* : celebration, merriment, festivity

(1) sound of **rejoicing**, (2) **rejoicing** family

There was much **rejoicing** among the fans when their team won the championship.

## mourning

*n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

*synonym* : grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

### unfortunate

*adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

*synonym*: unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation  
The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

### severely

*adv.* very badly or seriously

*synonym*: harshly, hardly, oppressively

(1) **severely** burned arm, (2) criticize him **severely**  
Her company was **severely** affected by the bank's failure.

### contrary

*n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

*synonym*: opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence  
The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

### fortune

*n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

*synonym*: wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**  
Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

### generous

*adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

*synonym*: charitable, benevolent, giving

(1) a **generous** reward, (2) a **generous** and thoughtful person  
This teacher is **generous** in his grading.

## woe

*n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness  
*synonym*: anguish, despair, suffering

(1) economic **woe**, (2) full of **woe**

Recurrent financial **woes** hampered his subsequent career.

## abolish

*v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to  
*synonym*: cancel, repeal, annul

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

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

## 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.

## spearhead

*v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign  
*synonym*: lead, initiate, begin

(1) **spearhead** campaign, (2) **spearhead** movement

The CEO decided to **spearhead** the new project to ensure its success.

## 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.

## cabin

*n.* a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep

*synonym*: hut, cottage, shack

(1) **cabin** crew, (2) log **cabin**

The quaint **cabin** in the woods was the perfect retreat for a

weekend getaway.

**roll** v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side  
*synonym*: spin, swirl, wheel  
(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks  
He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

**buck** n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention  
*synonym*: dollar, money, currency  
(1) **buck** the trend, (2) extra **buck**  
I spotted a majestic **buck** with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

**tide** n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull  
*synonym*: ripple, surge, swell  
(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change  
Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

**millennium** n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)  
(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine  
Our world is in the third **millennium**.

**regard** v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way  
*synonym*: consider, see, reckon  
(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate  
Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

## principle

*n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

*synonym*: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

## legislative

*adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature

*synonym*: legislative, parliamentary, statutory

(1) **legislative** process, (2) **legislative** power

The **legislative** branch of government creates and passes laws.

## erect

*v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise;  
(adjective) upright or vertical

*synonym*: build, set up, construct

(1) **erect** structure, (2) keep the flagpole **erect**

The workers were able to **erect** the tent in just a few minutes.

## liberty

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

*synonym*: freedom, autonomy, independence

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

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

## prescribe

*v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something

*synonym*: define, specify, stipulate

(1) **prescribe** a drug, (2) **prescribe** in the preceding paragraph

Federal bankruptcy laws **prescribed** the reorganization process.

## inconstant

*adj.* characterized by inconsistency or unreliability; prone to change or variability; not steadfast or reliable

*synonym*: variable, changeable, erratic

(1) **inconstant** weather, (2) **inconstant** work performance

His **inconstant** behavior made it difficult for others to trust him.

## arbitrary

*adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

*synonym*: autocratic, dictatorial, whimsical

(1) **arbitrary** size and shape, (2) the **arbitrary** rule of a dictator

He collected data to avoid **arbitrary** decisions.

## restraint

*n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement

*synonym*: constraint, limitation, control

(1) physical **restraint**, (2) self- **restraint**

It's important to practice **restraint** when it comes to spending money.

## absolute

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

*synonym*: complete, infrangible, indisputable

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

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

## sovereignty

*n.* supremacy or authority, especially supreme authority over a country

*synonym*: independence, autonomy, self-rule

(1) democratic **sovereignty**, (2) **sovereignty** issue

The country proclaimed its **sovereignty** over the disputed territory.

## allege

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



*synonym* : claim, assert, state

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

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

## co-opt

v. to elect or appoint someone as a member of a group or organization; to take over or appropriate something, often by force or without permission; to use someone or something for one's purposes or agenda

*synonym* : take over, appoint, appropriate

(1) **co-opt** members, (2) **co-opt** ideas

The company tried to **co-opt** competitors by offering them buyouts.

## inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

*synonym* : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

## increasingly

*adv.* more and more

*synonym* : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

## uncomfortable

*adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

*synonym* : comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

## ignore

*v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to  
*synonym*: neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

## gay

*adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree  
*synonym*: cheerful, lively, joyful

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

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

## enlightenment

*n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

*synonym*: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

## exposed

*adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

*synonym*: endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

## defensible

*adj.* able to be defended or justified; justifiable or reasonable; capable of withstanding attack or criticism

*synonym*: justifiable, supportable, vindicable

(1) **defensible** fort, (2) **defensible** decision

The lawyer argued that his client's actions were **defensible** given the circumstances.

## 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.

## persecution

*n.* the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief

*synonym*: oppression, discrimination, harassment

(1) **persecution** of minorities, (2) suffer **persecution**

The religious minority faced **persecution** from the dominant group.

## homosexual

*adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

*synonym*: gay, same-sex attracted

(1) **homosexual** rights, (2) **homosexual** marriage

The law was repealed to protect the rights of **homosexual** citizens.

## primary

*adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

*synonym*: chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

## mischief

*n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage

*synonym*: impishness, malice, prank

(1) playful **mischief**, (2) malicious **mischief**

The dog's **mischief** led to the destruction of the living room furniture.

## evident

*adj.* apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment

*synonym*: apparent, noticeable, obvious

(1) **evident** to all, (2) plainly **evident**

With **evident** joy, he signed his name.

## unwilling

*adj.* not ready or wanting to do something

*synonym* : disinclined, involuntary, reluctant

(1) **unwilling** look, (2) in an **unwilling** voice

They were **unwilling** to take any risks.

## offense

*n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

*synonym* : crime, violation, insult

(1) minor traffic **offenses**, (2) a first **offense**

Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile **offenses**.

## injury

*n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

*synonym* : wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

## rap

*n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

*synonym* : hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

## exclusive

*adj.* not divided or shared with others

*synonym* : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

## consist

*v.* to be composed or made up of

*synonym* : lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

## dispose

v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

*synonym* : get rid of, arrange, set

(1) **dispose** battleships for a battle, (2) **dispose** of a used product

Generally speaking, the child is innately **disposed** to learn a language.

## engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

*synonym* : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

## trickle

v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

*synonym* : dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes

Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

## infiltrate

v. to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

*synonym* : penetrate, sneak in, invade

(1) **infiltrate** the bloodstream, (2) **infiltrate** a community

The spy was able to **infiltrate** the enemy's headquarters undetected.

## nonetheless

*adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

*synonym* : nevertheless, regardless, still

(1) we are **nonetheless** confident, (2) love him

**nonetheless**

They each choose **nonetheless** to battle.

## **persist**

*v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

*synonym* : endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

## **grandchild**

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym* : offspring, descendant, progeny

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

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

## **appall**

*v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

*synonym* : shock, disgust, dismay

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

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

## **burning**

*adj.* intense or scorching heat

*synonym* : scorching, blazing, smoldering

(1) **burning** desire, (2) **burning** passion

The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a **burning** inferno.

## **opt**

*v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities

*synonym* : choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding

I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

## **mist**

*n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water

*synonym* : fog, murk, haze

(1) **mist** in the morning, (2) fine **mist**

The sun has risen, and the **mist** has faded.

## nonviolence

*n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

*synonym* : pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest

Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

## offend

*v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

*synonym* : insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

## toleration

*n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices

*synonym* : forbearance, patience, endurance

(1) **toleration** policy, (2) religious **toleration**

The school's policy on religious **toleration** meant that students were free to practice any faith they chose.

## scrimp

*v.* to be sparing or frugal in spending or using resources; to economize

*synonym* : save, economize, cut back

(1) **scrimp** on expenses, (2) **scrimp** on time

I had to **scrimp** and save every penny to afford my dream vacation.

## donation

*n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

*synonym* : contribution, gift, subsidy

(1) make a **donation**, (2) political **donation**

He made a generous **donation** to the charity.

## lifesaving

*n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device  
The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

## charity

*n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

*synonym*: philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

## 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.

## nuclear

*adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

*synonym*: atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

## appeal

*n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

*synonym*: request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

## unjust

*adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

*synonym*: unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation



The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

**ban** v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something  
*synonym*: forbid, prohibit, restrict  
(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning  
We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

**contraception** n. the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures  
(1) hormonal **contraception**, (2) **contraception** pills  
Condoms are a common method of **contraception** that both men and women can use.

**breath** n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs  
*synonym*: air, puff, whiff  
(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind  
He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

**convinced** adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion  
*synonym*: confident, positive, indoctrinated  
(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal  
The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

**deserve** v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable  
*synonym*: merit, earn, justify  
(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

**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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. di\_\_\_\_e battleships for a battle      *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
2. st\_\_r a steady course      *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
3. a ca\_\_\_\_y title for a movie      *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
4. a cr\_\_l and unusual punishment      *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
5. junior fe\_\_\_\_w      *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
6. di\_\_\_\_ee with a plan      *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
7. hour of ent\_\_\_\_\_ent      *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
8. a speech co\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
9. modern jur\_\_\_\_\_nce      *n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
10. co\_\_\_\_e a territory      *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

ANSWERS: 1. dispose, 2. steer, 3. catchy, 4. cruel, 5. fellow, 6. disagree, 7. entertainment, 8. contest, 9. jurisprudence, 10. concede

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| 11. o_t out of society        | v. | to make a choice from a range of possibilities  |
| 12. en___e a new employee     | v. | to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something   |
| 13. ap___l me                 | v. | to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay  |
| 14. su_____e you're right     | v. | to think that something is likely to be actual or possible  |
| 15. r__n the plan             | v. | to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,  |
| 16. playful mi_____ef         | n. | playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage             |
| 17. me_____n name             | v. | to speak or write about something or someone briefly  |
| 18. em___e building           | n. | a group of countries ruled by one leader or government  |
| 19. aggressive in_____ct      | n. | an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true           |
| 20. en___l legal consequences | v. | to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something |

ANSWERS: 11. opt, 12. engage, 13. appall, 14. suppose, 15. ruin, 16. mischief, 17. mention, 18. empire, 19. instinct, 20. entail

21. sp\_\_\_\_\_ad campaign                    *v.*    to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
22. al\_\_\_e abuse                                *v.*    to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
23. de\_\_\_\_\_l the natural resources       *v.*    to strip or plunder something of its possessions or resources; to deprive or rob something of its natural or valuable qualities; to ruin the appearance or integrity of something
24. a sl\_\_\_e of drink                          *n.*    a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
25. c\_\_\_n society                              *n.*    a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland
26. b\_\_\_s against a big company           *n.*    a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
27. buy the company's st\_\_\_e                 *n.*    a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
28. de\_\_\_e my position                       *v.*    to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
29. inf\_\_\_\_\_te a community               *v.*    to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

ANSWERS: 21. spearhead, 22. allege, 23. despoil, 24. slave, 25. clan, 26. bias, 27. stake, 28. define, 29. infiltrate

30. sp\_\_\_\_\_ad movement      *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
31. co\_\_\_\_\_e a point      *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
32. sound of re\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* the expression of joy or happiness; a feeling or state of great joy or delight
33. improved student ou\_\_\_\_\_es      *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
34. permanent br\_\_n damage      *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
35. thoughtful es\_\_y      *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
36. em\_\_\_e from poverty      *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
37. economic w\_e      *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
38. save the pl\_\_\_t      *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
39. an ear\_\_\_\_\_ke zone      *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
40. m\_\_e acquaintance      *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
41. ad\_\_\_t a schedule      *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

ANSWERS: 30. spearhead, 31. concede, 32. rejoicing, 33. outcome, 34. brain, 35. essay, 36. emerge, 37. woe, 38. planet, 39. earthquake, 40. mere, 41. adjust

42. pre\_\_\_\_\_us financial situation      *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
43. ou\_\_\_\_\_gh the benefit      *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
44. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_\_or      *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
45. in\_\_\_\_\_t a heavier tax      *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
46. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy      *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
47. phi\_\_\_\_\_hy of education      *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
48. f\_\_k art      *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
49. dem\_\_\_\_\_te a difference      *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
50. li\_\_\_\_\_y as a right      *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
51. nu\_\_\_\_\_r fusion      *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
52. er\_\_e a memory      *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

ANSWERS: 42. precarious, 43. outweigh, 44. creditor, 45. inflict, 46. government, 47. philosophy, 48. folk, 49. demonstrate, 50. liberty, 51. nuclear, 52. erase

53. su\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy      *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
54. ou\_\_\_\_er artist      *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
55. co\_\_\_\_\_ed of the idea      *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
56. nostalgic mel\_\_\_\_\_ly      *n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation
57. ou\_\_\_\_gh our wishes      *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
58. a sw\_\_\_\_\_w tail      *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
59. a campus dem\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
60. in a sen\_\_\_\_\_al mood      *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
61. 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

ANSWERS: 53. suddenly, 54. outsider, 55. convinced, 56. melancholy, 57. outweigh, 58. swallow, 59. demonstration, 60. sentimental, 61. instrument



62. malicious mi\_\_\_\_ef *n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
63. execution by burning at a st\_\_e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
64. a blazing ar\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
65. ar\_\_e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
66. non\_\_\_\_\_ce movement *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
67. do\_\_\_\_te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
68. an ear\_\_\_\_\_ke-proof *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
69. sexually im\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
70. pl\_\_b the depths *v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully

ANSWERS: 62. mischief, 63. stake, 64. argument, 65. argue, 66. nonviolence, 67. dominate, 68. earthquake, 69. impotent, 70. plumb

71. g\_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
72. de\_\_t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
73. the de\_\_h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
74. industrial ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
75. ac\_\_\_\_\_e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
76. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
77. sus\_\_\_\_\_le of proof *adj.* easily influenced, harmed, or affected by something
78. physical re\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
79. re\_\_\_\_\_e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
80. com\_\_\_\_\_on appointed by the government *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

ANSWERS: 71. gay, 72. detect, 73. depth, 74. expansion, 75. achieve, 76. grandchild, 77. susceptible, 78. restraint, 79. resolve, 80. commission

81. control my em\_\_\_\_n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
82. nice fe\_\_\_w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
83. imp\_\_\_\_\_ent at hard labor *n.* the state of being confined to a prison or jail; a sentence of confinement as a punishment for a crime
84. hold di\_\_\_\_\_se with him *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
85. fun\_\_\_\_\_ist church *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
86. afraid to show em\_\_\_\_n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
87. hi\_\_\_\_\_ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
88. ri\_\_\_\_\_us standards *adj.* allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate
89. face inc\_\_\_\_\_gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
90. dr\_\_\_\_\_ul accident *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
91. re\_\_\_d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
92. cal\_\_\_\_\_on of loss and gain *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

ANSWERS: 81. emotion, 82. fellow, 83. imprisonment, 84. discourse, 85. fundamentalist, 86. emotion, 87. historic, 88. rigorous, 89. increasingly, 90. dreadful, 91. regard, 92. calculation

93. criticize him se\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* very badly or seriously
94. br\_\_e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
95. taxi c\_b *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
96. leg\_\_\_\_\_ve process *adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature
97. have a b\_\_s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
98. r\_\_l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
99. deep so\_\_\_w *n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending
100. take ad\_\_\_\_\_ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
101. do\_\_\_\_\_ce relationship *n.* the state or quality of being the most powerful or influential person or group
102. ba\_\_\_\_\_ic treatment *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society

ANSWERS: 93. severely, 94. bribe, 95. cab, 96. legislative, 97. bias, 98. roll, 99. sorrow, 100. advantage, 101. dominance, 102. barbaric

103. pr\_\_\_\_y school *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
104. political con\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
105. re\_\_\_\_\_e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
106. mo\_\_\_\_\_ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
107. d\_\_b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
108. mo\_\_l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
109. gre\_\_\_\_\_us nature *adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities
110. civil st\_\_\_e *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
111. wi\_\_n in excitement *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
112. fire st\_\_k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
113. injury in a car ac\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 103. primary, 104. conspiracy, 105. resolve, 106. mourning, 107. dumb, 108. moral, 109. gregarious, 110. strife, 111. widen, 112. stick, 113. accident

114. lo\_\_s principle *n.* a Greek term referring to logic, reason, or intellectual discourse, which denotes the rational principle that governs the universe or the persuasive appeal based on logic or reason in an argument
115. sink into a qu\_\_\_\_re *n.* a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament
116. a ha\_\_\_\_y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
117. in\_\_\_\_e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
118. religious fa\_\_h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
119. fe\_\_\_e excuse *adj.* lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact
120. hal\_\_\_\_ted support *adj.* without enthusiasm or commitment; lacking enthusiasm or energy; not done with conviction or conviction
121. inner con\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior

ANSWERS: 114. logos, 115. quagmire, 116. harmony, 117. inspire, 118. faith, 119. feeble, 120. half-hearted, 121. conscience

122. apparent con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
123. hal\_\_\_\_\_ted smile *adj.* without enthusiasm or commitment; lacking enthusiasm or energy; not done with conviction or conviction
124. dis\_\_\_\_\_ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
125. ex\_\_\_\_\_d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
126. inc\_\_\_\_\_nt work performance *adj.* characterized by inconsistency or unreliability; prone to change or variability; not steadfast or reliable
127. prince ro\_\_\_l *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
128. pos\_\_\_\_\_on of the evidence *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
129. sym\_\_\_\_\_ze with a tragic hero *v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences
130. an ap\_\_\_l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
131. ab\_\_\_b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

ANSWERS: 122. contradiction, 123. half-hearted, 124. disconnect, 125. exposed, 126. inconstant, 127. royal, 128. possession, 129. sympathize, 130. appeal, 131. absorb

132. tri\_\_\_\_\_ion method *n.* the process of determining the location or position of something, such as an object, place, or point, by measuring the angles or distances between multiple reference points or landmarks
133. mo\_\_\_\_\_ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
134. fas\_\_\_\_\_ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
135. sc\_\_\_\_p on expenses *v.* to be sparing or frugal in spending or using resources; to economize
136. cyclonic des\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
137. sen\_\_\_\_\_al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
138. fine m\_\_t *n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
139. an\_\_\_\_\_or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
140. hold your br\_\_\_\_h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
141. feel mel\_\_\_\_\_ly *n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation
142. scientific ce\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being certain

ANSWERS: 132. triangulation, 133. mourning, 134. fascinating, 135. scrimp, 136. destruction, 137. sentimental, 138. mist, 139. ancestor, 140. breath, 141. melancholy, 142. certainty



143. the ar\_\_\_\_\_ry rule of a dictator *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
144. em\_\_\_e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
145. an unc\_\_\_\_\_ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
146. the cr\_\_\_\_\_or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
147. a sheltered ha\_\_\_\_r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
148. fl\_\_d assets *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
149. field of artificial int\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
150. economic mis\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
151. ex\_\_\_\_\_on by injection *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
152. tr\_\_\_\_l community *adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
153. co\_\_\_\_\_al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
154. ride the t\_\_e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

ANSWERS: 143. arbitrary, 144. empire, 145. uncomfortable, 146. creditor, 147. harbor, 148. fluid, 149. intelligence, 150. misfortune, 151. execution, 152. tribal, 153. communal, 154. tide

155. spiritual enl\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
156. secret s\_\_t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
157. or\_\_\_n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
158. democratic sov\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* supremacy or authority, especially supreme authority over a country
159. ha\_\_\_r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
160. hom\_\_\_\_\_al marriage *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
161. cultural sa\_\_n *n.* a place for social gathering, especially for exchanging ideas and discussing artistic or cultural matters; a place of beauty treatment, such as a hair salon
162. re\_\_\_\_\_ng family *n.* the expression of joy or happiness; a feeling or state of great joy or delight
163. a ge\_\_\_\_\_us and thoughtful person *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
164. leg\_\_\_\_\_ve power *adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature

ANSWERS: 155. enlightenment, 156. sect, 157. origin, 158. sovereignty, 159. harbor, 160. homosexual, 161. salon, 162. rejoicing, 163. generous, 164. legislative

165. mil\_\_\_\_\_um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
166. ig\_\_\_e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
167. conservative pu\_\_\_t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
168. p\_\_\_y muscles *adj.* small, weak, or frail in size, strength, or appearance; insignificant or unimportant in value or impact
169. critical m\_\_\_s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
170. br\_\_\_h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
171. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
172. basic br\_\_\_n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
173. d\_\_\_g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
174. res\_\_\_\_\_ce in popularity *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
175. ma\_\_\_\_\_st displeasure *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

ANSWERS: 165. millennium, 166. ignore, 167. pundit, 168. puny, 169. mass, 170. breath, 171. instinct, 172. brain, 173. drag, 174. resurgence, 175. manifest

176. de\_\_\_e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
177. die su\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
178. r\_\_p the benefits *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
179. inf\_\_\_\_\_te the bloodstream *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
180. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of alcohol *n.* the act of not allowing something, or an order that does so, especially by law or authority
181. path of des\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
182. pe\_\_\_\_\_t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
183. ex\_\_\_d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
184. ex\_\_\_d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

ANSWERS: 176. debate, 177. suddenly, 178. reap, 179. infiltrate, 180. prohibition, 181. destruction, 182. persist, 183. expand, 184. expand

185. a string of mis\_\_\_\_\_nes      *n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble
186. sov\_\_\_\_\_ty issue      *n.* supremacy or authority, especially supreme authority over a country
187. ac\_\_\_e each other      *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
188. institution of sl\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
189. a de\_\_\_t education      *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
190. re\_\_t at a high temperature      *v.* to take action in response to something
191. re\_\_\_\_\_on sociology      *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
192. co\_\_\_\_\_nt a global warming      *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
193. minor traffic of\_\_\_\_\_es      *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
194. guilty con\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
195. lif\_\_\_\_\_ng device      *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
196. book w\_\_k      *n.* a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy

ANSWERS: 185. misfortune, 186. sovereignty, 187. accuse, 188. slavery, 189. decent, 190. react, 191. religion, 192. confront, 193. offense, 194. conscience, 195. lifesaving, 196. wonk

197. an ine\_\_\_\_\_ve speech      *adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result
198. mountain tr\_\_e      *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
199. inc\_\_\_\_\_gly become common      *adv.* more and more
200. the longstanding co\_\_\_\_\_ct      *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
201. ev\_\_\_\_\_t to all      *adj.* apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment
202. a seafaring na\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
203. in an un\_\_\_\_\_ng voice      *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
204. an unf\_\_\_\_\_te orphan      *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
205. wi\_\_n a narrowed heart valve      *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
206. en\_\_\_\_e in environmental protection activities      *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
207. inv\_\_\_\_\_te the economy      *v.* to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh
208. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients      *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 197. ineffective, 198. tribe, 199. increasingly, 200. conflict, 201. evident, 202. nation, 203. unwilling, 204. unfortunate, 205. widen, 206. engage, 207. invigorate, 208. empathy

209. the black kn\_\_\_t                    *n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
210. foreign po\_\_\_y                    *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
211. pr\_\_\_\_\_le in business                    *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
212. inv\_\_\_\_\_te the team                    *v.* to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh
213. path toward mo\_\_\_\_\_ty                    *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
214. fight vi\_\_\_l infections                    *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
215. of\_\_\_d his sensibilities                    *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
216. de\_\_h camera                    *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
217. provide su\_\_\_\_\_or customer service                    *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

ANSWERS: 209. knight, 210. policy, 211. principle, 212. invigorate, 213. modernity, 214. viral, 215. offend, 216. depth, 217. superior

218. automated ho\_\_\_\_\_e                      *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
219. life imp\_\_\_\_\_ent                      *n.* the state of being confined to a prison or jail; a sentence of confinement as a punishment for a crime
220. in\_\_\_\_t over and over                      *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
221. bit of good fo\_\_\_\_\_e                      *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
222. loq\_\_\_\_\_us interviewee                      *adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length
223. pho\_\_\_\_\_ph album                      *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
224. pull an ine\_\_\_\_\_ve player                      *adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result
225. def\_\_\_\_\_le fort                      *adj.* able to be defended or justified; justifiable or reasonable; capable of withstanding attack or criticism
226. ou\_\_\_\_\_er perspective                      *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

ANSWERS: 218. hotline, 219. imprisonment, 220. insist, 221. fortune, 222. loquacious, 223. photograph, 224. ineffective, 225. defensible, 226. outsider



227. t\_\_e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
228. st\_\_\_\_\_st commitment *adj.* firm, unwavering, or determined in purpose or belief; resolute and loyal even in the face of adversity or challenges
229. no do\_\_t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
230. a close co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
231. re\_\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
232. pe\_\_\_\_\_de enough people *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
233. sup\_\_\_\_\_us information *adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required
234. in\_\_\_\_\_e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
235. gr\_\_\_y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
236. h\_\_l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 227. tide, 228. steadfast, 229. doubt, 230. contest, 231. relation, 232. persuade, 233. superfluous, 234. inspire, 235. greedy, 236. hell

237. sc\_\_\_p on time *v.* to be sparing or frugal in spending or using resources; to economize
238. co\_\_\_\_ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
239. a fatal in\_\_\_y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
240. ac\_\_\_e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
241. b\_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
242. he\_\_\_\_c beliefs *n.* a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community
243. pa\_\_\_\_y to understanding *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
244. yearn for the de\_\_\_t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
245. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
246. a sl\_\_e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

ANSWERS: 237. scrimp, 238. contrary, 239. injury, 240. accuse, 241. ban, 242. heretic, 243. pathway, 244. decent, 245. nation, 246. slave

247. a reckless at\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
248. gr\_\_p his hand      *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
249. increase in the minimum w\_\_e      *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
250. bu\_\_\_\_\_g desire      *adj.* intense or scorching heat
251. de\_\_\_e a word      *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
252. ps\_\_\_\_\_c intuition      *adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes
253. spirit of mo\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
254. not nec\_\_\_\_\_ly a problem      *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
255. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of civilization      *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
256. a dire ca\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
257. qu\_\_\_\_\_re debate      *n.* a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament
258. political tri\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the process of determining the location or position of something, such as an object, place, or point, by measuring the angles or distances between multiple reference points or landmarks

ANSWERS: 247. attempt, 248. grasp, 249. wage, 250. burning, 251. define, 252. psychic, 253. modernity, 254. necessarily, 255. progression, 256. calamity, 257. quagmire, 258. triangulation

259. ove\_\_\_\_\_ted job applicant *adj.* having more education than is necessary for a particular job or position
260. re\_\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
261. achieve the hi\_\_\_\_\_ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
262. de\_\_\_\_\_e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
263. bu\_\_\_\_\_g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
264. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
265. compulsory ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
266. pe\_\_\_\_\_t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
267. a first of \_\_\_\_\_e *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
268. numerous un\_\_\_\_\_in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
269. su\_\_\_\_r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
270. su\_\_\_\_\_e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 259. overeducated, 260. relation, 261. historic, 262. deserve, 263. burning, 264. psychology, 265. execution, 266. persist, 267. offense, 268. uncertain, 269. suffer, 270. suppose

271. an irr\_\_\_\_\_al request      *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
272. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt wind      *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
273. cr\_\_\_\_\_y him for their actions      *v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
274. a demonstration in lo\_\_c      *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
275. pr\_\_\_\_\_le of treatment      *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
276. pu\_\_\_e freedoms      *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
277. o\_t for a traditional wedding      *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
278. 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
279. without in\_\_\_y      *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

ANSWERS: 271. irrational, 272. constant, 273. crucify, 274. logic, 275. principle, 276. pursue, 277. opt, 278. gut, 279. injury

280. white kn___t	<i>n.</i> a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
281. ob____s reasons	<i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand
282. mo____ze cooperation	<i>v.</i> to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
283. a desirable ou____e	<i>n.</i> the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
284. inc_____nt weather	<i>adj.</i> characterized by inconsistency or unreliability; prone to change or variability; not steadfast or reliable
285. th____en a healthy relationship	<i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
286. er__t into tears	<i>v.</i> (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
287. divine lo__s	<i>n.</i> a Greek term referring to logic, reason, or intellectual discourse, which denotes the rational principle that governs the universe or the persuasive appeal based on logic or reason in an argument
288. tribal c__n	<i>n.</i> a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland
289. an ac____y of music	<i>n.</i> a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

ANSWERS: 280. knight, 281. obvious, 282. mobilize, 283. outcome, 284. inconstant, 285. threaten, 286. erupt, 287. logos, 288. clan, 289. academy

290. art cr\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
291. tr\_\_e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
292. pr\_\_\_\_\_g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
293. tr\_\_\_\_\_e from his eyes *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
294. co\_\_\_\_\_nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
295. pre\_\_\_\_\_us job *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
296. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
297. pho\_\_\_\_\_ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
298. extra b\_\_k *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
299. em\_\_\_e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

ANSWERS: 290. critic, 291. trace, 292. prolong, 293. trickle, 294. confront, 295. precarious, 296. eventually, 297. photograph, 298. buck, 299. emerge

300. score an ad\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
301. pl\_\_\_\_\_r his reputation *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
302. mo\_\_l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
303. dis\_\_\_\_\_el an enemy *v.* to remove the internal organs, especially from an animal or carcass; to gut or eviscerate
304. cr\_\_\_\_\_y a criminal *v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
305. an u\_\_y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
306. pr\_\_\_\_\_y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
307. dr\_\_\_\_\_ul news *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
308. gr\_\_\_\_\_y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
309. a ro\_\_l palace *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
310. dem\_\_\_\_\_ion project *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

ANSWERS: 300. advantage, 301. plunder, 302. moral, 303. disembowel, 304. crucify, 305. ugly, 306. primary, 307. dreadful, 308. greedy, 309. royal, 310. demonstration



311. ho\_\_\_\_\_e number *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
312. a stone wall su\_\_\_\_\_nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
313. health po\_\_\_\_y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
314. st\_\_\_\_\_st determination *adj.* firm, unwavering, or determined in purpose or belief; resolute and loyal even in the face of adversity or challenges
315. reach ce\_\_\_\_\_ty about the theory *n.* the state of being certain
316. sw\_\_\_\_\_w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
317. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
318. incumbent leg\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
319. mo\_\_\_\_n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
320. feel sy\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions

ANSWERS: 311. hotline, 312. surround, 313. policy, 314. steadfast, 315. certainty, 316. swallow, 317. exclusive, 318. legislator, 319. modern, 320. sympathy

321. a tyr\_\_\_\_\_al parent *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
322. freedom of re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
323. beauty sa\_\_n *n.* a place for social gathering, especially for exchanging ideas and discussing artistic or cultural matters; a place of beauty treatment, such as a hair salon
324. the com\_\_\_\_\_on of murder *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
325. an indisputable lo\_\_c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
326. the pr\_\_\_\_\_nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
327. w\_e child *adj.* very small or tiny; referring to a short amount of time
328. 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
329. a tyr\_\_\_\_\_al government *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

ANSWERS: 321. tyrannical, 322. religion, 323. salon, 324. commission, 325. logic, 326. profound, 327. wee, 328. gut, 329. tyrannical

330. do\_\_\_\_\_te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
331. mo\_\_\_\_\_nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
332. b\_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
333. su\_\_\_\_\_nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
334. co\_\_\_\_\_t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
335. b\_\_k the trend *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
336. Swedish the\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
337. s\_\_t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
338. re\_\_\_\_\_d to our advantage *v.* to have a favorable or unfavorable impact, effect, or consequence; to contribute or result in something, often something positive
339. gre\_\_\_\_\_us animals *adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities

ANSWERS: 330. dominate, 331. movement, 332. ban, 333. surround, 334. consist, 335. buck, 336. theologian, 337. sect, 338. redound, 339. gregarious

340. su\_\_\_\_or performance *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
341. r\_\_l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
342. con\_\_\_\_\_ion of capitalism *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
343. st\_\_k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
344. pl\_\_\_\_t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
345. in\_\_\_\_\_ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
346. kin\_\_\_\_\_ted person *adj.* having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others
347. self-re\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
348. full of w\_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

ANSWERS: 340. superior, 341. roll, 342. contradiction, 343. stick, 344. planet, 345. influence, 346. kind-hearted, 347. restraint, 348. woe

349. phy\_\_\_\_\_gy research *n.* the branch of the biological sciences dealing with the functioning of organisms
350. in\_\_\_\_\_t a hard blow *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
351. with an unc\_\_\_\_\_ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
352. an ab\_\_\_\_\_te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
353. de\_\_\_\_\_e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
354. an elegant ent\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
355. wr\_\_\_\_h off the lock *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
356. political do\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
357. con\_\_\_\_\_cy theory *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
358. pu\_\_\_\_e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
359. sn\_\_e in my sleep *v.* to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull

ANSWERS: 349. physiology, 350. inflict, 351. uncomfortable, 352. absolute, 353. deserve, 354. entertainment, 355. wrench, 356. donation, 357. conspiracy, 358. pursue, 359. snore

360. co\_\_\_\_\_m in all its aspects      *v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
361. the f\_\_w in the legislation      *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
362. keep the flagpole er\_\_t      *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
363. victim of a vi\_\_\_\_\_t crime      *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
364. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve clubs      *adj.* not divided or shared with others
365. ca\_\_n crew      *n.* a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep
366. moral con\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
367. sake of cl\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
368. break a ha\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

ANSWERS: 360. conform, 361. flaw, 362. erect, 363. violent, 364. exclusive, 365. cabin, 366. conviction, 367. clarity, 368. harmony

369. ci\_\_\_\_\_te an agenda before the meeting  
*v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
370. ne\_\_\_\_n cell body  
*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
371. pr\_\_\_\_\_be in the preceding paragraph  
*v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
372. plot re\_\_\_\_\_e  
*n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
373. a di\_\_\_\_\_se about art  
*n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
374. fr\_\_\_\_\_us lawsuits  
*adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
375. full of em\_\_\_\_\_y  
*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
376. measures to pr\_\_\_\_\_g the lifespan  
*v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
377. r\_p music  
*n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
378. ind\_\_\_\_\_ble argument  
*adj.* unable to be protected or justified from criticism

ANSWERS: 369. circulate, 370. neuron, 371. prescribe, 372. revenge, 373. discourse, 374. frivolous, 375. empathy, 376. prolong, 377. rap, 378. indefensible

379. so\_\_\_w for sin *n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending
380. severe cr\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
381. ill fo\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
382. tr\_\_\_\_\_te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
383. cause an ac\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
384. re\_\_\_\_\_e killing *n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
385. 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
386. tol\_\_\_\_\_on policy *n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices
387. tr\_\_\_\_\_te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
388. wr\_\_\_h my back *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
389. ab\_\_\_\_\_n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

ANSWERS: 379. sorrow, 380. critic, 381. fortune, 382. translate, 383. accident, 384. revenge, 385. bribe, 386. toleration, 387. translate, 388. wrench, 389. abandon



390. irr\_\_\_\_\_al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
391. plenty of fl\_\_ds *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
392. a leg\_\_\_\_\_or appointed by the party *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
393. run like h\_\_l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
394. aboriginal tr\_\_e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
395. lost civ\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
396. fu\_\_y logic *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
397. er\_\_t structure *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
398. a truly hum\_\_\_\_\_ian act *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare

ANSWERS: 390. irrational, 391. fluid, 392. legislator, 393. hell, 394. tribe, 395. civilization, 396. fuzzy, 397. erect, 398. humanitarian

399. ab\_\_\_\_h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
400. co\_\_\_\_al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
401. draw out your ap\_\_\_\_l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
402. sl\_\_\_\_y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
403. civ\_\_\_\_ion decline *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
404. humiliating pun\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
405. ex\_\_\_\_e a double play *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
406. hom\_\_\_\_al rights *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
407. struck d\_\_b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
408. the f\_\_k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 399. abolish, 400. communal, 401. appeal, 402. slavery, 403. civilization, 404. punishment, 405. execute, 406. homosexual, 407. dumb, 408. folk

409. completely fas\_\_\_\_\_ng to me      *adj.* extremely interesting
410. con\_\_\_\_\_ion pills      *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
411. human phy\_\_\_\_\_gy      *n.* the branch of the biological sciences dealing with the functioning of organisms
412. de\_\_\_\_\_p a skill      *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
413. do\_\_\_\_\_ce of traits      *n.* the state or quality of being the most powerful or influential person or group
414. bla\_\_\_\_\_th shop      *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
415. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt temperature      *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
416. love him non\_\_\_\_\_ss      *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
417. tr\_\_\_\_l culture      *adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
418. excite the ne\_\_\_\_\_ns      *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

ANSWERS: 409. fascinating, 410. contraception, 411. physiology, 412. develop, 413. dominance, 414. blacksmith, 415. constant, 416. nonetheless, 417. tribal, 418. neuron

419. lif\_\_\_\_\_ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
420. p\_\_y excuse *adj.* small, weak, or frail in size, strength, or appearance; insignificant or unimportant in value or impact
421. the clear co\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
422. co\_\_\_\_\_t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
423. yellow c\_b *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
424. ext\_\_\_\_\_te pests *v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
425. con\_\_\_\_\_on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
426. bla\_\_\_\_\_th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
427. m\_\_e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
428. el\_\_\_\_\_t mentality *adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege
429. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 419. lifesaving, 420. puny, 421. contrary, 422. consist, 423. cab, 424. exterminate, 425. conviction, 426. blacksmith, 427. mere, 428. elitist, 429. government

430. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze a stiff joint      *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
431. ex\_\_\_\_\_e a bold strategy      *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
432. di\_\_\_\_\_e of a used product      *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
433. racial or\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
434. re\_\_\_\_d him as an enemy      *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
435. ex\_\_\_\_\_ge a few friendly words      *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
436. fu\_\_y memory      *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
437. earliest human an\_\_\_\_\_or      *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
438. make a do\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

ANSWERS: 430. mobilize, 431. execute, 432. dispose, 433. origin, 434. regard, 435. exchange, 436. fuzzy, 437. ancestor, 438. donation

439. mi\_\_\_\_\_le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
440. co\_\_\_\_\_de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
441. jur\_\_\_\_\_nce system *n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
442. get a r\_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
443. r\_\_p crops *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
444. engage in fr\_\_\_\_\_us conversation *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
445. re\_\_t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
446. an unf\_\_\_\_\_te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
447. a territorial pos\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
448. un\_\_t verdict *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
449. res\_\_\_\_\_ce of exports *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

ANSWERS: 439. miserable, 440. conclude, 441. jurisprudence, 442. rap, 443. reap, 444. frivolous, 445. react, 446. unfortunate, 447. possession, 448. unjust, 449. resurgence

450. un\_\_\_t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
451. propaganda pa\_\_\_\_\_et *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
452. supply ch\_\_n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
453. pe\_\_\_\_\_t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
454. er\_\_ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
455. ch\_\_\_\_\_y work *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
456. co\_\_\_\_\_ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
457. di\_\_\_\_\_e cloud *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
458. de\_\_\_\_\_y standards *n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
459. co\_\_\_t ideas *v.* to elect or appoint someone as a member of a group or organization; to take over or appropriate something, often by force or without permission; to use someone or something for one's purposes or agenda

ANSWERS: 450. unjust, 451. pamphlet, 452. chain, 453. peasant, 454. erase, 455. charity, 456. convinced, 457. diffuse, 458. decency, 459. co-opt





470. su\_\_\_r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
471. take an un\_\_\_\_\_in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
472. exploited pe\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
473. de\_\_\_e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
474. the wel\_\_\_\_\_ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
475. the ar\_\_\_\_\_nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
476. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
477. sup\_\_\_\_\_us words *adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required
478. in\_\_\_\_\_ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
479. en\_\_w the scholarship *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution

ANSWERS: 470. suffer, 471. uncertain, 472. peasant, 473. debate, 474. well-being, 475. argument, 476. obvious, 477. superfluous, 478. influence, 479. endow

480. plainly ev\_\_\_\_t *adj.* apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment
481. sports pu\_\_\_\_t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
482. have ri\_\_\_\_us criticism *adj.* allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate
483. tr\_\_\_\_e down my cheek *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
484. en\_\_\_\_l risks *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
485. an int\_\_\_\_nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
486. loq\_\_\_\_us chatter *adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length
487. st\_\_r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
488. pro\_\_\_\_on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
489. ove\_\_\_\_ted worker *adj.* having more education than is necessary for a particular job or position

ANSWERS: 480. evident, 481. pundit, 482. rigorous, 483. trickle, 484. entail, 485. intelligence, 486. loquacious, 487. steer, 488. progression, 489. overeducated

490. fe\_\_\_e attempt *adj.* lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact
491. en\_\_w him with the power *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
492. pl\_\_\_\_\_r the enemy's stronghold *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
493. a ge\_\_\_\_\_us reward *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
494. mi\_\_\_\_\_le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
495. 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
496. ch\_\_n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
497. vi\_\_\_\_\_t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
498. suffer per \_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief
499. ex\_\_\_\_\_ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 490. feeble, 491. endow, 492. plunder, 493. generous, 494. miserable, 495. novel, 496. chain, 497. violent, 498. persecution, 499. exchange

500. ab\_\_\_\_\_te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
501. the at\_\_\_\_\_t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
502. financial ca\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
503. ab\_\_\_\_\_h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
504. de\_\_\_\_t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
505. personal li\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
506. th\_\_\_\_\_en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
507. the national con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
508. per\_\_\_\_\_on of minorities *n.* the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief
509. driving pro\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of not allowing something, or an order that does so, especially by law or authority

ANSWERS: 500. absolute, 501. attempt, 502. calamity, 503. abolish, 504. detect, 505. liberty, 506. threaten, 507. constitution, 508. persecution, 509. prohibition

510. a circular mo\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
511. a sense of wel\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
512. western phi\_\_\_\_\_hy      *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
513. the tra\_\_\_\_\_ty of the environment      *n.* a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment
514. ca\_\_\_y nickname      *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
515. 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
516. ar\_\_\_e a case      *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
517. u\_\_\_y building      *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
518. inc\_\_\_\_\_ent with the roadmap      *adj.* not remaining constant or in agreement

ANSWERS: 510. movement, 511. well-being, 512. philosophy, 513. tranquility, 514. catchy, 515. instrument, 516. argue, 517. ugly, 518. inconsistent

519. an ex\_\_\_\_d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
520. di\_\_\_\_\_ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
521. score the SAT es\_\_ys *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
522. no\_\_l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
523. g\_\_b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
524. use of nu\_\_\_\_\_r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
525. sy\_\_\_\_\_hy card *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
526. in\_\_\_\_t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
527. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
528. pl\_\_b a pipe *v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully

ANSWERS: 519. exposed, 520. disagree, 521. essay, 522. novel, 523. grab, 524. nuclear, 525. sympathy, 526. insist, 527. psychology, 528. plumb

529. fa\_\_h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
530. the co\_\_\_\_\_ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
531. ab\_\_\_\_\_n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
532. detect a vi\_\_l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
533. re\_\_\_\_\_d to the team's victory *v.* to have a favorable or unfavorable impact, effect, or consequence; to contribute or result in something, often something positive
534. el\_\_\_\_\_t mindset *adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege
535. a tremor of de\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
536. dem\_\_\_\_\_te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
537. fallen an\_\_l *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
538. cr\_\_l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
539. past mil\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

ANSWERS: 529. faith, 530. conflict, 531. abandon, 532. viral, 533. rebound, 534. elitist, 535. delight, 536. demonstrate, 537. angel, 538. cruel, 539. millennium

540. di\_\_\_\_\_e bleeding *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
541. com\_\_\_\_\_nd instructions *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
542. with de\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
543. cellular signaling pa\_\_\_\_\_ys *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
544. lack of cl\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
545. an\_\_l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
546. tr\_\_e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
547. pa\_\_\_\_\_et in English *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
548. ac\_\_\_\_\_e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
549. hormonal con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

ANSWERS: 540. diffuse, 541. comprehend, 542. delight, 543. pathway, 544. clarity, 545. angel, 546. trace, 547. pamphlet, 548. achieve, 549. contraception



550. inc\_\_\_\_\_ent results *adj.* not remaining constant or in agreement
551. an offense against de\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
552. ba\_\_\_\_\_ic act *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
553. al\_\_\_\_\_e wrongdoing *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
554. r\_\_\_\_n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
555. d\_\_g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
556. gr\_\_p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
557. labeled a he\_\_\_\_\_c *n.* a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community
558. ci\_\_\_\_\_te a rumor *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
559. g\_\_b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
560. a member of the Ac\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

ANSWERS: 550. inconsistent, 551. decency, 552. barbaric, 553. allege, 554. ruin, 555. drag, 556. grasp, 557. heretic, 558. circulate, 559. grab, 560. academy

561. a sus\_\_\_\_\_le young woman      *adj.* easily influenced, harmed, or affected by something
562. ex\_\_\_\_\_on project      *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
563. dis\_\_\_\_\_el a fish      *v.* to remove the internal organs, especially from an animal or carcass; to gut or eviscerate
564. political fun\_\_\_\_\_ist      *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
565. kin\_\_\_\_\_ted gesture      *adj.* having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others
566. non\_\_\_\_\_ce protest      *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
567. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship      *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
568. sn\_\_e peacefully      *v.* to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull
569. dispel do\_\_ts      *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
570. ar\_\_\_\_\_ry size and shape      *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

ANSWERS: 561. susceptible, 562. expansion, 563. disembowel, 564. fundamentalist, 565. kind-hearted, 566. nonviolence, 567. grandchild, 568. snore, 569. doubt, 570. arbitrary

571. de\_\_\_\_led land      *v.* to strip or plunder something of its possessions or resources; to deprive or rob something of its natural or valuable qualities; to ruin the appearance or integrity of something
572. un\_\_\_\_\_ng look      *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
573. ask ch\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
574. a w\_e bit      *adj.* very small or tiny; referring to a short amount of time
575. dis\_\_\_\_\_ct a plug      *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
576. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly succeed      *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
577. logically ind\_\_\_\_\_ble      *adj.* unable to be protected or justified from criticism
578. de\_\_\_\_\_p a strategy      *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
579. ext\_\_\_\_\_te communism      *v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
580. pre-mo\_\_\_n agricultural society      *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 571. despoil, 572. unwilling, 573. charity, 574. wee, 575. disconnect, 576. eventually, 577. indefensible, 578. develop, 579. exterminate, 580. modern

581. log ca\_\_n *n.* a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep
582. a minor f\_\_w *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
583. com\_\_\_\_\_nd English *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
584. ig\_\_\_e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
585. pun\_\_\_\_\_nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
586. se\_\_\_\_\_ly burned arm *adv.* very badly or seriously
587. me\_\_\_\_\_n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
588. we are non\_\_\_\_\_ss confident *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
589. ap\_\_\_l the tourists *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
590. ma\_\_\_\_\_st as the word *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
591. er\_\_t in anger *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

ANSWERS: 581. cabin, 582. flaw, 583. comprehend, 584. ignore, 585. punishment, 586. severely, 587. mention, 588. nonetheless, 589. appall, 590. manifest, 591. erupt

592. m\_\_t in the morning *n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
593. co\_\_\_t members *v.* to elect or appoint someone as a member of a group or organization; to take over or appropriate something, often by force or without permission; to use someone or something for one's purposes or agenda
594. religious tol\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices
595. an im\_\_\_\_\_nt feeling *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
596. a pr\_\_\_\_\_nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
597. g\_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
598. ad\_\_\_t the rearview mirror *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
599. pr\_\_\_\_\_be a drug *v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
600. co\_\_\_\_\_de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 592. mist, 593. co-opt, 594. toleration, 595. impotent, 596. profound, 597. gay, 598. adjust, 599. prescribe, 600. conclude

601. feeling of tra\_\_\_\_\_ty                    *n.* a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment
602. a m\_\_s of molten rock                    *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
603. hum\_\_\_\_\_ian crisis                    *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
604. ju\_\_e a competition                    *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
605. an associate ju\_\_e                    *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
606. ab\_\_\_b energy                    *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
607. enl\_\_\_\_\_ent activity                    *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
608. unpaid w\_\_es                    *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
609. great the\_\_\_\_\_ans                    *n.* an expert or student who studies theology

ANSWERS: 601. tranquility, 602. mass, 603. humanitarian, 604. judge, 605. judge, 606. absorb, 607. enlightenment, 608. wage, 609. theologian

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy \_\_\_\_\_ standing at the foot of her bed.
  - n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
  
2. The hotel is famous for its \_\_\_\_\_ including the casino.
  - n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
  
3. Despite his impressive academic achievements, some people thought he was \_\_\_\_\_ and lacked practical experience.
  - adj.* having more education than is necessary for a particular job or position
  
4. The older man's \_\_\_\_\_ voice suggested he was not feeling well.
  - adj.* lacking physical or mental strength; weak or frail; lacking force, effectiveness, or impact
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
  - n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
  
6. The third \_\_\_\_\_ was far more successful.
  - n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
  
7. They spent a lot of time trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the current situation.
  - v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

ANSWERS: 1. angel, 2. entertainment, 3. overeducated, 4. feeble, 5. debate, 6. attempt, 7. grasp

8. He attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the misspelled word.  
*v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
9. It's important to practice \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to spending money.  
*n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
10. That painting is my \_\_\_\_\_ and I inherited it from my grandmother.  
*n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
11. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the \_\_\_\_\_ viewpoint.  
*n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
12. 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
13. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
14. Sweet \_\_\_\_\_ makes short days and nights.  
*n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
15. This examination \_\_\_\_\_ of five problems to solve.  
*v.* to be composed or made up of

ANSWERS: 8. erase, 9. restraint, 10. possession, 11. contrary, 12. bribe, 13. executed, 14. discourse, 15. consists



16. He is a religious \_\_\_\_\_ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.
- n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
17. He always tried to act with \_\_\_\_\_ treating others with respect and kindness.
- n.* behavior that is appropriate or suitable in a given context, especially in terms of social norms and moral standards
18. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
19. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
20. He \_\_\_\_\_ a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.
- v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
21. Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the state of being certain
22. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ the origins of some familiar foreign words.
- v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 16. fundamentalist, 17. decency, 18. emerged, 19. ancestor, 20. reaped, 21. certainty, 22. trace, 23. movement

24. This teacher is \_\_\_\_\_ in his grading.

*adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

25. This \_\_\_\_\_ saved people from a world full of violence.

*n.* a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland

26. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

*v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

27. She volunteers at a local \_\_\_\_\_ every weekend to help those in need.

*n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

28. He \_\_\_\_\_ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

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

29. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

30. I expressed my \_\_\_\_\_ to my friend after her cat passed away.

*n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions

31. He collected data to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ decisions.

*adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

ANSWERS: 24. generous, 25. clan, 26. prolong, 27. charity, 28. insisted, 29. Empathy, 30. sympathy, 31. arbitrary

32. She claimed to have \_\_\_\_\_ powers and could predict the future.

*adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes

33. Our body transfers information along each \_\_\_\_\_ using an electrical impulse.

*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

34. Modern medicine was largely \_\_\_\_\_ against the disease.

*adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

35. Ethics is a branch of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

36. The new \_\_\_\_ album is getting a lot of attention.

*n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

37. The witness \_\_\_\_\_ the defendant of committing the robbery.

*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

38. The \_\_\_\_ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

*adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree

39. He lost the election by \_\_\_\_\_ votes.

*adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

40. She was diagnosed with a \_\_\_\_\_ buildup in her lungs.

*n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid

ANSWERS: 32. psychic, 33. neuron, 34. impotent, 35. philosophy, 36. rap, 37. accused, 38. gay, 39. mere, 40. fluid

41. The death of her best friend filled her with \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending
42. His dedication to his work \_\_\_\_\_ to his success.
- v.* to have a favorable or unfavorable impact, effect, or consequence; to contribute or result in something, often something positive
43. Thousands of people attended the protest \_\_\_\_\_ against the proposed policy.
- n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
44. We \_\_\_\_\_ a cease-fire.
- v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
45. The sponge \_\_\_\_\_ water well.
- v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
46. She was a \_\_\_\_\_ person, always making friends with everyone she met.
- adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities
47. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.
- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
48. They continued to endure \_\_\_\_\_ treatment by the dictatorship.
- adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

ANSWERS: 41. sorrow, 42. redounds, 43. demonstration, 44. concluded, 45. absorbs, 46. gregarious, 47. suddenly, 48. irrational

49. Our company found it \_\_\_\_\_ difficult to keep up with the competition.

*adv.* more and more

50. She is willing to give up her position in the \_\_\_\_\_ family to marry him.

*adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family

51. Ethics deals with \_\_\_\_\_ conduct.

*adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

52. Battles between whites and blacks \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.

*v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

53. The judge gave severe \_\_\_\_\_ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

*n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

54. The lawyer argued that his client's actions were \_\_\_\_\_ given the circumstances.

*adj.* able to be defended or justified; justifiable or reasonable; capable of withstanding attack or criticism

55. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ complex math problems.

*v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

56. Frugality and industry are still \_\_\_\_\_ as virtues.

*v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

ANSWERS: 49. increasingly, 50. royal, 51. moral, 52. erupted, 53. punishment, 54. defensible, 55. comprehend, 56. regarded

57. Red \_\_\_\_\_ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

*n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

58. The battlefield became \_\_\_\_\_ on earth.

*n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

59. He knocked over the red wine and \_\_\_\_\_ the tablecloth.

*v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

60. This lawsuit appears to be unfair and \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* not remaining constant or in agreement

61. Some seaweed was used as \_\_\_\_\_ medicine in ancient times.

*n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

62. The lion used its sharp claws to \_\_\_\_\_ large prey like zebras and antelopes.

*v.* to remove the internal organs, especially from an animal or carcass; to gut or eviscerate

63. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

*adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

64. The \_\_\_\_\_ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

*n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

ANSWERS: 57. tide, 58. hell, 59. ruined, 60. inconsistent, 61. folk, 62. disembowel, 63. dumb, 64. chain

65. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.  
*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
66. In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the \_\_\_\_\_ to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.  
*n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
67. The tsunami swamped every boat in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
68. This device can more accurately detect \_\_\_\_\_ pathogens.  
*adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
69. The political \_\_\_\_\_ analyzed every detail of the debate.  
*n.* a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy
70. The argument was \_\_\_\_\_ and the judge dismissed it.  
*adj.* unable to be protected or justified from criticism
71. The museum houses a \_\_\_\_\_ collection of Celtic artifacts.  
*adj.* extremely interesting
72. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

ANSWERS: 65. instinct, 66. knight, 67. harbor, 68. viral, 69. wonk, 70. indefensible, 71. fascinating, 72. fortune

73. Consult your doctor if the symptoms \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
74. His statement was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ that made it difficult to take seriously.
- n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
75. Some people believe that human is \_\_\_\_\_ with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.
- v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
76. The dog's \_\_\_\_\_ led to the destruction of the living room furniture.
- n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
77. There's no \_\_\_\_\_ in his description.
- n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
78. There are various hypotheses concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something
79. The condo offers \_\_\_\_\_ access to the beach.
- adj.* not divided or shared with others
80. The \_\_\_\_\_ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
- n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

ANSWERS: 73. persist, 74. contradictions, 75. endowed, 76. mischief, 77. logic, 78. origin, 79. exclusive, 80. blacksmith



81. Tech companies often employ \_\_\_\_\_ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

*adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

82. He made a generous \_\_\_\_\_ to the charity.

*n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

83. They were \_\_\_\_\_ to take any risks.

*adj.* not ready or wanting to do something

84. She gets a \_\_\_\_\_ on each contract.

*n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

85. The flood was a great \_\_\_\_\_ to the small town causing extensive damage.

*n.* an unfortunate event or circumstance; bad luck or trouble

86. \_\_\_\_\_ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

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

87. She researched gender \_\_\_\_\_ in politics.

*n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

88. A deep sigh was \_\_\_\_\_ from his chest.

*v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

ANSWERS: 81. exposed, 82. donation, 83. unwilling, 84. commission, 85. misfortune, 86. Doubt, 87. bias, 88. wrenched

89. The emergency \_\_\_\_\_ is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.
- n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
90. Stop being \_\_\_\_\_ and always speak the truth.
- adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
91. I \_\_\_\_\_ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
92. The former emperor had a particular \_\_\_\_\_ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
93. She wore black clothing as a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ for her grandmother.
- n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
94. The \_\_\_\_\_ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.
- adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
95. The prosecution \_\_\_\_\_ that the defendant was guilty of the crime.
- v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
96. The company's practice of using cheap materials to cut costs will \_\_\_\_\_ the quality of the final product.
- v.* to strip or plunder something of its possessions or resources; to deprive or rob something of its natural or valuable qualities; to ruin the appearance or integrity of something

ANSWERS: 89. hotline, 90. sentimental, 91. mentioned, 92. influence, 93. mourning, 94. primary, 95. alleged, 96. despoil

97. The CEO decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the new project to ensure its success.  
*v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
98. The company is undergoing an \_\_\_\_\_ opening new locations in several states.  
*n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
99. The political organization handed out \_\_\_\_\_ to raise awareness about their cause.  
*n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
100. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.  
*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
101. I \_\_\_\_\_ with your struggles and am here to support you through them.  
*v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences
102. The picture was \_\_\_\_\_ because it was taken with an old camera.  
*adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
103. There was much \_\_\_\_\_ among the fans when their team won the championship.  
*n.* the expression of joy or happiness; a feeling or state of great joy or delight
104. His \_\_\_\_\_ mood was apparent to everyone who knew him.  
*n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation

ANSWERS: 97. spearhead, 98. expansion, 99. pamphlets, 100. grandchild, 101. sympathize, 102. fuzzy, 103. rejoicing, 104. melancholy

105. The strict \_\_\_\_\_ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.  
*n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
106. The employee \_\_\_\_\_ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.  
*v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
107. The rise and fall of \_\_\_\_\_ can be studied through history and archaeology.  
*n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
108. The public is \_\_\_\_\_ that the prime minister has committed fraud.  
*adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
109. The abolition of \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.  
*n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
110. Direct lighting is preferable to \_\_\_\_\_ lighting when reading.  
*adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
111. The company has maintained its \_\_\_\_\_ in the market for several years.  
*n.* the state or quality of being the most powerful or influential person or group
112. The sun has risen, and the \_\_\_\_\_ has faded.  
*n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water

ANSWERS: 105. judge, 106. deserved, 107. civilizations, 108. convinced, 109. slavery, 110. diffuse, 111. dominance, 112. mist

113. The storm \_\_\_\_\_ significant damage on the town.

*v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

114. He has built a thriving e-commerce \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

115. Federal bankruptcy laws \_\_\_\_\_ the reorganization process.

*v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something

116. Modern philosophy has often been criticized as \_\_\_\_\_ focusing predominantly on rationality.

*n.* a Greek term referring to logic, reason, or intellectual discourse, which denotes the rational principle that governs the universe or the persuasive appeal based on logic or reason in an argument

117. He was accused of being \_\_\_\_\_ and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

*adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

118. His \_\_\_\_\_ attitude made it difficult for him to work with people from different backgrounds.

*adj.* believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege

119. This company \_\_\_\_\_ its battery problem completely.

*v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

120. The \_\_\_\_\_ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

*n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 113. inflicted, 114. empire, 115. prescribed, 116. logos-centric, 117. frivolous, 118. elitist, 119. resolves, 120. mass

121. Exercising in the morning helps to \_\_\_\_\_ my mind and body.  
*v.* to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh
122. After years of decline, the city is experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_ in economic growth.  
*n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
123. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.  
*n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
124. These treatments were \_\_\_\_\_ against a virus.  
*adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result
125. I will work hard to \_\_\_\_\_ my goals and realize my dreams.  
*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
126. The \_\_\_\_\_ practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.  
*adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
127. You have to \_\_\_\_\_ your content to the age of the audience.  
*v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
128. 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

ANSWERS: 121. invigorate, 122. resurgence, 123. execution, 124. ineffective, 125. achieve, 126. barbaric, 127. adjust, 128. novel

129. My sister and I frequently \_\_\_\_\_ books, as we love reading.

- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

130. Their \_\_\_\_\_ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

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

131. The \_\_\_\_\_ salesman talked for hours without letting the customer get a word in.

- adj.* very talkative; tending to talk a lot and at length

132. There was a vast \_\_\_\_\_ between the two tribes.

- n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

133. The religious leaders wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the heretic for his teachings.

- v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die

134. The \_\_\_\_\_ leaders gathered for a summit to discuss important issues.

- adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society

135. You should work hard but not be a \_\_\_\_\_ to it.

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

136. Since independence, the area has been completely \_\_\_\_\_.

- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 129. exchange, 130. religion, 131. loquacious, 132. contest, 133. crucify, 134. tribal, 135. slave, 136. ignored

137. \_\_\_\_\_ Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.  
*adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
138. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
139. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a \_\_\_\_\_ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.  
*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
140. In terms of \_\_\_\_\_ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.  
*n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
141. Condoms are a common method of \_\_\_\_\_ that both men and women can use.  
*n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
142. How did he \_\_\_\_\_ to your idea?  
*v.* to take action in response to something
143. Corporate executives and \_\_\_\_\_ are still overwhelmingly men.  
*n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

ANSWERS: 137. Tyrannical, 138. destruction, 139. peasant, 140. intelligence, 141. contraception, 142. react, 143. legislators



144. When the \_\_\_\_\_ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country
- n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
145. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a \_\_\_\_\_ inferno.
- adj.* intense or scorching heat
146. The weightlifter could easily lift the \_\_\_\_\_ dumbbell with one hand.
- adj.* small, weak, or frail in size, strength, or appearance; insignificant or unimportant in value or impact
147. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ and save every penny to afford my dream vacation.
- v.* to be sparing or frugal in spending or using resources; to economize
148. The organization is dedicated to providing \_\_\_\_\_ aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.
- adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
149. The corporation \_\_\_\_\_ dominated the entire tobacco business.
- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
150. \_\_\_\_\_ the text from Italian into English.
- v.* to convert or change words into another language
151. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ of silence about illegal police interrogation.
- n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

ANSWERS: 144. constitution, 145. burning, 146. puny, 147. scrimp, 148. humanitarian, 149. eventually, 150. Translate, 151. conspiracy

152. Various artificially induced causes are \_\_\_\_\_ our ecosystem.  
*v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
153. The news of the massacre \_\_\_\_\_ the entire nation.  
*v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
154. The country has been wracked by political \_\_\_\_\_ for many years.  
*n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
155. I \_\_\_\_\_ for reasons already stated above.  
*v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
156. To advance this discussion, we must \_\_\_\_\_ "success" rigorously.  
*v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
157. The recipe called for a \_\_\_\_\_ amount of salt and made the dish too salty.  
*adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required
158. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.  
*v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
159. She made a \_\_\_\_\_ attempt to apologize for her mistake.  
*adj.* without enthusiasm or commitment; lacking enthusiasm or energy; not done with conviction or conviction
160. 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

ANSWERS: 152. threatening, 153. appalled, 154. strife, 155. disagree, 156. define, 157. superfluous, 158. persuade, 159. half-hearted, 160. instrument

161. He is the kind of \_\_\_\_\_ who only works for his success.

*adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

162. She had a \_\_\_\_\_ hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

*adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

163. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

164. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of \_\_\_\_\_ weapons.

*adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

165. \_\_\_\_\_ dropping wears away the stone.

*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

166. The quaint \_\_\_\_\_ in the woods was the perfect retreat for a weekend getaway.

*n.* a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep

167. They hope to \_\_\_\_\_ their business worldwide.

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

168. The school's policy on religious \_\_\_\_\_ meant that students were free to practice any faith they chose.

*n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices

ANSWERS: 161. fellow, 162. precarious, 163. creditor, 164. nuclear, 165. Constant, 166. cabin, 167. expand, 168. toleration

169. She intends to \_\_\_\_\_ a political career.

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

170. He \_\_\_\_\_ his investigation into a medical clinic.

- v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

171. With \_\_\_\_\_ joy, he signed his name.

- adj.* apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment

172. One of the main \_\_\_\_\_ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

173. The federal \_\_\_\_\_ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

174. Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

175. The ruling was considered \_\_\_\_\_ by many people in the community.

- adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

176. He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

ANSWERS: 169. pursue, 170. widened, 171. evident, 172. advantages, 173. government, 174. offenses, 175. unjust, 176. modernity

177. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

178. The philosopher was accused of being a \_\_\_\_\_ for his controversial ideas.

*n.* a person who holds beliefs or opinions that are contrary to, or at odds with, the orthodox or official doctrines of a particular religion, ideology, or group; someone who is seen as a dissenter or rebel within a particular community

179. This track starts with a \_\_\_\_\_ guitar riff.

*adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention

180. The unique style of this martial arts \_\_\_\_\_ many action film producers.

*v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

181. The perspective of his right brain \_\_\_\_\_ his consciousness.

*v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

182. 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

183. The Chinese people have accomplished several \_\_\_\_\_ feats.

*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

184. 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

ANSWERS: 177. clarity, 178. heretic, 179. catchy, 180. inspired, 181. dominates, 182. profound, 183. historic, 184. gut-wrenching

185. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the company is too high nowadays.

- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

186. The error in the \_\_\_\_\_ was attributable to rounding.

- n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

187. Even the slightest design \_\_\_\_\_ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

- n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

188. The company's new \_\_\_\_\_ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

189. The lawyer's understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ helped her win the case.

- n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems

190. Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an \_\_\_\_\_ at times.

- n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

191. He finally decided to \_\_\_\_\_ problems directly.

- v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

192. The government \_\_\_\_\_ the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.

- v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds

ANSWERS: 185. stake, 186. calculation, 187. flaw, 188. policy, 189. jurisprudence, 190. outsider, 191. confront, 192. exterminated

193. The pond's \_\_\_\_\_ was around five feet.

- n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

194. The earthquake was a major \_\_\_\_\_ that left many homeless.

- n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss

195. They awaited news of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the election.

- n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

196. The new smartphone model is \_\_\_\_\_ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

- adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

197. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.

- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

198. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

199. Gandhi had an \_\_\_\_\_ zeal for nonviolence.

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

200. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ defeat after losing the game.

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

ANSWERS: 193. depth, 194. calamity, 195. outcome, 196. superior, 197. planet, 198. develop, 199. absolute, 200. concede

201. The judge handed down a sentence of \_\_\_\_\_ for the convicted criminal.  
*n.* the state of being confined to a prison or jail; a sentence of confinement as a punishment for a crime
202. The captain told him to \_\_\_\_\_ the ship north.  
*v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
203. The couple began to \_\_\_\_\_ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.  
*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
204. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
205. He finally brought his \_\_\_\_\_ to perfection.  
*n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
206. The toddler was excited to wear his new \_\_\_\_\_ shoes.  
*adj.* very small or tiny; referring to a short amount of time
207. I hailed a \_\_\_\_\_ to take me to the airport.  
*n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
208. The workers were able to \_\_\_\_\_ the tent in just a few minutes.  
*v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
209. He and I often had \_\_\_\_\_ not only in personality but also in ideology.  
*n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 201. imprisonment, 202. steer, 203. argue, 204. critics, 205. enlightenment, 206. wee-sized, 207. cab, 208. erect, 209. conflicts,



210. The violent \_\_\_\_\_ caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

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

211. Efficiency isn't an essential \_\_\_\_\_ here; fairness is.

*n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

212. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

213. His abusive words made me \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

214. The government voted to \_\_\_\_\_ the outdated law.

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

215. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior led him to steal from the company.

*adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

216. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?

*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

217. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an \_\_\_\_\_ directly.

*n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

ANSWERS: 210. earthquake, 211. principle, 212. obvious, 213. uncomfortable, 214. abolish, 215. greedy, 216. suppose, 217. appeal

218. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.

*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

219. Generally speaking, the child is innately \_\_\_\_\_ to learn a language.

*v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

220. I spotted a majestic \_\_\_\_\_ with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

*n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

221. The \_\_\_\_\_ soldier refused to leave his post despite the danger.

*adj.* firm, unwavering, or determined in purpose or belief; resolute and loyal even in the face of adversity or challenges

222. We worked in perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

223. Death gets more than its share of attention from \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an expert or student who studies theology

224. How can you \_\_\_\_\_ that the earth is a sphere?

*v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

225. The pirates could \_\_\_\_\_ the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.

*v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

ANSWERS: 218. Communal, 219. disposed, 220. buck, 221. steadfast, 222. harmony, 223. theologians, 224. demonstrate, 225. plunder

226. Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of \_\_\_\_\_ in the fight for civil rights.

- n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

227. The \_\_\_\_\_ had distinctly defined gender roles.

- n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

228. On three sides, mountains \_\_\_\_\_ the settlement.

- v.* to be all around something or somebody

229. She found \_\_\_\_\_ by meditating in the garden.

- n.* a state of calmness or peacefulness; absence of agitation, disturbance, or turbulence; a peaceful or serene environment

230. The volunteer organization is full of \_\_\_\_\_ people who donate their time to help others.

- adj.* having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others

231. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

232. She was \_\_\_\_\_ about her friend's intentions.

- adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose

ANSWERS: 226. nonviolence, 227. tribe, 228. surround, 229. tranquility, 230. kind-hearted, 231. stick, 232. uncertain

233. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

234. The company has made great strides in its \_\_\_\_\_ toward sustainability.

- n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

235. He \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

- v.* to pull or haul with force

236. She frequented the \_\_\_\_\_ for intellectual discussions and to keep up with the latest cultural trends.

- n.* a place for social gathering, especially for exchanging ideas and discussing artistic or cultural matters; a place of beauty treatment, such as a hair salon

237. The fan \_\_\_\_\_ the air in the room quickly.

- v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

238. My accidental \_\_\_\_\_ got better right away.

- n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

239. Water was beginning to \_\_\_\_\_ into the basement after the heavy rain.

- v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

240. \_\_\_\_\_ is the science of how living things work.

- n.* the branch of the biological sciences dealing with the functioning of organisms

ANSWERS: 233. nation, 234. progression, 235. dragged, 236. salon, 237. circulates, 238. injury, 239. trickle, 240. Physiology

241. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.  
*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
242. The law was repealed to protect the rights of \_\_\_\_\_ citizens.  
*adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
243. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.  
*n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
244. We should \_\_\_\_\_ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.  
*v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
245. The dictator was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ and oppressive regime.  
*adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
246. He seeks \_\_\_\_\_ against the person who wronged him.  
*n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
247. She felt \_\_\_\_\_ after her dog passed away.  
*adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
248. The way he manages his employees is extremely \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate
249. His \_\_\_\_\_ continued to rise as his skills improved.  
*n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

ANSWERS: 241. argument, 242. homosexual, 243. delight, 244. ban, 245. cruel, 246. revenge, 247. miserable, 248. rigorous, 249. wages

250. He earned a \_\_\_\_\_ salary at his job.

*adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

251. The company found itself in a legal \_\_\_\_\_ unable to resolve the issue without causing harm to its reputation.

*n.* a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament

252. She had a master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

253. The patient needs a \_\_\_\_\_ transplant operation.

*n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

254. The castle was \_\_\_\_\_ several years later.

*v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

255. 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

256. The political \_\_\_\_\_ provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

*n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

257. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

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

ANSWERS: 250. decent, 251. quagmire, 252. psychology, 253. lifesaving, 254. abandoned, 255. suffers, 256. pundit, 257. sect

258. When the first molecule in the \_\_\_\_\_ receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

*n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

259. He bated his \_\_\_\_\_ when talking about this affair.

*n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

260. The \_\_\_\_\_ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

*adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

261. The \_\_\_\_\_ branch of government creates and passes laws.

*adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature

262. Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ a bite to eat?

*v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

263. I \_\_\_\_\_ my anger and kept quiet.

*v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

264. The religious minority faced \_\_\_\_\_ from the dominant group.

*n.* the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief

265. The advantages would undoubtedly \_\_\_\_\_ the disadvantages.

*v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

ANSWERS: 258. pathway, 259. breath, 260. ugly, 261. legislative, 262. grab, 263. swallowed, 264. persecution, 265. outweigh

266. I couldn't sleep because my roommate \_\_\_\_\_ loudly every night.

- v.* to make a loud, harsh breathing sound while sleeping, often due to an obstruction in the airways or other respiratory issues; to sound boring, monotonous, or dull

267. Recurrent financial \_\_\_\_\_ hampered his subsequent career.

- n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

268. Well-stretched muscles are less \_\_\_\_\_ to injury.

- adj.* easily influenced, harmed, or affected by something

269. The archaeologists used GPS \_\_\_\_\_ to accurately map the ancient ruins.

- n.* the process of determining the location or position of something, such as an object, place, or point, by measuring the angles or distances between multiple reference points or landmarks

270. The company tried to \_\_\_\_\_ competitors by offering them buyouts.

- v.* to elect or appoint someone as a member of a group or organization; to take over or appropriate something, often by force or without permission; to use someone or something for one's purposes or agenda

271. The country proclaimed its \_\_\_\_\_ over the disputed territory.

- n.* supremacy or authority, especially supreme authority over a country

272. The protesters became \_\_\_\_\_ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

273. The Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_ his regret for his neighbors

- v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

ANSWERS: 266. snored, 267. woes, 268. susceptible, 269. triangulation, 270. co-opt, 271. sovereignty, 272. violent, 273. manifested



274. The contractor had to \_\_\_\_\_ the new building before erecting the walls.

- v.* to examine something closely or carefully; to measure the depth of water, a pipe, or a hole, by means of a plumb line or similar device; to explore or understand something completely or fully

275. The military \_\_\_\_\_ troops to the border.

- v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

276. Her new documentary earned her an \_\_\_\_\_ Award.

- n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

277. I found an old \_\_\_\_\_ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

278. The \_\_\_\_\_ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

- adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

279. 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.

280. This accident was something that happened \_\_\_\_\_.

- adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

281. The founding fathers fought for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the American people.

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

ANSWERS: 274. plumb, 275. mobilized, 276. Academy, 277. photograph, 278. unfortunate, 279. faith, 280. necessarily, 281. liberty

282. The spy was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy's headquarters undetected.

- v. to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

283. The \_\_\_\_\_ partially destroyed my vehicle.

- n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

284. The job offer \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of responsibility and hard work.

- v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

285. There were no \_\_\_\_\_ against excessive overtime.

- n. the act of not allowing something, or an order that does so, especially by law or authority

286. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.

- n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

287. His rude comments \_\_\_\_\_ many people at the party.

- v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

288. Many multinational companies are \_\_\_\_\_ in the reconstruction of that country.

- v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

289. The security camera has \_\_\_\_\_ four intruders.

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

ANSWERS: 282. infiltrate, 283. accident, 284. entails, 285. prohibitions, 286. brain, 287. offended, 288. engaged, 289. detected

290. 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

291. The conditions of the prison were \_\_\_\_\_ and inhumane.

*adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

292. Her company was \_\_\_\_\_ affected by the bank's failure.

*adv.* very badly or seriously

293. The Chief editor checks all \_\_\_\_\_ for plagiarism with software.

*n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

294. She spoke with \_\_\_\_\_ about the importance of education.

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

295. Our world is in the third \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

296. He was exhausted and \_\_\_\_\_ into bed as soon as he got home.

*v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

297. 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

298. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior made it difficult for others to trust him.

*adj.* characterized by inconsistency or unreliability; prone to change or variability; not steadfast or reliable

ANSWERS: 290. emotions, 291. dreadful, 292. severely, 293. essays, 294. conviction, 295. millennium, 296. rolled, 297. relations, 298. inconstant

299. The school requires students to \_\_\_\_\_ to a strict dress code.

- v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group

300. They each choose \_\_\_\_\_ to battle.

- adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

301. We are responsible for the care and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our employees.

- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

302. I decided to \_\_\_\_ for premature retirement.

- v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities

303. He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his \_\_\_\_\_ even if it meant losing the job.

- n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior

304. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.

- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

305. She finally decided to \_\_\_\_\_ herself from the company.

- v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

ANSWERS: 299. conform, 300. nonetheless, 301. well-being, 302. opt, 303. conscience, 304. modern, 305. disconnect