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Session 1: Word List

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
synonym : strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

molest

v. to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way

synonym : harass, harm, abuse

(1) **molest** a woman on a train, (2) sexually **molest** his stepchild

The organization campaigns for stricter penalties for those who **molest** children.

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.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

synonym : assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

forceful

adj. having or showing great strength or energy

synonym : powerful, strong, energetic

(1) **forceful** argument, (2) take **forceful** action

She spoke with a **forceful** tone and made her point clear.

abusive

adj. involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else

synonym : cruel, oppressive, hurtful

(1) **abusive** behavior, (2) **abusive** parent

The teacher's **abusive** language towards the students was unacceptable.

pants

n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

synonym : trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

masturbation

n. the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release

synonym : onanism

(1) manual **masturbation**, (2) the act of **masturbation**

Many physicians agree that the practice of **masturbation** is a natural and healthy way to explore and take pleasure in one's body.

motorcycle

n. a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals

synonym : bike, motor

(1) **motorcycle** gangster, (2) electric **motorcycle**

He had his **motorcycle** license revoked for drunken driving.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

synonym : agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

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.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

seldom

adv. not often; rarely

synonym: rarely, hardly, infrequently

(1) **seldom** try to walk, (2) **seldom** fluctuate

He **seldom** went out to socialize, preferring to spend evenings at home.

encounter

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

synonym: meet, run into, come across

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

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

chill

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

synonym: coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**

His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

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.

penetrate

v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

synonym: pierce, stab, go through

(1) **penetrate** a cell, (2) **penetrate** quickly into the skin

Western ideology slowly **penetrates** through the eastern

countries.

blunt

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

synonym : dull, obtuse, insensitive

(1) **blunt** criticism, (2) **blunt** force

The **blunt** knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

rod

n. a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment

synonym : stick, wand, staff

(1) **rod** cell, (2) curtain **rod**

He used a fishing **rod** to catch the biggest fish of the day.

gag

v. to prevent or restrict speech or expression, often through force or intimidation; to bind or cover the mouth to prevent speech; to cause someone to retch or choke; (noun) a device that is placed over someone's mouth to prevent them from speaking or making noise; an order that prohibits a person or group from discussing a particular topic or sharing certain information with others

synonym : muzzle, silence, suppress

(1) **gag** order, (2) **gag** a newspaper

The prisoner was **gagged** to prevent him from shouting for help.

unconscious

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

synonym : comatose, paralyzed, senseless

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

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

plunge

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

synonym: dive, drop, thrust

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

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

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym: terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

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.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel

upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym : hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym : absolutely, completely, perfectly

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

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

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

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**.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

repress

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

synonym : suppress, control, curb

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

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

alien

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

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

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

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

synonym: impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble

That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

insensitive

adj. not showing or feeling concern for the needs and feelings of others

synonym: unfeeling, unaware, indifferent

(1) an **insensitive** heart, (2) **insensitive** behavior

His **insensitive** comments made her feel hurt and unimportant.

prominent

adj. important, well-known, or noticeable

synonym : notable, distinguished, prominent

(1) **prominent** figure, (2) play a **prominent** role

The media frequently interviewed **prominent** scientists.

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.

parliament

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

synonym : congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**

He was a member of **parliament**.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym : otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

defendant

n. a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law

synonym : accused, prisoner, litigant

(1) **defendant** in court, (2) the **defendant's** testimony

The **defendant's** lawyer argued that his client was not responsible for the crime.

gender

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

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**
Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

extensive

adj. covering a large area; having a wide range

synonym: ample, comprehensive, vast

(1) **extensive** experience, (2) have **extensive** vocabulary
The incident attracted **extensive** media coverage throughout the world.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

spontaneous

adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

synonym: willing, impulsive, intuitive

(1) a **spontaneous** behavior, (2) **spontaneous** labor
The crowd broke out into **spontaneous** laughter.

hasty

adj. done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration

synonym: rushed, impulsive, prompt

(1) a **hasty** temper, (2) **hasty** commitment
The **hasty** conclusion drawn by the researchers resulted in flawed study findings.

journalism

n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

synonym: reporting, news media, writing

(1) **journalism** ethics, (2) tabloid **journalism**
She plans to study **journalism** in college and become a reporter.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym : stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

frustration

n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

synonym : disappointment, discouragement, dissatisfaction

(1) **frustration** level, (2) express **frustration**

He felt a deep **frustration** as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

trail

n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

synonym : footpath, track, course

(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**

The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.

mainstream

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

synonym : prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs

His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

invite

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

synonym : ask, request, summon

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

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

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

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

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

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.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym : go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym : parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

candlelight

n. light provided by a candle or candles

synonym : lamp light, oil light, firelight

(1) **candlelight** dinner, (2) **candlelight** vigil

The room was dimly lit by soft **candlelight**.

vigil

n. a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons

synonym : watch, observance, monitoring

(1) **vigil** for peace, (2) night **vigil**

The mother kept a **vigil** by her sick child's bedside all night.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym: gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently
Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing
He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude;
(in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**
There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

vicious

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others;
having the nature of vice

synonym: malicious, spiteful, malevolent

(1) **vicious** attack, (2) **vicious** deflationary spiral
The **vicious** dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.

hypocrite

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

synonym: pretender, two-faced, insincere

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

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

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

apologist

n. a person who offers a defense or justification of a particular belief, idea, or action; someone who defends or supports a cause or person, often in the face of criticism or opposition

synonym: defender, supporter, advocate

(1) conservative **apologist**, (2) religious **apologist**

Some people see him as an **apologist** for authoritarian regimes.

motive

n. the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way

synonym: reason, incentive, drive

(1) murder **motive**, (2) an unworthy **motive**

The detective tried to uncover the **motive** behind the crime.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

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.

unfamiliar

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

synonym : unknown, strange, foreign

(1) the **unfamiliar** surroundings, (2) around **unfamiliar** people

She was **unfamiliar** with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

upload

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

synonym : transfer, load up

(1) **upload** files, (2) **upload** documents to the portal

I need to **upload** these pictures to my computer to edit them.

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym : narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand**

research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

harassment

n. the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities

synonym : bullying, persecution, intimidation

(1) sexual **harassment**, (2) emotional **harassment**

The company has a zero-tolerance policy for **harassment** in the workplace.

entitle

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

synonym : allow, permit, enable

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

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

gaze

v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

synonym : stare, gawk, look

(1) **gaze** steadily at his face, (2) **gaze** absently out a window

The youngster was **gazed** at by the beast.

slice

n. a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

synonym : piece, portion, slit

(1) a **slice** of the company's revenue, (2) **slice** a tomato thin

The children complained because one **slice** of cake was slightly larger than the other.

heaven

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of

great happiness, contentment, or beauty

synonym : paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

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.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym : follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

grope

v. to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see

synonym : fumble, feel, pat

(1) **grope** after the truth, (2) **grope** for an answer

He was forced to **grope** in the dark for the light switch.

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.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym : humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

outburst

n. a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling

synonym : outcry, eruption, explosion

(1) **outburst** of applause, (2) violent **outburst**

My boss's sudden **outburst** shocked and scared me.

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.

whatsoever

adv. not at all; no matter what

synonym : in any way, at all, in any respect

(1) **whatsoever** it be, (2) without impact **whatsoever**

He refused to do anything **whatsoever** to help her.

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.

observer

n. a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it

synonym : spectator, onlooker, watcher

(1) a shrewd **observer**, (2) an **observer** in the region

According to the theory of relativity, time is different for each **observer**.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

disbelief

n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

synonym: doubt, mistrust, incredulity

(1) **disbelief** in the authority, (2) ask in **disbelief**

His reaction was one of complete **disbelief**.

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

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

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

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

unsettle

v. to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation

synonym : aggravate, annoy, disturb

(1) **unsettle** the nervous system, (2) **unsettle** his conviction

This nationwide strike may **unsettle** the country's economy.

permission

n. consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

synonym : approval, consent, authorization

(1) grant **permission**, (2) **permission** for permanent residence

I asked my boss for **permission** to leave early for a doctor's appointment.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

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.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after

considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

regret

v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

synonym : apologize, deplore, lament

(1) **regret** a decision, (2) **regret** being so careless

I **regret** to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

synonym : help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal

Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

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.

dire

adj. extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous

synonym : serious, critical, desperate

(1) suffer **dire** poverty, (2) **dire** situation

The **dire** economic straits called for immediate action.

avenue

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

synonym : artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success

They explored every **avenue** they could think of.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

deny

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

synonym : refute, reject, repudiate

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

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

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

aviation

n. the activity or process of designing, building, flying, and maintaining aircraft

synonym : flying, flight, aeronautics

(1) global **aviation** industry, (2) civil **aviation**

The **aviation** expert analyzed the fluid around the aircraft.

hospitality

n. the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers

synonym : generosity, friendliness, cordiality

(1) **hospitality** industry, (2) **hospitality** service

The hotel is known for its exceptional **hospitality**.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

gang

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

synonym : crew, posse, group

(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member

The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

acid

n. sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

synonym : sour

(1) an **acid** reaction, (2) good source of essential amino **acids**

During pregnancy, the stomach generates less **acid** than usual.

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?

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.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym : average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

blind

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

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

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.

courage

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

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

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

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

threefold

adj. three times as great or as many

synonym: three, triple, three times

(1) rise nearly **threefold**, (2) **threefold** increase

The price of the item was reduced **threefold** after the sale.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

amendment

n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law

synonym: modification, revision, emendation

(1) constitutional **amendment**, (2) make an **amendment** to a contract

The opposition politicians jointly proposed an **amendment** to that law.

assault

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

synonym: assault, attack, raid

(1) **assault** aircraft, (2) victim of sexual **assault**

We got caught up in an **assault** case.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. good source of essential amino
a__ds
 2. te____y people
 3. the de_____nt's testimony
 4. bl__d spot
 5. cr_____al investigation
 6. dispel do__ts
 7. cross-co____n marriage
 8. without impact wha_____er
 9. adamantly d__y killing
 10. g_g order
- n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
- v.* to frighten someone very much
- n.* a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law
- adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
- n.* a person who has committed a crime
- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
- n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
- adv.* not at all; no matter what
- v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
- v.* to prevent or restrict speech or expression, often through force or intimidation; to bind or cover the mouth to prevent speech; to cause someone to retch or choke; (noun) a device that is placed over someone's mouth to prevent them from speaking or making noise; an order that prohibits a person or group from discussing a particular topic or sharing certain information with others

ANSWERS: 1. acid, 2. terrify, 3. defendant, 4. blind, 5. criminal, 6. doubt, 7. cousin, 8. whatsoever, 9. deny, 10. gag

11. un_____le his conviction *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
12. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
13. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
14. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
15. pe_____te a cell *v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
16. ci_____te an agenda before the meeting *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
17. me____m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
18. 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
19. ci_____te a rumor *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
20. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
21. an unworthy mo____e *n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way

ANSWERS: 11. unsettle, 12. mathematics, 13. spiritual, 14. government, 15. penetrate, 16. circulate, 17. medium, 18. pursue, 19. circulate, 20. independence, 21. motive

22. de_____nt in court *n.* a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law
23. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
24. rise nearly th_____ld *adj.* three times as great or as many
25. re___t a decision *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
26. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
27. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
28. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
29. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
30. an ins_____ve heart *adj.* not showing or feeling concern for the needs and feelings of others
31. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
32. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
33. as___t a patient *v.* to help someone in doing anything

ANSWERS: 22. defendant, 23. embarrass, 24. threefold, 25. regret, 26. decision, 27. cousin, 28. gang, 29. ignore, 30. insensitive, 31. encounter, 32. identify, 33. assist

34. 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
35. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
36. in unt_____le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
37. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
38. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
39. unc_____us bias *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
40. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
41. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
42. ask in di_____ef *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
43. ins_____ve behavior *adj.* not showing or feeling concern for the needs and feelings of others
44. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
45. an av___e to success *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

ANSWERS: 34. hell, 35. colleague, 36. unthinkable, 37. suddenly, 38. mathematics, 39. unconscious, 40. communal, 41. march, 42. disbelief, 43. insensitive, 44. nation, 45. avenue

46. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
47. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
48. sl___e a tomato thin *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
49. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
50. pe_____te quickly into the skin *v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
51. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
52. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
53. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
54. psychic tr___a *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
55. resident al___ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

ANSWERS: 46. defend, 47. gender, 48. slice, 49. courage, 50. penetrate, 51. protest, 52. individual, 53. aggressive, 54. trauma, 55. alien

56. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
57. r_d cell *n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment
58. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
59. fight vi__l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
60. ho_____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
61. event of a hung par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
62. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
63. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
64. mai_____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
65. feel a slight ch__l *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

ANSWERS: 56. courage, 57. rod, 58. stalk, 59. viral, 60. horrific, 61. parliament, 62. confront, 63. suddenly, 64. mainstream, 65. chill

66. tabloid jou_____sm *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
67. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
68. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
69. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
70. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
71. pr_____nt figure *adj.* important, well-known, or noticeable
72. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
73. pajama pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
74. up____d documents to the portal *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

ANSWERS: 66. journalism, 67. entitle, 68. violent, 69. survey, 70. doubt, 71. prominent, 72. journalist, 73. pants, 74. upload

75. trigger a re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
76. emotional har_____nt *n.* the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities
77. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
78. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
79. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
80. vi____m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
81. he____n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
82. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
83. the ch__l of autumn *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

ANSWERS: 75. reaction, 76. harassment, 77. belong, 78. absolutely, 79. outcome, 80. victim, 81. heaven, 82. suppose, 83. chill

84. na___n-state	<i>n.</i>	a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
85. par_____te in the program	<i>v.</i>	to take part in something
86. a fatal in___y	<i>n.</i>	harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
87. co_____e fantasy with reality	<i>v.</i>	to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
88. ex_____ve experience	<i>adj.</i>	covering a large area; having a wide range
89. have ex_____ve vocabulary	<i>adj.</i>	covering a large area; having a wide range
90. gr__e after the truth	<i>v.</i>	to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
91. pu___e freedoms	<i>v.</i>	to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
92. mot_____le gangster	<i>n.</i>	a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals
93. hear customer's voices fi_____nd	<i>adv.</i>	from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
94. r_p music	<i>n.</i>	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

ANSWERS: 84. nation, 85. participate, 86. injury, 87. confuse, 88. extensive, 89. extensive, 90. grope, 91. pursue, 92. motorcycle, 93. firsthand, 94. rap

95. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
96. ascend to he___n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
97. murder mo___e *n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way
98. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
99. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
100. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
101. an av___e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
102. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
103. vi_____s deflationary spiral *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
104. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
105. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

ANSWERS: 95. responsible, 96. heaven, 97. motive, 98. outcome, 99. confront, 100. equip, 101. avenue, 102. firsthand, 103. vicious, 104. recover, 105. march

106. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
107. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
108. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
109. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
110. conservative ap_____st *n.* a person who offers a defense or justification of a particular belief, idea, or action; someone who defends or supports a cause or person, often in the face of criticism or opposition
111. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
112. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
113. a shrewd ob_____er *n.* a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it
114. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 106. sham, 107. defend, 108. discuss, 109. politician, 110. apologist, 111. vulnerable, 112. confuse, 113. observer, 114. entitle

115. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
116. a warm tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
117. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
118. un_____le the nervous system *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
119. woolly pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
120. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
121. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
122. an a__d reaction *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
123. d__e situation *adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous

ANSWERS: 115. platform, 116. trail, 117. release, 118. unsettle, 119. pants, 120. government, 121. independence, 122. acid, 123. dire

124. control my em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
125. tr___a care *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
126. around unf_____ar people *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
127. grant per_____on *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
128. ab_____e parent *adj.* involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else
129. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
130. re_____s gene expression *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
131. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
132. ou_____st of applause *n.* a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling

ANSWERS: 124. emotion, 125. trauma, 126. unfamiliar, 127. permission, 128. abusive, 129. protest, 130. repress, 131. reaction, 132. outburst

133. without in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
134. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
135. th_____ld increase *adj.* three times as great or as many
136. night vi___l *n.* a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons
137. can_____ht dinner *n.* light provided by a candle or candles
138. re_____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
139. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
140. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
141. environmental hy_____te *n.* a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way
142. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
143. the unf_____ar surroundings *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

ANSWERS: 133. injury, 134. environment, 135. threefold, 136. vigil, 137. candlelight, 138. recover, 139. odd, 140. terrify, 141. hypocrite, 142. aggressive, 143. unfamiliar

144. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
145. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
146. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
147. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
148. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
149. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
150. victim of sexual as____t *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
151. manual mas_____ion *n.* the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release
152. re___t being so careless *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
153. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
154. as____t aircraft *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

ANSWERS: 144. suppose, 145. individual, 146. empower, 147. decide, 148. frustrate, 149. peer, 150. assault, 151. masturbation, 152. regret, 153. odd, 154. assault

155. wanted cr____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
156. make an am_____nt to a contract *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
157. can_____ht vigil *n.* light provided by a candle or candles
158. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
159. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
160. 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
161. religious ap_____st *n.* a person who offers a defense or justification of a particular belief, idea, or action; someone who defends or supports a cause or person, often in the face of criticism or opposition
162. fo_____ul argument *adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
163. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
164. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

ANSWERS: 155. criminal, 156. amendment, 157. candlelight, 158. complain, 159. encounter, 160. liberty, 161. apologist, 162. forceful, 163. helpless, 164. stalk

165. fru_____on level *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
166. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
167. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
168. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
169. 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
170. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
171. g__e absently out a window *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
172. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
173. se___m try to walk *adv.* not often; rarely
174. g__e steadily at his face *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

ANSWERS: 165. frustration, 166. victim, 167. complain, 168. embarrass, 169. rap, 170. release, 171. gaze, 172. politician, 173. seldom, 174. gaze

175. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
176. in_____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
177. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
178. a spo_____us behavior *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
179. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
180. be_____g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
181. wha_____er it be *adv.* not at all; no matter what
182. ut_____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
183. suffer d__e poverty *adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
184. global av_____on industry *n.* the activity or process of designing, building, flying, and maintaining aircraft
185. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
186. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 175. helpless, 176. invite, 177. gang, 178. spontaneous, 179. peer, 180. belong, 181. whatsoever, 182. utterly, 183. dire, 184. aviation, 185. alien, 186. violent

187. civil av_____on *n.* the activity or process of designing, building, flying, and maintaining aircraft
188. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
189. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
190. hos_____ty service *n.* the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers
191. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
192. curtain r_d *n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment
193. hos_____ty industry *n.* the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers
194. vi__l for peace *n.* a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons
195. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
196. ho_____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
197. sexually mo___t his stepchild *v.* to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way

ANSWERS: 187. aviation, 188. decide, 189. equip, 190. hospitality, 191. identify, 192. rod, 193. hospitality, 194. vigil, 195. participate, 196. horrific, 197. molest

198. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
199. follow the tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
200. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
201. spo_____us labor *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
202. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
203. a ha__y temper *adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration
204. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
205. 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
206. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
207. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

ANSWERS: 198. rural, 199. trail, 200. blind, 201. spontaneous, 202. utterly, 203. hasty, 204. discuss, 205. judge, 206. wit, 207. medium

208. se___m fluctuate	<i>adv.</i> not often; rarely
209. an associate ju__e	<i>n.</i> a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
210. re_____t a conversation with him	<i>v.</i> to describe what happened or to narrate a story
211. ig___e her advice	<i>v.</i> to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
212. at___d service	<i>v.</i> to be present at an event, to go to a place
213. vul_____le parts of the body	<i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
214. re_____t the adventure	<i>v.</i> to describe what happened or to narrate a story
215. co_____al combination of funds	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
216. afraid to show em_____n	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
217. constitutional am_____nt	<i>n.</i> the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
218. em_____r the secretary to do the same	<i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something
219. in___e guests	<i>v.</i> to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 208. seldom, 209. judge, 210. recount, 211. ignore, 212. attend, 213. vulnerable, 214. recount, 215. communal, 216. emotion, 217. amendment, 218. empower, 219. invite

227. bl__t force *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
228. religious hy_____te *n.* a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way
229. a person who is unc_____us *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
230. di_____ef in the authority *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
231. express fru_____on *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
232. jou_____sm ethics *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
233. 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
234. play a pr_____nt role *adj.* important, well-known, or noticeable
235. electric mot_____le *n.* a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals

ANSWERS: 227. blunt, 228. hypocrite, 229. unconscious, 230. disbelief, 231. frustration, 232. journalism, 233. hell, 234. prominent, 235. motorcycle

236. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
237. pl___e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
238. an ob_____er in the region *n.* a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it
239. 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
240. disband par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
241. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
242. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
243. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
244. a sl__e of the company's revenue *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

ANSWERS: 236. frustrate, 237. plunge, 238. observer, 239. liberty, 240. parliament, 241. survey, 242. wit, 243. spiritual, 244. slice

245. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
246. pl___e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
247. ab____e behavior *adj.* involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else
248. former co____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
249. vi____s attack *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
250. an arrival pl____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
251. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
252. up___d files *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

ANSWERS: 245. sham, 246. plunge, 247. abusive, 248. colleague, 249. vicious, 250. platform, 251. decision, 252. upload

253. the act of mas_____ion *n.* the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release
254. detect a vi__l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
255. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
256. ha__y commitment *adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration
257. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
258. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
259. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
260. join the mai_____am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
261. violent ou_____st *n.* a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling
262. cannot re_____s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

ANSWERS: 253. masturbation, 254. viral, 255. difficulty, 256. hasty, 257. environment, 258. gender, 259. deny, 260. mainstream, 261. outburst, 262. repress

263. per_____on for permanent residence
n. consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
264. as___t his goal
v. to help someone in doing anything
265. dif_____ty in breathing
n. a condition or state that causes problems
266. bl__t criticism
adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
267. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
268. people in ru__l areas
adj. of or relating to the countryside
269. take fo_____ul action
adj. having or showing great strength or energy
270. res_____le action
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 263. permission, 264. assist, 265. difficulty, 266. blunt, 267. absolutely, 268. rural, 269. forceful, 270. responsible

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.
adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
2. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
3. Some people see him as an _____ for authoritarian regimes.
n. a person who offers a defense or justification of a particular belief, idea, or action; someone who defends or supports a cause or person, often in the face of criticism or opposition
4. He refused to do anything _____ to help her.
adv. not at all; no matter what
5. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.
adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
6. I _____ to say that you did not gain admission to the university.
v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
7. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 1. blunt, 2. colleague, 3. apologist, 4. whatsoever, 5. medium, 6. regret, 7. survey

8. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

9. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

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

10. She plans to study _____ in college and become a reporter.

n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

11. We are _____ opposed to any form of terrorism.

adv. completely or absolutely

12. His reaction was one of complete _____.

n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

13. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

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

14. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

15. The hotel is known for its exceptional _____.

n. the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers

ANSWERS: 8. suddenly, 9. encounter, 10. journalism, 11. utterly, 12. disbelief, 13. gender, 14. mainstream, 15. hospitality

16. During pregnancy, the stomach generates less _____ than usual.
- n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
17. The organization campaigns for stricter penalties for those who _____ children.
- v.* to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way
18. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
19. 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
20. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
21. The crowd broke out into _____ laughter.
- adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
22. They explored every _____ they could think of.
- n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
23. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.
- v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

ANSWERS: 16. acid, 17. molest, 18. invite, 19. judge, 20. release, 21. spontaneous, 22. avenue, 23. complaining

24. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
25. We must _____ to this matter.
- v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
26. According to the theory of relativity, time is different for each _____.
- n.* a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it
27. 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
28. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
29. The mother kept a _____ by her sick child's bedside all night.
- n.* a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons
30. The teacher's _____ language towards the students was unacceptable.
- adj.* involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else
31. The incident attracted _____ media coverage throughout the world.
- adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range

ANSWERS: 24. environment, 25. attend, 26. observer, 27. pursue, 28. mathematics, 29. vigil, 30. abusive, 31. extensive

32. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
n. a person who has committed a crime
33. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
34. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
35. The price of the item was reduced _____ after the sale.
adj. three times as great or as many
36. 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
37. I always wear _____ when I go outside, even in the summer.
n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
38. 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
39. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 32. criminal, 33. participated, 34. absolutely, 35. threefold, 36. emotions, 37. pants, 38. liberty, 39. defend

40. The youngster was _____ at by the beast.
- v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
41. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
- n.* a condition or state that causes problems
42. I asked my boss for _____ to leave early for a doctor's appointment.
- n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
43. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
44. The opposition politicians jointly proposed an _____ to that law.
- n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
45. He _____ the memories of his traumatic childhood.
- v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
46. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
- v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
47. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 40. gazed, 41. difficulty, 42. permission, 43. belong, 44. amendment, 45. repressed, 46. embarrass, 47. violent

48. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.

v. to help someone in doing anything

49. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

50. The data he prepared was completely _____.

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

51. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

52. Many physicians agree that the practice of _____ is a natural and healthy way to explore and take pleasure in one's body.

n. the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release

53. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

54. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

55. The _____ economic straits called for immediate action.

adj. extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous

56. The detective tried to uncover the _____ behind the crime.

n. the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way

ANSWERS: 48. assist, 49. protest, 50. sham, 51. identify, 52. masturbation, 53. trauma, 54. firsthand, 55. dire, 56. motive

57. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
58. That accident was something _____ with my long experience.
- adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
59. He had his _____ license revoked for drunken driving.
- n.* a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals
60. 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
61. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
62. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
- n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
63. The fan _____ the air in the room quickly.
- v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
64. The _____ conclusion drawn by the researchers resulted in flawed study findings.
- adj.* done or acting with excessive speed or urgency and without sufficient thought or consideration

ANSWERS: 57. frustrate, 58. unthinkable, 59. motorcycle, 60. government, 61. courage, 62. platform, 63. circulates, 64. hasty

65. Western ideology slowly _____ through the eastern countries.
v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
66. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
67. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
68. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.
adj. relating to or caused by a virus
69. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
70. We got caught up in an _____ case.
n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
71. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
72. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
73. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.
adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

ANSWERS: 65. penetrates, 66. peer, 67. confused, 68. viral, 69. denying, 70. assault, 71. decision, 72. empowered, 73. horrific,

74. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
75. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
76. The _____ dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.
adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
77. I need to _____ these pictures to my computer to edit them.
v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
78. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside
79. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
80. This nationwide strike may _____ the country's economy.
v. to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
81. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
82. He felt like _____ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.
n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

ANSWERS: 74. confront, 75. vulnerable, 76. vicious, 77. upload, 78. rural, 79. equipped, 80. unsettle, 81. outcome, 82. heaven

83. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
84. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
85. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
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. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
88. My boss's sudden _____ shocked and scared me.
- n.* a sudden, violent, and uncontrolled expression of emotion, usually anger or excitement; a sudden release of energy or feeling
89. The hunter quietly _____ the deer for hours before taking the shot
- v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
90. She spoke with a _____ tone and made her point clear.
- adj.* having or showing great strength or energy

ANSWERS: 83. ignored, 84. individual, 85. Communal, 86. Doubt, 87. suppose, 88. outburst, 89. stalked, 90. forceful

91. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.
v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
92. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
93. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
94. I know his _____ habit that he touches his face when he lies.
adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
95. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
96. They _____ events that have already occurred.
v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story
97. She accused her boss of being a _____ for advocating for workers' rights while mistreating his employees.
n. a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way
98. His swear words cast a _____ on the party.
n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

ANSWERS: 91. plunged, 92. independence, 93. responsible, 94. unconscious, 95. blind, 96. recount, 97. hypocrite, 98. chill

99. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.
- n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
100. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
101. The prisoner was _____ to prevent him from shouting for help.
- v.* to prevent or restrict speech or expression, often through force or intimidation; to bind or cover the mouth to prevent speech; to cause someone to retch or choke; (noun) a device that is placed over someone's mouth to prevent them from speaking or making noise; an order that prohibits a person or group from discussing a particular topic or sharing certain information with others
102. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.
- n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
103. 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
104. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
105. 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

ANSWERS: 99. Alien, 100. discuss, 101. gagged, 102. wit, 103. hell, 104. spiritual, 105. nation

106. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
107. His _____ comments made her feel hurt and unimportant.
adj. not showing or feeling concern for the needs and feelings of others
108. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
109. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
110. The children complained because one _____ of cake was slightly larger than the other.
n. a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
111. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
112. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
113. He was a member of _____.
n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

ANSWERS: 106. entitled, 107. insensitive, 108. victim, 109. terrify, 110. slice, 111. journalists, 112. decide, 113. parliament

114. 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

115. The room was dimly lit by soft _____.

n. light provided by a candle or candles

116. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.

n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

117. The company has a zero-tolerance policy for _____ in the workplace.

n. the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities

118. He felt a deep _____ as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

119. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

120. The media frequently interviewed _____ scientists.

adj. important, well-known, or noticeable

121. He _____ went out to socialize, preferring to spend evenings at home.

adv. not often; rarely

ANSWERS: 114. rap, 115. candlelight, 116. trail, 117. harassment, 118. frustration, 119. aggressive, 120. prominent, 121. seldom

122. His grandfather was an ____ man.

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

123. The _____ expert analyzed the fluid around the aircraft.

n. the activity or process of designing, building, flying, and maintaining aircraft

124. He used a fishing ____ to catch the biggest fish of the day.

n. a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment

125. The _____ lawyer argued that his client was not responsible for the crime.

n. a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law

126. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

127. She was _____ with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

128. The street ____ was known for its violent behavior.

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

129. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 122. odd, 123. aviation, 124. rod, 125. defendant's, 126. cousins, 127. unfamiliar, 128. gang, 129. politician

130. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

131. 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

132. I feel so _____ without you.

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

133. He was forced to _____ in the dark for the light switch.

v. to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see

134. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

135. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

ANSWERS: 130. marched, 131. injury, 132. helpless, 133. grope, 134. reaction, 135. recovering