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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### humor

*n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

*synonym*: comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

### 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.

### constraint

*n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

*synonym*: limitation, restriction, bound

(1) **constraint** on business activity, (2) strict time **constraints**

The budget **constraint** forced them to make difficult decisions.

## context

*n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

*synonym* : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

## satisfaction

*n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

*synonym* : delight, pleasure, content

(1) a sense of **satisfaction**, (2) customer **satisfaction**

The mediated settlement brought **satisfaction** to both sides.

## ridiculous

*adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

*synonym* : absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

## 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.

## satisfy

*v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

*synonym* : please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

## bob

*v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair,

especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

*synonym* : bobble, bounce, wag

(1) **bob** a quick curtsy, (2) **bob** on the surface of the water  
I need to **bob** my head to the beat of the music.

## relation

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

*synonym* : association, linkage, connection

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

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

## cartoon

*n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

*synonym* : illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

## benign

*adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

*synonym* : kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

## 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.

## sensitive

*adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

*synonym* :

exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin  
The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

## 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**.

## joint

*adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people;  
(*noun*) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

*synonym*: collaborative, cooperative, combined

(1) a **joint** venture, (2) the bone of a **joint**

After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a **joint** statement.

## involve

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

*synonym*: implicate, include, engage

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

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

## antidepressant

*n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry

(1) an **antidepressant** drug, (2) **antidepressant** effect

She has been taking **antidepressants** since her baby died.

## discotheque

*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

*synonym*: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

## 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.

## 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.

## suffer

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

*synonym* : endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

## anesthetic

*n.* a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain

*synonym* : sedative, anesthesia, painkiller

(1) **anesthetic** injection, (2) local **anesthetic**

The dentist administered an **anesthetic** to numb the patient's mouth before the procedure.

## distribute

*v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

*synonym* : broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

## contagion

*n.* the spread of a disease or harmful influence from one person or thing to another

*synonym*: infection, disease, transmission

(1) a **contagion** of fear, (2) **contagion** effect

The government has implemented measures to prevent the **contagion** of COVID-19, such as social distancing and mandatory mask-wearing.

## entertainment

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

*synonym*: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

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

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

## frisson

*n.* a sudden intense feeling or thrill, often accompanied by shivers or goosebumps, typically brought on by excitement, anticipation, or a strong emotional response

*synonym*: shiver, thrill, goosebumps

(1) sense of **frisson**, (2) spine-tingling **frisson**

The scary movie gave me a **frisson** of fear, sending shivers down my spine.

## politically

*adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

## reject

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

*synonym*: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

## creative

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

*synonym*: imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

## fade

*v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

*synonym*: languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

## matte

*adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

*synonym*: dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish

The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

## accounting

*n.* a system of recording and summarizing financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results

*synonym*: bookkeeping, finance

(1) the **accounting** department, (2) **accounting** software

The company hired a new accountant to handle its **accounting** needs.

## improvisation

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

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

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

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

## random

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

*synonym*: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

## rejection

*n.* the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign

*synonym*: refusal, denial, repudiation

(1) transplant **rejection**, (2) **rejection** by community

His proposals were met with **rejection**.

## quitter

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

*synonym*: coward, deserter, surrender

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

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

## psychology

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

## 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.

## segue

*v.* to make a smooth and uninterrupted transition from one topic or activity to another

*synonym*: transit, move, shift

(1) **segue** the conversation, (2) **segue** between topics

He smoothly **segued** from one topic to the next during his presentation.

## submit

*v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration



*synonym* : hand in, present, propose

(1) agree to **submit** the bill, (2) **submit** an application

Please **submit** the assignment to me.

## 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.

## enclose

*v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

*synonym* : surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## magical

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

*synonym* : enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

## emotional

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

*synonym* : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

- fin** *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance  
*synonym* : flipper, appendage, stabilizer  
(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane  
The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- revered** *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities  
*synonym* : respected, admired, honored  
(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President  
The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.
- contract** *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law  
*synonym* : agreement, deal, arrangement  
(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law  
The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.
- blur** *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision  
*synonym* : smudge, smear, fuzz  
(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**  
The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.
- confirm** *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case  
*synonym* : affirm, verify, assure  
(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction  
Please write to **confirm** your reservation.
- nowhere** *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere  
(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**  
I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

## mention

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

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

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

## sin

*n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

*synonym*: misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

## cast

*v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

*synonym*: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

## ambiguity

*n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

*synonym*: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

## religion

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

*synonym*: faith, creed, belief

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

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

## conflict

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

*synonym*: clash, discord, competition

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

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

## imaginary

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

*synonym*: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

## rip

*v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

*synonym*: tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof

During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

## compress

*v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

*synonym*: condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

## instance

*n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

*synonym*: example, sample, illustration

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

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

## defy

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

*synonym*: challenge, resist, disobey

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

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

## narrative

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

*synonym* : the tale, chronology, annals

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

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

## incongruity

*n.* the state or quality of being incongruous or lacking harmony or agreement; a lack of consistency or appropriateness

*synonym* : discrepancy, inconsistency, paradox

(1) an **incongruity** in language, (2) ironic **incongruity**

The meeting ended with an **incongruity** between what was agreed upon and what was actually implemented.

## contrast

*v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

*synonym* : differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

## syntax

*n.* the grammatical order or rule of words in a sentence

*synonym* : grammar

(1) French **syntax**, (2) **syntax** error

Let's investigate the **syntax** of Latin.

## polite

*adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

*synonym* : courteous, civil, respectful

(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone

It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.

## cognitive

*adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding

*synonym* : perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack

of sleep.

## synergy

*n.* the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements

*synonym* : cooperation, collaboration, partnership

(1) **synergy** collaboration, (2) **synergy** between businesses

The new software program was designed to increase productivity by promoting employee **synergy**.

## mash

*v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

*synonym* : crush, grind, pulverize

(1) **mash** his words, (2) potato **mash**

She **mashed** the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

## temporarily

*adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently

*synonym* : for a time

(1) a hut made **temporarily**, (2) **temporarily** suspend the production

Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size **temporarily**.

## propriety

*n.* the state or quality of being correct and suitable in manners, etiquette, or conduct

*synonym* : appropriateness, correctness, decorum

(1) a breach of **propriety**, (2) **propriety** etiquette

The company's code of **propriety** requires all employees to dress professionally.

## vulgarity

*n.* behavior, language, or actions that are crude, socially unacceptable, or offensive; lack of refinement or taste; indecency or obscenity

*synonym* : crudeness, coarseness, indecency

(1) verbal **vulgarity**, (2) crude **vulgarity**

His speech was filled with unnecessary **vulgarity** and offended many audience members.

## analyst

*n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it

*synonym*: reviewer, investigator, judge

(1) banking **analyst**, (2) senior research **analyst**

The **analyst** concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.

## analyze

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

*synonym*: explore, examine, investigate

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

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

## dissect

*v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

*synonym*: analyze, examine, study

(1) **dissect** the data, (2) **dissect** a personality

The scientist **dissected** the frog to study its internal organs.

## genocide

*n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

*synonym*: mass murder, extermination, annihilation

(1) **genocide** victims, (2) **genocide** resolution

The international community condemned the **genocide** in the country.

## fop

*n.* a man who is excessively concerned with his appearance, manners, and clothes, often to the point of being considered vain or overly self-conscious; a dandy or a man who is overly concerned with fashion and style

*synonym*: dandy, clotheshorse, coxcomb

(1) arrogant **fop**, (2) stylish **fop**

The wealthy **fop** strutted around town, flaunting his expensive

clothes and accessories.

## critic

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

*synonym*: pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

## exaggerate

*v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

*synonym*: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

## normally

*adv.* usually; under normal conditions

*synonym*: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

## mood

*n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

*synonym*: mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

## sake

*n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done

*synonym*: purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

## rye

*n.* a hardy cereal grain commonly used for its grain, flour, or straw, typically used in baking, distilling spirits, or as a cover crop for soil improvement

*synonym*: grain, barley, wheat



(1) **rye** bread, (2) **rye** whiskey

**Rye** flour can be used to make delicious and hearty bread.

## sourdough

*n.* a type of bread made from a fermented mixture of flour and water known as a "starter" that develops a sour taste and aroma due to the presence of naturally occurring bacteria and yeast

(1) crusty **sourdough**, (2) **sourdough** starter

I am making homemade **sourdough** bread from scratch for the first time.

## turkey

*n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

(1) swell like a **turkey**, (2) **turkey** breast meat

They prepared a stuffed **turkey** for Thanksgiving.

## bacon

*n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig

*synonym* : ham, pork belly, gammon

(1) **bacon** and eggs, (2) **bacon** sandwich

I love the smell of **bacon** sizzling in the morning.

## grill

*n.* a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill

*synonym* : barbecue, broiler, griddle

(1) gas **grill**, (2) **grill** a steak

The restaurant is famous for its **grill**, where they serve the best steaks.

## mustard

*n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown

*synonym* : condiment, sauce, spice

(1) **mustard** leaf, (2) black **mustard** seed

He had to endure the **mustard** gas attack during the war.

## definitely

*adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

*synonym*: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

## siren

*n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger

*synonym*: alarm, warning, alert

(1) fire truck **siren**, (2) police **siren**

I heard the **siren** of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.

## exaggeration

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

*synonym*: hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

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

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

## bum

*n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

*synonym*: hobo, vagrant, tramp

(1) homeless **bum**, (2) lazy **bum**

He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up **bum** with nothing to show.

## booze

*n.* an informal term for alcoholic beverages, particularly strong liquor or spirits

*synonym*: alcohol, liquor, spirits

(1) cheap **booze**, (2) drown your sorrows in **booze**

The partygoers were advised to drink moderately and avoid

excessive **booze** consumption.

## ventriloquist

*n.* a performer who entertains by making their voice appear to come from somewhere else, often through the use of a dummy or puppet

*synonym* : puppeteer, voice thrower

(1) **ventriloquist** dummy, (2) **ventriloquist** act

The famous **ventriloquist** used his puppet to tell jokes and entertain the audience.

## dummy

*n.* a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly

*synonym* : mannequin, puppet, figurine

(1) **dummy** address, (2) the crash test **dummy**

The ventriloquist's **dummy** was incredibly lifelike and entertaining.

## puke

*v.* to vomit or eject the contents of the stomach through the mouth; to feel or experience extreme disgust or hatred

*synonym* : vomit, hurl, upchuck

(1) **puke** my guts, (2) **puke** in the toilet

The smell of rotting food made him **puke** in disgust.

## guilty

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

*synonym* : culpable, blameworthy, at fault

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

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

## judgment

*n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

*synonym* : conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

## concept

*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract  
*synonym* : idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

## violation

*n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

*synonym* : breach, transgression, infraction

(1) **violation** law, (2) commit a traffic **violation**

The international community has widely condemned the **violation** of human rights.

## immune

*adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

*synonym* : resistant, unsusceptible, unaffected

(1) **immune** from criminal prosecution, (2) the cell of the **immune** system

The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely **immune**.

## cancer

*n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

*synonym* : tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

## intelligent

*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

*synonym* : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

**Intelligent** robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

## dissection

*n.* the act or process of cutting up or dividing something to examine it

*synonym* : cutting, slicing, dissecting

(1) **dissection** process, (2) **dissection** specimen

The **dissection** of the frog revealed its internal anatomy.

## glance

*v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

*synonym* : glimpse, peek, flash

(1) **glance** around nervously, (2) **glance** at him miserably

I casually **glanced** into the small hut.

## malign

*v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence

*synonym* : defame, vilify, (adjective) evil

(1) **malign** influence, (2) **malign** the politician in the media

The article **maligned** the company's reputation with false accusations.

## meta

*adj.* pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements

*synonym* : self-referential, introspective, recursive

(1) **meta-analysis**, (2) **meta-language**

The **meta** description of a website is an important element for search engine optimization.

## motivation

*n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

*synonym* : inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## dislike

*v.* to not like someone or something

*synonym*: disapprove, disfavor, deprecate

(1) **dislike** speaking in public, (2) **dislike** this kind of food

He seems to **dislike** all forms of exercise.

## excitement

*n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

*synonym*: thrill, exhilaration, incitement

(1) the **excitement** in the business world, (2) aesthetic

**excitement**

The **excitement** of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## purposeful

*adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined

*synonym*: determined, resolved, resolute

(1) **purposeful** series of actions, (2) at a **purposeful** pace

She had a **purposeful** look and was determined to complete the task.

## anxious

*adj.* worried and nervous

*synonym*: nervous, uneasy, afraid

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

He cast **anxious** glances behind her.

## stimming

*n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements

or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

*synonym*: self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

## transgress

*v.* to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something

*synonym*: trespass, violate, infringe

(1) **transgress** boundaries, (2) **transgress** against the rules

The company was fined for **transgressing** environmental regulations.

## amusement

*n.* the state or experience of finding something humorous or entertaining

*synonym*: entertainment, diversion, fun

(1) **amusement** quarters, (2) source of **amusement**

We went to the **amusement** park and rode roller coasters all day.

## incredibly

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

*synonym*: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

## snug

*adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design

*synonym*: cozy, comfortable, kempt

(1) **snug** blanket, (2) **snug** little house

The baby was fast asleep in his **snug** cot, swaddled in soft, warm blankets.

## occupy

*v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time  
*synonym* : inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

## bomb

*n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

*synonym* : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

## offend

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

*synonym* : insult, hurt, anger

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

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

## gross

*adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

*synonym* : before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

## controversy

*n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

*synonym* : disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse **controversy**

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

## 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.

## suicide

*n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally  
*synonym*: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

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

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

## virgin

*n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

*synonym*: virtuous, vestal, beginner

(1) **virgin** material, (2) enter **virgin** territory

Within a few years, no **virgin** forests will remain.

## bet

*v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

*synonym*: stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

## appropriate

*adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

*synonym*: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

## martini

*n.* a cocktail made with gin and vermouth typically garnished with an olive or a twist of lemon peel

(1) **martini** glass, (2) shaken **martini**

I ordered a dirty **martini** with extra olives at the bar.

## legitimate

*adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

*synonym*: lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

## disposition

*n.* a person's inherent qualities of character or temperament; the act or means of getting rid of something

*synonym*: temperament, character, mood

(1) a close **disposition**, (2) **disposition** of an estate  
Her **disposition** was always cheerful and optimistic.

## fundamentalist

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

*synonym*: extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**  
He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

## reflection

*n.* the act of thinking deeply about something, or the ability to think deeply; the image of something that is seen in a mirror or other reflective surface

*synonym*: contemplation, meditation, consideration

(1) **reflection** question, (2) photon **reflection**  
The teacher asked the students to write a **reflection** on the book they had just read.

## assume

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

*synonym*: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role  
The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

## obituary

*n.* a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death

*synonym* : death notice, memorial, necrology

(1) **obituary** notice, (2) **obituary** column

The man's **obituary** was published in the local newspaper.

## dot

*n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

*synonym* : drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

## profound

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

*synonym* : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

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

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

## vegetarian

*n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons

(1) eat a **vegetarian** diet, (2) a strict **vegetarian**

This restaurant has **vegetarian** dishes as well.

## moral

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

*synonym* : honest, ethical, conscientious

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

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

## annoy

*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

*synonym* : aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

## excuse

*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

*synonym* : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

## pinpoint

*v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

*synonym* : name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

## obsession

*n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

*synonym* : compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

## narcissist

*n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

*synonym* : egotist, boaster, braggart

(1) relationship with a **narcissist**, (2) somatic **narcissist**

He thinks she is a high **narcissist** because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

## foil

*n.* a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions

*synonym* : enhancer, transparency, (verb) curb

(1) aluminum **foil**, (2) **foil** a terror plot

The baker covered the cake with **foil** to prevent it from burning in the oven.

## foible

*n.* a minor weakness or flaw in character or behavior that is considered forgivable or acceptable

*synonym* : shortcoming, weakness, flaw

(1) personal **foible**, (2) mental **foibles**

One of his many **foibles** was his obsession with collecting antique teacups.

## Arthurian

*adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

## association

*n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

*synonym*: affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

## frame

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

*synonym*: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

## refer

*v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

*synonym*: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

## lassie

*n.* a young girl or woman; the name of a famous fictional character, a Rough Collie dog in a series of books and movies

*synonym*: girl, miss, maiden

(1) **lassie** in the village, (2) playful **lassie**

The wee **lassie** approached the school with a bright smile on

her face.

## puzzling

*adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

*synonym* : baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

## puzzle

*n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

*synonym* : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

## feat

*n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

*synonym* : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

## basis

*n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

*synonym* : foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

## norm

*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

*synonym* : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

## observation

*n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

*synonym*: watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

## realm

*n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

*synonym*: domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

## cowboy

*n.* a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle

*synonym*: cowpuncher, rancher, wrangler

(1) **cowboy** rodeo, (2) **cowboy** boots

The **cowboy** hat she wore added to her rugged and tough look.

## cow

*n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

*synonym*: bovine, cattle, kine

(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**

The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.

## impressive

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

*synonym*: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

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

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

## absurd

*adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

*synonym*: ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

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

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

## nonsense

*n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

*synonym* : ludicrousness, gabble, absurdity

(1) talk **nonsense**, (2) sheer **nonsense**

The parents spoke to their children in no- **nonsense** tones.

## damn

*v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

*synonym* : curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

## memo

*n.* a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company

*synonym* : memorandum, note, reminder

(1) a **memo** pad, (2) **memo** content

I received a **memo** from the CEO outlining the new company policies.

## abstract

*adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

*synonym* : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

## conservative

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

*synonym* : traditional, reactionary, cautious

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

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting



future sales.

## smorgasbord

*n.* a variety or assortment of different options, choices, or offerings; a buffet-style meal with a wide range of dishes

*synonym*: buffet, feast, banquet

(1) **smorgasbord** buffet, (2) delicious **smorgasbord**

The buffet had a **smorgasbord** of food options, from sushi to pasta to desserts.

## caption

*n.* a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document

*synonym*: heading, subheading, title

(1) **caption** text, (2) social media **caption**

The **caption** on the photograph helped to explain the image's content.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------|--|
| 1. become pol_____ly savvy   | <i>adv.</i> in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation                          |
| 2. pi_____nt the problem     | <i>v.</i> to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something                           |
| 3. intellectual f__t         | <i>n.</i> a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery         |
| 4. in an ugly m__d           | <i>n.</i> the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind                       |
| 5. strict time con_____nts   | <i>n.</i> a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought                     |
| 6. agree to su____t the bill | <i>v.</i> to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration |
| 7. dis_____on process        | <i>n.</i> the act or process of cutting up or dividing something to examine it                             |
| 8. ma_____l powers           | <i>adj.</i> produced by or containing supernatural powers  |
| 9. connecting the d_ts       | <i>n.</i> a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed                                       |
| 10. pr_____ty etiquette      | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being correct and suitable in manners, etiquette, or conduct             |
| 11. ab____d storyline        | <i>adj.</i> ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical   |
| 12. pu_____ng questions      | <i>adj.</i> confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious   |

ANSWERS: 1. politically, 2. pinpoint, 3. feat, 4. mood, 5. constraint, 6. submit, 7. dissection, 8. magical, 9. dot, 10. propriety, 11. absurd, 12. puzzling

13. a picture fr\_\_e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
14. pur\_\_\_\_\_ul series of actions *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
15. d\_\_n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
16. improve co\_\_\_\_\_ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
17. c\_\_t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
18. im\_\_\_\_\_ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
19. s\_n of omission *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
20. the cell of the im\_\_\_e system *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
21. re\_\_r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
22. bombs fell at ra\_\_\_m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 13. frame, 14. purposeful, 15. damn, 16. cognitive, 17. cast, 18. imaginary, 19. sin, 20. immune, 21. refer, 22. random

23. leg\_\_\_\_\_te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
24. drown your sorrows in bo\_\_e *n.* an informal term for alcoholic beverages, particularly strong liquor or spirits
25. vitreous hu\_\_r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
26. st\_\_\_\_\_ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
27. r\_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
28. gas gr\_\_l *n.* a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill
29. mo\_\_l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
30. ge\_\_\_\_\_de resolution *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
31. a leg\_\_\_\_\_te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
32. en\_\_\_\_\_e a check with a letter *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

ANSWERS: 23. legitimate, 24. booze, 25. humor, 26. stimming, 27. rip, 28. grill, 29. moral, 30. genocide, 31. legitimate, 32. enclose

33. personal fo\_\_\_e *n.* a minor weakness or flaw in character or behavior that is considered forgivable or acceptable
34. ven\_\_\_\_\_ist act *n.* a performer who entertains by making their voice appear to come from somewhere else, often through the use of a dummy or puppet
35. su\_\_\_e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
36. ven\_\_\_\_\_ist dummy *n.* a performer who entertains by making their voice appear to come from somewhere else, often through the use of a dummy or puppet
37. gr\_\_l a steak *n.* a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill
38. the most re\_\_\_\_d President *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
39. co\_\_\_y rodeo *n.* a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle
40. p\_\_e my guts *v.* to vomit or eject the contents of the stomach through the mouth; to feel or experience extreme disgust or hatred

ANSWERS: 33. foible, 34. ventriloquist, 35. suicide, 36. ventriloquist, 37. grill, 38. revered, 39. cowboy, 40. puke

41. se\_\_e between topics      *v.* to make a smooth and uninterrupted transition from one topic or activity to another
42. m\_\_a-analysis      *adj.* pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements
43. a be\_\_\_n smile      *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
44. beyond the re\_\_m of possibility      *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
45. in\_\_\_\_\_e a lot of paperwork      *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
46. 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
47. the w\_t of man      *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
48. ma\_\_\_n influence      *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
49. re\_\_\_\_\_on by community      *n.* the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign

ANSWERS: 41. segue, 42. meta, 43. benign, 44. realm, 45. involve, 46. heaven, 47. wit, 48. malign, 49. rejection

50. playful la\_\_\_e *n.* a young girl or woman; the name of a famous fictional character, a Rough Collie dog in a series of books and movies
51. co\_\_\_\_\_t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
52. co\_\_\_\_\_st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
53. r\_e whiskey *n.* a hardy cereal grain commonly used for its grain, flour, or straw, typically used in baking, distilling spirits, or as a cover crop for soil improvement
54. motion b\_\_r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
55. mo\_\_l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
56. autistic st\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
57. in\_\_\_\_\_e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
58. b\_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

ANSWERS: 50. lassie, 51. concept, 52. contrast, 53. rye, 54. blur, 55. moral, 56. stimming, 57. involve, 58. bet

59. serial qu\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
60. ob\_\_\_\_\_on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
61. at a pur\_\_\_\_\_ul pace *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
62. the pr\_\_\_\_\_nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
63. a rid\_\_\_\_\_us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
64. inc\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
65. d\_\_n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
66. co\_\_\_\_\_on effect *n.* the spread of a disease or harmful influence from one person or thing to another
67. sy\_\_\_x error *n.* the grammatical order or rule of words in a sentence
68. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
69. re\_\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 59. quitter, 60. obsession, 61. purposeful, 62. profound, 63. ridiculous, 64. incredibly, 65. damn, 66. contagion, 67. syntax, 68. improvisation, 69. relation



70. crossword pu\_\_\_e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
71. transplant re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign
72. 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
73. a close dis\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a person's inherent qualities of character or temperament; the act or means of getting rid of something
74. a pr\_\_\_\_\_nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
75. ma\_\_\_\_\_l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
76. a scholarship ass\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
77. an ant\_\_\_\_\_ant drug *n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry

ANSWERS: 70. puzzle, 71. rejection, 72. discuss, 73. disposition, 74. profound, 75. magical, 76. association, 77. antidepressant

78. sa\_\_\_\_y a user's needs      *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
79. an\_\_\_\_e your real motives      *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
80. an int\_\_\_\_\_nt person      *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
81. 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
82. re\_\_\_\_d figure      *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
83. for in\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
84. ca\_\_\_\_n text      *n.* a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document
85. exa\_\_\_\_\_te story      *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
86. am\_\_\_\_\_nt quarters      *n.* the state or experience of finding something humorous or entertaining
87. c\_\_t a ballot      *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
88. a rid\_\_\_\_\_us amount of money      *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
89. f\_\_e in importance      *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

ANSWERS: 78. satisfy, 79. analyze, 80. intelligent, 81. regret, 82. revered, 83. instance, 84. caption, 85. exaggerate, 86. amusement, 87. cast, 88. ridiculous, 89. fade

90. the exc\_\_\_\_\_nt in the business world  
*n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
91. say def\_\_\_\_\_ly  
*adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
92. tra\_\_\_\_\_ss boundaries  
*v.* to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something
93. ba\_\_s for calculation  
*n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
94. learn new co\_\_\_\_\_ts  
*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
95. banking an\_\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
96. co\_\_\_\_\_m a transaction  
*v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
97. local ane\_\_\_\_\_ic  
*n.* a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain
98. int\_\_\_\_\_nt assisting system  
*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
99. come out of no\_\_\_\_\_e  
*adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
100. verbal vu\_\_\_\_\_ty  
*n.* behavior, language, or actions that are crude, socially unacceptable, or offensive; lack of refinement or taste; indecency or obscenity

ANSWERS: 90. excitement, 91. definitely, 92. transgress, 93. basis, 94. concept, 95. analyst, 96. confirm, 97. anesthetic, 98. intelligent, 99. nowhere, 100. vulgarity

101. co\_\_\_\_m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
102. homeless b\_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
103. a private ind\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
104. French sy\_\_\_\_x *n.* the grammatical order or rule of words in a sentence
105. smo\_\_\_\_\_rd buffet *n.* a variety or assortment of different options, choices, or offerings; a buffet-style meal with a wide range of dishes
106. an elegant ent\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
107. avoid am\_\_\_\_\_ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
108. ge\_\_\_\_\_de victims *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
109. hour of ent\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
110. full of w\_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

ANSWERS: 101. confirm, 102. bum, 103. individual, 104. syntax, 105. smorgasbord, 106. entertainment, 107. ambiguity, 108. genocide, 109. entertainment, 110. wit

111. an\_\_y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
112. f\_\_e away almost completely *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
113. a breach of pr\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being correct and suitable in manners, etiquette, or conduct
114. deliver a ju\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
115. ane\_\_\_\_ic injection *n.* a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain
116. shaken ma\_\_\_\_i *n.* a cocktail made with gin and vermouth typically garnished with an olive or a twist of lemon peel
117. customer sat\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
118. s\_\_g blanket *adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design
119. arrogant f\_p *n.* a man who is excessively concerned with his appearance, manners, and clothes, often to the point of being considered vain or overly self-conscious; a dandy or a man who is overly concerned with fashion and style

ANSWERS: 111. annoy, 112. fade, 113. propriety, 114. judgment, 115. anesthetic, 116. martini, 117. satisfaction, 118. snug, 119. fop

120. as\_\_\_e a lousy attitude to his boss     *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
121. feel a bit gu\_\_\_y     *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
122. dis\_\_\_\_\_te wealth evenly     *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
123. dis\_\_\_\_\_on of an estate     *n.* a person's inherent qualities of character or temperament; the act or means of getting rid of something
124. tem\_\_\_\_\_ly suspend the production     *adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
125. an\_\_\_e a chemical compound     *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
126. im\_\_\_e from criminal prosecution     *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
127. se\_\_e the conversation     *v.* to make a smooth and uninterrupted transition from one topic or activity to another
128. ironic inc\_\_\_\_\_ty     *n.* the state or quality of being incongruous or lacking harmony or agreement; a lack of consistency or appropriateness
129. senior research an\_\_\_\_\_t     *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it

ANSWERS: 120. assume, 121. guilty, 122. distribute, 123. disposition, 124. temporarily, 125. analyze, 126. immune, 127. segue, 128. incongruity, 129. analyst

130. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly obsessed with the girl      *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
131. the Ar\_\_\_\_\_an cycle      *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
132. eat a veg\_\_\_\_\_an diet      *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
133. complete no\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
134. fire truck si\_\_n      *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
135. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
136. b\_b on the surface of the water      *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
137. me\_\_\_\_\_n in a report      *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
138. as\_\_\_e an important role      *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 130. absolutely, 131. Arthurian, 132. vegetarian, 133. normally, 134. siren, 135. opportune, 136. bob, 137. mention, 138. assume

139. con\_\_\_\_\_nt on business activity      *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
140. ref\_\_\_\_\_on question      *n.* the act of thinking deeply about something, or the ability to think deeply; the image of something that is seen in a mirror or other reflective surface
141. an an\_\_\_\_\_s look      *adj.* worried and nervous
142. the m\_\_d in a room      *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
143. ba\_\_n sandwich      *n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig
144. potato m\_\_h      *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
145. an imp\_\_\_\_\_ve array of facts      *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
146. dis\_\_\_\_\_on specimen      *n.* the act or process of cutting up or dividing something to examine it
147. stylish f\_p      *n.* a man who is excessively concerned with his appearance, manners, and clothes, often to the point of being considered vain or overly self-conscious; a dandy or a man who is overly concerned with fashion and style
148. the fr\_\_e of the policy      *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 139. constraint, 140. reflection, 141. anxious, 142. mood, 143. bacon, 144. mash, 145. impressive, 146. dissection, 147. fop, 148. frame



149. a comprehensive su\_\_\_y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
150. sensational exa\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
151. pi\_\_\_\_\_nt signs of manipulation *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
152. mathematical pu\_\_\_e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
153. the acc\_\_\_\_\_ng department *n.* a system of recording and summarizing financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results
154. an inc\_\_\_\_\_ty in language *n.* the state or quality of being incongruous or lacking harmony or agreement; a lack of consistency or appropriateness
155. ca\_\_\_\_\_n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
156. aesthetic exc\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
157. fun\_\_\_\_\_ist church *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

ANSWERS: 149. survey, 150. exaggeration, 151. pinpoint, 152. puzzle, 153. accounting, 154. incongruity, 155. cartoon, 156. excitement, 157. fundamentalist

158. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
159. pu\_\_\_\_\_ng behavior *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
160. di\_\_\_\_\_e speaking in public *v.* to not like someone or something
161. ob\_\_\_\_\_ry notice *n.* a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death
162. re\_\_\_\_t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
163. be\_\_\_\_n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
164. an ab\_\_\_\_d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
165. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
166. on an equal ba\_\_\_\_s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
167. ma\_\_e coating *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
168. historical co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 158. determinant, 159. puzzling, 160. dislike, 161. obituary, 162. reject, 163. benign, 164. absurd, 165. discotheque, 166. basis, 167. matte, 168. context

169. gr\_\_s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
170. a f\_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
171. ba\_\_n and eggs *n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig
172. easy qu\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
173. 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
174. po\_\_\_e manners *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
175. a co\_\_\_\_\_on of fear *n.* the spread of a disease or harmful influence from one person or thing to another
176. en\_\_\_\_\_e area *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
177. sardonic hu\_\_r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
178. c\_w herd *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

ANSWERS: 169. gross, 170. fin, 171. bacon, 172. quitter, 173. decide, 174. polite, 175. contagion, 176. enclose, 177. humor, 178. cow

179. dairy c\_w *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
180. vi\_\_\_n material *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
181. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
182. ma\_\_\_n the politician in the media *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
183. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
184. crude vu\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* behavior, language, or actions that are crude, socially unacceptable, or offensive; lack of refinement or taste; indecency or obscenity
185. an\_\_\_\_\_s about his health *adj.* worried and nervous
186. d\_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
187. talk no\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
188. aluminum f\_\_l *n.* a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions

ANSWERS: 179. cow, 180. virgin, 181. decide, 182. malign, 183. opportune, 184.

vulgarity, 185. anxious, 186. dot, 187. nonsense, 188. foil

189. em\_\_\_\_\_al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
190. an\_\_y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
191. public re\_\_m *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
192. severe cr\_\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
193. political fun\_\_\_\_\_ist *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
194. personal na\_\_\_\_\_ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
195. oc\_\_\_y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
196. sense of fr\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a sudden intense feeling or thrill, often accompanied by shivers or goosebumps, typically brought on by excitement, anticipation, or a strong emotional response
197. barren of cr\_\_\_\_ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
198. a jo\_\_t venture *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
199. sy\_\_\_\_\_y collaboration *n.* the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements

ANSWERS: 189. emotional, 190. annoy, 191. realm, 192. critic, 193. fundamentalist, 194. narrative, 195. occupy, 196. frisson, 197. creative, 198. joint, 199. synergy

200. def\_\_\_\_\_ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
201. gu\_\_\_y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
202. sy\_\_\_\_\_y between businesses *n.* the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements
203. 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
204. a strict veg\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
205. recent su\_\_\_y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
206. for the s\_\_e of argument *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
207. disarm the b\_\_b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
208. b\_b a quick curtsy *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

ANSWERS: 200. definitely, 201. guilty, 202. synergy, 203. discuss, 204. vegetarian, 205. survey, 206. sake, 207. bomb, 208. bob

209. forgive a s\_n *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
210. black mu\_\_\_\_d seed *n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
211. d\_\_y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
212. of\_\_\_\_d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
213. re\_\_r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
214. con\_\_\_\_\_ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
215. ob\_\_\_\_\_ry column *n.* a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death
216. arouse con\_\_\_\_\_sy *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
217. b\_\_r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
218. f\_\_t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 209. sin, 210. mustard, 211. defy, 212. offend, 213. refer, 214. conservative, 215. obituary, 216. controversy, 217. blur, 218. feat



219. ca\_\_\_\_\_n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
220. na\_\_\_\_\_ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
221. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
222. r\_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
223. sheer no\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
224. du\_\_y address *n.* a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly
225. 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
226. sa\_\_\_\_\_y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
227. class obs\_\_\_\_\_on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
228. spine-tingling fr\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a sudden intense feeling or thrill, often accompanied by shivers or goosebumps, typically brought on by excitement, anticipation, or a strong emotional response

ANSWERS: 219. cartoon, 220. narrative, 221. environment, 222. rip, 223. nonsense, 224. dummy, 225. heaven, 226. satisfy, 227. observation, 228. frisson

229. su\_\_\_r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
230. gl\_\_\_e at him miserably *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
231. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
232. se\_\_\_\_\_ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
233. re\_\_\_t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
234. for your own s\_\_e *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
235. relationship with a nar\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
236. a sense of sat\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
237. tra\_\_\_\_\_ss against the rules *v.* to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something
238. understand his mot\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
239. di\_\_\_\_\_e this kind of food *v.* to not like someone or something

ANSWERS: 229. suffer, 230. glance, 231. absolutely, 232. sensitive, 233. reject, 234. sake, 235. narcissist, 236. satisfaction, 237. transgress, 238. motivation, 239. dislike

240. ind\_\_\_\_\_al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
241. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
242. co\_\_\_\_\_st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
243. app\_\_\_\_\_te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
244. mu\_\_\_\_\_d leaf *n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
245. photo with a ma\_\_e finish *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
246. pol\_\_\_\_\_ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
247. cultural n\_\_m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
248. swell like a tu\_\_\_y *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
249. legal co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
250. lazy b\_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

ANSWERS: 240. individual, 241. discotheque, 242. contrast, 243. appropriate, 244. mustard, 245. matte, 246. politically, 247. norm, 248. turkey, 249. context, 250. bum

251. source of am\_\_\_\_\_nt
252. f\_\_l a terror plot
253. m\_\_a-language
254. co\_\_\_y boots
255. a m\_\_o pad
256. im\_\_\_\_\_ry pregnancy
257. of\_\_\_d his sensibilities
- n.* the state or experience of finding something humorous or entertaining
- n.* a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions
- adj.* pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements
- n.* a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle
- n.* a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company
- adj.* existing only in someone's mind
- v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

ANSWERS: 251. amusement, 252. foil, 253. meta, 254. cowboy, 255. memo, 256. imaginary, 257. offend

258. b\_t on a race      *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
259. vi\_\_\_\_\_on law      *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
260. social media ca\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document
261. ca\_\_\_r research      *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
262. the gr\_\_s amount      *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
263. minimal exa\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
264. employment co\_\_\_\_\_ct      *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
265. the longstanding co\_\_\_\_\_ct      *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 258. bet, 259. violation, 260. caption, 261. cancer, 262. gross, 263. exaggeration, 264. contract, 265. conflict

266. r\_e bread *n.* a hardy cereal grain commonly used for its grain, flour, or straw, typically used in baking, distilling spirits, or as a cover crop for soil improvement
267. ma\_\_\_\_i glass *n.* a cocktail made with gin and vermouth typically garnished with an olive or a twist of lemon peel
268. notable in\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
269. acc\_\_\_\_ng software *n.* a system of recording and summarizing financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results
270. em\_\_\_\_al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
271. oc\_\_\_y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
272. no\_\_\_\_e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
273. a ra\_\_\_m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
274. ca\_\_\_r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
275. the bone of a jo\_\_t *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

ANSWERS: 266. rye, 267. martini, 268. instance, 269. accounting, 270. emotional, 271. occupy, 272. nowhere, 273. random, 274. cancer, 275. joint

276. mental fo___es	<i>n.</i> a minor weakness or flaw in character or behavior that is considered forgivable or acceptable
277. photon ref____on	<i>n.</i> the act of thinking deeply about something, or the ability to think deeply; the image of something that is seen in a mirror or other reflective surface
278. police si__n	<i>n.</i> a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
279. ab____ct science	<i>adj.</i> based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
280. m__o content	<i>n.</i> a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company
281. not no____ly drink much	<i>adv.</i> usually; under normal conditions
282. jazz imp____ion	<i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
283. di____t the data	<i>v.</i> to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
284. a con____ive society	<i>adj.</i> holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
285. get inc____ly insecure	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
286. an emotional ju____nt	<i>n.</i> the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

ANSWERS: 276. foible, 277. reflection, 278. siren, 279. abstract, 280. memo, 281. normally, 282. improvisation, 283. dissect, 284. conservative, 285. incredibly, 286. judgment

287. imp\_\_\_\_\_ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
288. the co\_\_\_\_\_ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
289. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
290. somatic nar\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
291. ex\_\_\_e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
292. delicious smo\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a variety or assortment of different options, choices, or offerings; a buffet-style meal with a wide range of dishes
293. atomic b\_\_bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
294. gl\_\_\_e around nervously *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
295. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
296. so\_\_\_\_\_gh starter *n.* a type of bread made from a fermented mixture of flour and water known as a "starter" that develops a sour taste and aroma due to the presence of naturally occurring bacteria and yeast

ANSWERS: 287. impressive, 288. conflict, 289. psychology, 290. narcissist, 291. excuse, 292. smorgasbord, 293. bomb, 294. glance, 295. environment, 296. sourdough



297. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
298. po\_\_\_e tone *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
299. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
300. di\_\_\_\_\_t a personality *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
301. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
302. word ass\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
303. re\_\_\_\_\_on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
304. commit a traffic vi\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
305. enter vi\_\_\_n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
306. perfect ex\_\_\_e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 297. norm, 298. polite, 299. psychology, 300. dissect, 301. determinant, 302. association, 303. religion, 304. violation, 305. virgin, 306. excuse

307. a hut made tem\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
308. art cr\_\_\_c      *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
309. research on co\_\_\_\_\_ve psychology      *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
310. p\_\_e in the toilet      *v.* to vomit or eject the contents of the stomach through the mouth; to feel or experience extreme disgust or hatred
311. cr\_\_\_\_\_ve writing      *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
312. freedom of re\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
313. an ab\_\_\_\_\_ct noun      *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
314. exa\_\_\_\_\_te in degree      *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
315. crusty so\_\_\_\_\_gh      *n.* a type of bread made from a fermented mixture of flour and water known as a "starter" that develops a sour taste and aroma due to the presence of naturally occurring bacteria and yeast
316. the crash test du\_\_y      *n.* a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly
317. re\_\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect      *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 307. temporarily, 308. critic, 309. cognitive, 310. puke, 311. creative, 312. religion, 313. abstract, 314. exaggerate, 315. sourdough, 316. dummy, 317. relation

318. su\_\_\_r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
319. baby with se\_\_\_\_\_ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
320. la\_\_\_e in the village *n.* a young girl or woman; the name of a famous fictional character, a Rough Collie dog in a series of books and movies
321. cheap bo\_\_\_e *n.* an informal term for alcoholic beverages, particularly strong liquor or spirits
322. d\_\_\_y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
323. co\_\_\_\_\_ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
324. ant\_\_\_\_\_ant effect *n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry
325. me\_\_\_\_\_n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
326. m\_\_\_h his words *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
327. con\_\_\_\_\_sy among researchers *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

ANSWERS: 318. suffer, 319. sensitive, 320. lassie, 321. booze, 322. defy, 323. compress, 324. antidepressant, 325. mention, 326. mash, 327. controversy

328. back f\_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
329. tu\_\_\_y breast meat *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
330. mot\_\_\_\_\_on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
331. co\_\_\_\_\_ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
332. an app\_\_\_\_\_te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
333. Ar\_\_\_\_\_an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
334. commit su\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
335. co\_\_\_\_\_ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
336. national ob\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
337. free from am\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
338. su\_\_\_t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

ANSWERS: 328. fin, 329. turkey, 330. motivation, 331. contract, 332. appropriate, 333. Arthurian, 334. suicide, 335. compress, 336. obsession, 337. ambiguity, 338. submit

339. 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
340. obs\_\_\_\_\_on instrument            *n.*    the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
341. s\_\_g little house                      *adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design
342. ex\_\_\_e the crowd                      *v.*    to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
343. ex\_\_\_e rebellion                      *v.*    to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
344. dis\_\_\_\_\_te video content            *v.*    to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 339. regret, 340. observation, 341. snug, 342. excite, 343. excite, 344. distribute

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. During transit, the stuff may \_\_\_\_ off the luggage tag.  
*v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
2. He cast \_\_\_\_\_ glances behind her.  
*adj.* worried and nervous
3. Please \_\_\_\_\_ to the instruction manual for further assistance.  
*v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
4. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink \_\_\_\_ on a white surface.  
*n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
5. The detective found the clues \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't solve the case immediately.  
*adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.  
*n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
7. The company's poor financial performance is likely to \_\_\_\_ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.  
*v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
8. She \_\_\_\_\_ the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.  
*v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

ANSWERS: 1. rip, 2. anxious, 3. refer, 4. dots, 5. puzzling, 6. analyst, 7. damn, 8. mashed

9. The use of cluster \_\_\_\_\_ is strictly prohibited by international law.
- n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
10. The investigation \_\_\_\_\_ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
11. Her \_\_\_\_\_ was always cheerful and optimistic.
- n.* a person's inherent qualities of character or temperament; the act or means of getting rid of something
12. The partygoers were advised to drink moderately and avoid excessive \_\_\_\_\_ consumption.
- n.* an informal term for alcoholic beverages, particularly strong liquor or spirits
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ teacher was loved by her students.
- v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
14. He spent his afternoon watching \_\_\_\_\_ movies on TV.
- n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the frog revealed its internal anatomy.
- n.* the act or process of cutting up or dividing something to examine it
16. I received a \_\_\_\_\_ from the CEO outlining the new company policies.
- n.* a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company

ANSWERS: 9. bombs, 10. involves, 11. disposition, 12. booze, 13. revered, 14. cartoon, 15. dissection, 16. memo

17. The wee \_\_\_\_\_ approached the school with a bright smile on her face.  
*n.* a young girl or woman; the name of a famous fictional character, a Rough Collie dog in a series of books and movies
18. She had a \_\_\_\_\_ look and was determined to complete the task.  
*adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
19. The budget \_\_\_\_\_ forced them to make difficult decisions.  
*n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
20. Gambling became an \_\_\_\_\_ for him, and he eventually lost everything.  
*n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
21. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
22. One such rapidly growing \_\_\_\_\_ is quantum cryptography.  
*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
23. Breast \_\_\_\_\_ is the most common type of cancer in women.  
*n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
24. He seems to \_\_\_\_\_ all forms of exercise.  
*v.* to not like someone or something

ANSWERS: 17. lassie, 18. purposeful, 19. constraint, 20. obsession, 21. creative, 22. concept, 23. cancer, 24. dislike



25. This radar quickly \_\_\_\_\_ the position of the enemy.  
*v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
26. The lump was discovered to be \_\_\_\_\_ and no further treatment was needed.  
*adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
27. Autistic children may engage in \_\_\_\_\_ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.  
*n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
28. The farmer milked the \_\_\_\_\_ every morning before breakfast.  
*n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
29. Ethics deals with \_\_\_\_\_ conduct.  
*adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
30. He always makes a \_\_\_\_\_ estimation when predicting future sales.  
*adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
31. I am making homemade \_\_\_\_\_ bread from scratch for the first time.  
*n.* a type of bread made from a fermented mixture of flour and water known as a "starter" that develops a sour taste and aroma due to the presence of naturally occurring bacteria and yeast
32. These articles cite five \_\_\_\_\_ of climate change.  
*n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

ANSWERS: 25. pinpoints, 26. benign, 27. stimming, 28. cows, 29. moral, 30. conservative, 31. sourdough, 32. instances

33. Her passions are in the \_\_\_\_\_ of real-world political affairs.  
*n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
34. His rude comments \_\_\_\_\_ many people at the party.  
*v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the photograph helped to explain the image's content.  
*n.* a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document
36. I ordered a dirty \_\_\_\_\_ with extra olives at the bar.  
*n.* a cocktail made with gin and vermouth typically garnished with an olive or a twist of lemon peel
37. I need to \_\_\_ my head to the beat of the music.  
*v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
38. I \_\_\_\_\_ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.  
*v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
39. The new software program was designed to increase productivity by promoting employee \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements
40. The older man \_\_\_\_\_ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.  
*v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 33. realm, 34. offended, 35. caption, 36. martini, 37. bob, 38. mentioned, 39. synergy, 40. suffers

41. Please write to \_\_\_\_\_ your reservation.

- v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

42. His membership in the \_\_\_\_\_ provided him with numerous benefits.

- n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

43. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's \_\_\_\_\_ profits.

- adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

44. He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up \_\_\_\_\_ with nothing to show.

- n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

45. The ventriloquist's \_\_\_\_\_ was incredibly lifelike and entertaining.

- n.* a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly

46. I heard the \_\_\_\_\_ of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.

- n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger

47. The baby was fast asleep in his \_\_\_\_\_ cot, swaddled in soft, warm blankets.

- adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design

ANSWERS: 41. confirm, 42. association, 43. gross, 44. bum, 45. dummy, 46. siren, 47. snug

48. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
49. My wife seems to be in ill \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
50. Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size \_\_\_\_\_.
- adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
51. The company hired a new accountant to handle its \_\_\_\_\_ needs.
- n.* a system of recording and summarizing financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results
52. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
53. The parents spoke to their children in no-\_\_\_\_\_ tones.
- n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
54. The shark's powerful \_\_\_\_\_ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
55. The \_\_\_\_\_ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
- n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
56. The famous \_\_\_\_\_ used his puppet to tell jokes and entertain the audience.
- n.* a performer who entertains by making their voice appear to come from somewhere else, often through the use of a dummy or puppet

ANSWERS: 48. frame, 49. humor, 50. temporarily, 51. accounting, 52. norms, 53. nonsense, 54. fins, 55. narrative, 56. ventriloquist

57. We immediately rejected his \_\_\_\_\_ suggestion.  
*adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
58. She has been taking \_\_\_\_\_ since her baby died.  
*n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry
59. I casually \_\_\_\_\_ into the small hut.  
*v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
60. The teacher attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the root cause of our mistake.  
*v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
61. The walls were \_\_\_\_\_ to create a private outdoor space.  
*v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
62. This restaurant has \_\_\_\_\_ dishes as well.  
*n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
63. The hotel is famous for its \_\_\_\_\_ including the casino.  
*n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
64. The young prince will soon \_\_\_\_\_ the throne.  
*v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
65. 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

ANSWERS: 57. absurd, 58. antidepressants, 59. glanced, 60. analyze, 61. enclosed, 62. vegetarian, 63. entertainment, 64. occupy, 65. discuss

66. The budget reduction was an \_\_\_\_\_ feat for our nation.

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

67. The \_\_\_\_\_ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

*adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

68. My memory will \_\_\_\_\_ but my heart will live on.

*v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

69. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

70. I've been thinking all day and getting \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

71. 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

72. The scary movie gave me a \_\_\_\_\_ of fear, sending shivers down my spine.

*n.* a sudden intense feeling or thrill, often accompanied by shivers or goosebumps, typically brought on by excitement, anticipation, or a strong emotional response

73. The international community condemned the \_\_\_\_\_ in the country.

*n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

ANSWERS: 66. impressive, 67. Arthurian, 68. fade, 69. excited, 70. nowhere, 71. individual, 72. frisson, 73. genocide

74. Please \_\_\_\_\_ the assignment to me.

- v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

75. 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

76. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

- n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

77. His speech was filled with unnecessary \_\_\_\_\_ and offended many audience members.

- n.* behavior, language, or actions that are crude, socially unacceptable, or offensive; lack of refinement or taste; indecency or obscenity

78. Within a few years, no \_\_\_\_\_ forests will remain.

- n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

79. He quickly fabricated an \_\_\_\_\_ for not attending the meeting.

- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

80. The \_\_\_\_\_ hat she wore added to her rugged and tough look.

- n.* a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle

ANSWERS: 74. submit, 75. survey, 76. ambiguity, 77. vulgarity, 78. virgin, 79. excuse, 80. cowboy

81. He couldn't wait to hit the \_\_\_\_\_ and dance the night away.  
*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
82. Their \_\_\_\_\_ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.  
*n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
83. 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
84. Public political demonstrations are considered \_\_\_\_\_ rights for citizens.  
*adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
85. He thinks she is a high \_\_\_\_\_ because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.  
*n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
86. They prepared a stuffed \_\_\_\_\_ for Thanksgiving.  
*n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
87. His story was filled with obvious \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
88. \_\_\_\_\_ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.  
*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

ANSWERS: 81. discotheque, 82. religion, 83. decide, 84. legitimate, 85. narcissist, 86. turkey, 87. exaggerations, 88. Intelligent



89. We went to the \_\_\_\_\_ park and rode roller coasters all day.  
*n.* the state or experience of finding something humorous or entertaining
90. It is an incredible \_\_\_\_\_ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.  
*n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
91. The teacher is very \_\_\_\_\_ to children's feelings.  
*adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
92. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.  
*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
93. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
94. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as \_\_\_\_\_ but was later proven correct.  
*adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
95. Let's investigate the \_\_\_\_\_ of Latin.  
*n.* the grammatical order or rule of words in a sentence
96. This newspaper is supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_ neutral.  
*adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

ANSWERS: 89. amusement, 90. feat, 91. sensitive, 92. determinant, 93. critics, 94. ridiculous, 95. syntax, 96. politically

97. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide \_\_\_\_.
- n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
98. I \_\_\_\_ that you know it.
- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
99. It would be \_\_\_\_\_ to dress nicely for the wedding.
- adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
100. Did this response \_\_\_\_\_ your request?
- v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
101. They entered into \_\_\_\_\_ with the member of the ruling party.
- n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
102. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
103. It's intriguing to compare and \_\_\_\_\_ the two authors.
- v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
104. The teacher asked the students to write a \_\_\_\_\_ on the book they had just read.
- n.* the act of thinking deeply about something, or the ability to think deeply; the image of something that is seen in a mirror or other reflective surface

ANSWERS: 97. sins, 98. bet, 99. appropriate, 100. satisfy, 101. controversy, 102. improvisation, 103. contrast, 104. reflection

105. After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a \_\_\_\_\_ statement.

*adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

106. He smoothly \_\_\_\_\_ from one topic to the next during his presentation.

*v.* to make a smooth and uninterrupted transition from one topic or activity to another

107. The government has implemented measures to prevent the \_\_\_\_\_ of COVID-19, such as social distancing and mandatory mask-wearing.

*n.* the spread of a disease or harmful influence from one person or thing to another

108. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

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

109. The company \_\_\_\_\_ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

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

110. Several cities are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ high unemployment rates.

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

111. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead \_\_\_\_\_ to the theft charge.

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

112. His proposals were met with \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign

ANSWERS: 105. joint, 106. segued, 107. contagion, 108. relations, 109. rejected, 110. incredibly, 111. guilty, 112. rejection

113. His estate was \_\_\_\_\_ to his sons.

- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

114. The scientist \_\_\_\_\_ the frog to study its internal organs.

- v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

115. \_\_\_\_ flour can be used to make delicious and hearty bread.

- n.* a hardy cereal grain commonly used for its grain, flour, or straw, typically used in baking, distilling spirits, or as a cover crop for soil improvement

116. The baker covered the cake with \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent it from burning in the oven.

- n.* a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions

117. My mother's illness had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on us all.

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

118. This accident \_\_\_\_\_ a dark shadow over their lives.

- v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

119. His \_\_\_\_\_ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

- adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding

120. It's important to be \_\_\_\_\_ even when you disagree with someone.

- adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

ANSWERS: 113. distributed, 114. dissected, 115. Rye, 116. foil, 117. profound, 118. cast, 119. cognitive, 120. polite

121. The dentist administered an \_\_\_\_\_ to numb the patient's mouth before the procedure.
- n.* a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain
122. She had a master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
123. He and I often had \_\_\_\_\_ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
124. 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
125. 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
126. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.
- n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
127. She \_\_\_\_\_ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
- v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
128. It's important to understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 121. anesthetic, 122. psychology, 123. conflicts, 124. wit, 125. environment, 126. excitement, 127. compressed, 128. context

129. Her \_\_\_\_\_ are consistently rational and sensible.

*n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

130. The paper is \_\_\_\_\_ worth reading thoroughly.

*adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

131. Little children tend to have \_\_\_\_\_ friends.

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

132. The man's \_\_\_\_\_ was published in the local newspaper.

*n.* a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death

133. This jigsaw \_\_\_\_\_ is challenging because there are no pictures.

*n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

134. He was labeled as a \_\_\_\_\_ after he abandoned the project halfway.

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

135. The body of his car has a \_\_\_\_\_ finish.

*adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

136. In an economically prosperous country, most male \_\_\_\_\_ is due to child support problems.

*n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally

ANSWERS: 129. judgments, 130. definitely, 131. imaginary, 132. obituary, 133. puzzle, 134. quitter, 135. matte, 136. suicide

137. The invention of the camera triggered the development of \_\_\_\_\_ painting.

*adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

138. In the hospital, she will remain under constant \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

139. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

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

140. He got a new job for the \_\_\_\_\_ of his family.

*n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done

141. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

142. This evidence will form the \_\_\_\_\_ for our discussion.

*n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

143. The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

144. The buffet had a \_\_\_\_\_ of food options, from sushi to pasta to desserts.

*n.* a variety or assortment of different options, choices, or offerings; a buffet-style meal with a wide range of dishes

ANSWERS: 137. abstract, 138. observation, 139. assumes, 140. sake, 141. random, 142. basis, 143. immune, 144. smorgasbord

145. The international community has widely condemned the \_\_\_\_\_ of human rights.
- n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
146. The meeting ended with an \_\_\_\_\_ between what was agreed upon and what was actually implemented.
- n.* the state or quality of being incongruous or lacking harmony or agreement; a lack of consistency or appropriateness
147. When I was a child, my mother often cast \_\_\_\_\_ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
148. The company was fined for \_\_\_\_\_ environmental regulations.
- v.* to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something
149. I am \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
150. The article \_\_\_\_\_ the company's reputation with false accusations.
- v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
151. The wealthy \_\_\_\_ strutted around town, flaunting his expensive clothes and accessories.
- n.* a man who is excessively concerned with his appearance, manners, and clothes, often to the point of being considered vain or overly self-conscious; a dandy or a man who is overly concerned with fashion and style

ANSWERS: 145. violation, 146. incongruity, 147. magical, 148. transgressing, 149. absolutely, 150. maligned, 151. fop



152. 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

153. A significant amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is required to be a teacher.

*n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

154. He is a religious \_\_\_\_\_ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

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

155. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

156. Human \_\_\_\_\_ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

157. The company signed a \_\_\_\_\_ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

*n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

158. The \_\_\_\_\_ description of a website is an important element for search engine optimization.

*adj.* pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements

ANSWERS: 152. heaven, 153. motivation, 154. fundamentalist, 155. opportune, 156. emotional, 157. contract, 158. meta

159. He had to endure the \_\_\_\_\_ gas attack during the war.

*n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown

160. His gaffe spoiled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dinner party.

*n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

161. One of his many \_\_\_\_\_ was his obsession with collecting antique teacups.

*n.* a minor weakness or flaw in character or behavior that is considered forgivable or acceptable

162. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

*adv.* usually; under normal conditions

163. Her constant chatter was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighbors.

*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

164. The restaurant is famous for its \_\_\_\_\_ where they serve the best steaks.

*n.* a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill

165. The mediated settlement brought \_\_\_\_\_ to both sides.

*n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

166. I love the smell of \_\_\_\_\_ sizzling in the morning.

*n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig

ANSWERS: 159. mustard, 160. mood, 161. foibles, 162. normally, 163. annoy, 164. grill, 165. satisfaction, 166. bacon

167. She \_\_\_\_\_ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

168. 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

169. The smell of rotting food made him \_\_\_\_\_ in disgust.

v. to vomit or eject the contents of the stomach through the mouth; to feel or experience extreme disgust or hatred

170. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a \_\_\_\_\_ of colors and shapes.

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

171. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

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

172. The company's code of \_\_\_\_\_ requires all employees to dress professionally.

n. the state or quality of being correct and suitable in manners, etiquette, or conduct

ANSWERS: 167. exaggerated, 168. regret, 169. puke, 170. blur, 171. defy, 172. propriety