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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### oppressive

*adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

*synonym* : stifling, overwhelming, depressing

(1) the atmosphere was **oppressive**, (2) **oppressive** governments

The political situation has become increasingly **oppressive**.

### government

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

*synonym* : administration, regime, state

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

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

### bedtime

*n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

*synonym* : sleep time, night-time

(1) **bedtime** meditation, (2) regular **bedtime**

Reading **bedtime** stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.

## ritual

*n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

*synonym* : tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

## shock

*n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

*synonym* : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

## bruise

*n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

*synonym* : contusion, injury, wound

(1) livid **bruise**, (2) earlier emotional **bruise**

She had a **bruise** on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

## jail

*n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

*synonym* : prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

## achievement

*n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

*synonym* : accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

## suppose

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

*synonym* : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

## detain

*v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

*synonym*: hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

## harass

*v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

*synonym*: pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

## 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.

## geologist

*n.* a scientist or specialist who studies geology

(1) planetary **geologist**, (2) marine **geologist**

These issues baffled **geologists** for many years.

## sermon

*n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

*synonym*: homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

## imam

*n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

*synonym* : leader, cleric, spiritual guide

(1) **imam** of mosque, (2) spiritual **imam**

In some Muslim countries, the **imam's** position is appointed by the government.

## condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

*synonym* : criticize, denounce, censure

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

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

## prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

*synonym* : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

## worship

v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

*synonym* : adore, idolize

(1) **worship** god, (2) absolutely **worship**

They traditionally **worship** their guru.

## defamation

n. the act of damaging someone's reputation or character through false or damaging statements, whether spoken or written; slander or libel that harms someone's reputation or good name

*synonym* : slander, libel, denigration

(1) spreading **defamation**, (2) false **defamation**

The celebrity filed a **defamation** lawsuit against the tabloid for spreading false rumors.

## combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

*synonym* : coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

## rumor

*n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

*synonym*: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

## influence

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

*synonym*: power, leverage, effect

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

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

## punishment

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

*synonym*: penalty, discipline, retribution

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

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

## daring

*adj.* brave and taking risks

*synonym*: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

## complain

*v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

*synonym*: gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently

Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

## colleague

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

*synonym* : coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

## harassment

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

*synonym* : bullying, persecution, intimidation

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

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

## license

*n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

*synonym* : permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

## ban

*v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

*synonym* : forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

## tradition

*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

*synonym* : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

## enshrine

*v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect

*synonym* : ensconce, preserve, cherish

(1) **enshrine** memories, (2) **enshrine** tradition

The Constitution **enshrines** the rights and freedoms of citizens.

## rigid

*adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

*synonym* : strict, inflexible, stringent

(1) **rigid** rules, (2) **rigid** structure

He was unpopular because of his **rigid** adherence to the rules.

## 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.

## fatwa

*n.* a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues

*synonym* : edict, ruling, decree

(1) **fatwa** decree, (2) religious **fatwa**

The religious leader issued a **fatwa** condemning the violent actions.

## impose

*v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

*synonym* : charge, levy, foist

(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs

The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.

## ignite

*v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning

*synonym* : light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

## encourage

*v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

*synonym* : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

## rap

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

*synonym* : hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

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

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

## courageous

*adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

*synonym* : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

## announce

*v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something

*synonym* : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.



## proof

*n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

*synonym* : testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

**Proof** is better than argument.

## threat

*n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

*synonym* : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

## creep

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

*synonym* : crawl, glide, encroach

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

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

## arrest

*v.* to take into custody

*synonym* : capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

## pledge

*v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something

*synonym* : promise, assure, guarantee

(1) **pledge** my fidelity, (2) **pledge** military assistance

At this ceremony, We will **pledge** allegiance to the country's flag.

## release

*v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

*synonym* : free, let go, discharge

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

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back

into the wild.

## detention

*n.* the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed

*synonym*: confinement, imprisonment, custody

(1) **detention** center, (2) immigration **detention**

The government is criticized for the prolonged **detention** of political activists without trial.

## interrogate

*v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

*synonym*: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

## innocent

*adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

*synonym*: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

## cloak

*n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

*synonym*: cape, mantle, shroud

(1) **cloak** room, (2) hooded **cloak**

The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his **cloak** over himself.

## fellow

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

*synonym*: buddy, mate, affiliate

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

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

## frenzy

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

*synonym*: frenetic, commotion, tumult

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

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

## brave

*adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

*synonym*: courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

## taboo

*adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom

*synonym*: forbidden, prohibited, proscribed

(1) a **taboo** word, (2) academic **taboo**

In this society, discussing politics in public is a **taboo** subject.

## council

*n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

*synonym*: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

## consult

*v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

*synonym*: confer, consider, see

(1) regularly **consult** with a doctor, (2) **consult** my wallet

Always **consult** a lawyer before launching a business.

## appoint

*v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

*synonym* : designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

## claim

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

*synonym* : assert, declare, maintain

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

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

## percentage

*n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

*synonym* : rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

## adultery

*n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse

*synonym* : infidelity, cheating, unfaithfulness

(1) commit **adultery**, (2) **adultery** scandal

She knew that having an affair with her neighbor would be considered **adultery** and could end her marriage.

## illegitimate

*adj.* not legally valid or recognized

*synonym* : unlawful, misbegotten, felonious

(1) an **illegitimate** occupation, (2) **illegitimate** claim

He had an **illegitimate** child that he never acknowledged.

## abuse

*n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

*synonym* : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for

**abuse** of authority.

## hashtag

*n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

## mock

*v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

*synonym*: gibe (or jibe), make fun of, laugh at

(1) **mock** his accent, (2) **mock** at his misfortune

It is impolite to **mock** fun of an international student's English mistakes.

## headline

*n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

*synonym*: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

## 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.

## cleric

*n.* a member of the clergy or a religious leader; someone who has been ordained or appointed to perform religious duties or responsibilities

*synonym*: minister, priest, pastor

(1) **cleric** robe, (2) Muslim **cleric**

The archbishop is the highest-ranking **cleric** in the diocese.

## warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

*synonym*: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

## empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

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

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

## oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym*: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

## strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

*synonym*: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

## 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.

## inferior

*adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality

*synonym* : lower, subordinate, secondary

(1) an **inferior** poet, (2) **inferior** quality

The new employee's work was **inferior** to that of the experienced workers in the team.

## permission

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

*synonym* : approval, consent, authorization

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

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

## verbal

*adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words

*synonym* : speaking, lingual, oral

(1) **verbal** communication, (2) **verbal** abuse

The candidate must have excellent **verbal** skills.

## interpretation

*n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

*synonym* : rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

## sharia

*n.* the Islamic law as laid down in the Quran and Sunnah

*synonym* : Islamic law, legal system, canon law

(1) **sharia** compliance, (2) **sharia** court

Many countries follow the principles of **sharia** law in their legal systems.

## inferiority

*n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

*synonym* : lower status, low self-esteem, inadequacy

(1) **inferiority** complex, (2) **inferiority** mindset

The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of **inferiority** about their work.

## perception

*n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

*synonym*: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

## villain

*n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

*synonym*: scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

## hero

*n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

*synonym*: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

## disturb

*v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

*synonym*: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

## incite

*v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive



*synonym* : provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

## withdraw

v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something

*synonym* : retract, remove, back out

(1) **withdraw** from public life, (2) **withdraw** \$500 from my account

The company decided to **withdraw** its proposal due to public opposition.

## confess

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

*synonym* : admit, acknowledge, own up

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

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

## flog

v. to beat or whip, usually as a form of punishment; to repeatedly hit or strike someone or something violently; to promote or sell aggressively, often with excessive enthusiasm or pressure

*synonym* : whip, beat, lash

(1) **flog** a car, (2) **flog** a dead horse

The teacher threatened to **flog** the misbehaving student if he didn't settle down.

## surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

*synonym* : encircle, encompass, envelop

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

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

## inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

*synonym* : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature  
He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

## betray

*v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

*synonym*: fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

## tweet

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym*: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

## opposition

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

*synonym*: resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

## poll

*n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

*synonym*: survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

## voter

*n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

*synonym*: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results

because of **voter** fraud.

## traitor

*n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

*synonym* : betrayal, turncoat, renegade

(1) political **traitor**, (2) notorious **traitor**

The government branded him a **traitor** after he leaked classified information to the press.

## opine

*v.* to express or state an opinion about something; to hold or assert a belief or view about something

*synonym* : think, believe, suppose

(1) **opine** on the matter, (2) **opine** about politics

I **opine** that investing in renewable energy sources is the key to a sustainable future.

## defend

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

*synonym* : protect, guard, support

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

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

## lawsuit

*n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

*synonym* : suit, legal action, litigation

(1) **lawsuit** settlement, (2) file a **lawsuit**

The company is facing a **lawsuit** for its alleged discrimination against employees.

## traffic

*n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

*synonym* : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

## lift

*v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

*synonym* : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

## amazing

*adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

*synonym* : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

## enhance

*v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

*synonym* : improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla

The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

## royal

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

*synonym* : imperial, noble, aristocratic

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

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

## decree

*n.* an official order that has the force of law

*synonym* : edict, mandate, order

(1) order by **decree**, (2) divorce **decree**

The dictator issued a **decree** limiting the freedom of the press.

## assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone  
*synonym*: entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

## 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.

## lash

v. to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

*synonym*: whip, beat, strike

(1) **lash** the oxen, (2) **lash** a rope

The mother **lashed** out at her child for misbehaving in public.

## spokesperson

n. a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

*synonym*: representative, interpreter, mouthpiece

(1) company **spokesperson**, (2) official **spokesperson**

The celebrity **spokesperson** made an appearance at the product launch event.

## 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.

## grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

*synonym*: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

## recommend

*v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

*synonym* : advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

## haram

*adj.* (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds

*synonym* : forbidden, prohibited

(1) **haram** food, (2) **haram** activity

The community leaders worked to educate people about **haram** practices that are not allowed in their faith.

## forbidden

*adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

*synonym* : prohibited, banned, illegal

(1) **forbidden** words, (2) **forbidden** love

Taking photographs inside the museum is **forbidden**.

## clue

*n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

*synonym* : hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

## celebrated

*adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes

*synonym* : acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. keen per_____on                            | <i>n.</i> a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses                   |
| 2. spiritual i__m                             | <i>n.</i> a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community  |
| 3. a stone wall su_____nds the palace         | <i>v.</i> to be all around something or somebody   |
| 4. co_____e chemically with another substance | <i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group   |
| 5. per_____on for permanent residence         | <i>n.</i> consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur                                 |
| 6. documentary pr__f                          | <i>n.</i> a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists  |
| 7. false def_____on                           | <i>n.</i> the act of damaging someone's reputation or character through false or damaging statements, whether spoken or written; slander or libel that harms someone's reputation or good name |
| 8. co_____n crime                             | <i>v.</i> to express strong disapproval or criticism of something  |

ANSWERS: 1. perception, 2. imam, 3. surround, 4. combine, 5. permission, 6. proof, 7. defamation, 8. condemn

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| 9. de___d against a threat             | <i>v.</i> to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.  |
| 10. cel_____ed paper                   | <i>adj.</i> renowned for possessing admirable attributes  |
| 11. a ri___l dance                     | <i>n.</i> any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies  |
| 12. make a cou_____us decision         | <i>adj.</i> able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching   |
| 13. sh___a compliance                  | <i>n.</i> the Islamic law as laid down in the Quran and Sunnah  |
| 14. en_____e the flavor of the vanilla | <i>v.</i> to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something   |
| 15. immigration de_____on              | <i>n.</i> the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed  |
| 16. w__n a reckless driver             | <i>v.</i> to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future  |
| 17. ill_____ate claim                  | <i>adj.</i> not legally valid or recognized   |
| 18. cr__p along the leaf               | <i>v.</i> to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard  |
| 19. im___e tariffs                     | <i>v.</i> to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received   |
| 20. a ro__l palace                     | <i>adj.</i> relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family   |
| 21. emotional har_____nt               | <i>n.</i> the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities |

ANSWERS: 9. defend, 10. celebrated, 11. ritual, 12. courageous, 13. sharia, 14. enhance, 15. detention, 16. warn, 17. illegitimate, 18. creep, 19. impose, 20. royal, 21. harassment



22. be\_\_\_y a friend                    *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
23. environmental th\_\_\_t            *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
24. ri\_\_d structure                   *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
25. ad\_\_\_\_ry scandal                *n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse
26. cl\_\_m responsibility             *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
27. re\_\_\_\_e a prisoner               *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
28. junior fe\_\_\_w                    *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
29. pl\_\_\_e my fidelity                *v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something
30. l\_\_h a rope                         *v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

ANSWERS: 22. betray, 23. threat, 24. rigid, 25. adultery, 26. claim, 27. release, 28. fellow, 29. pledge, 30. lash

31. former co\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
32. official spo\_\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
33. di\_\_\_\_\_b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
34. fa\_\_a decree *n.* a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues
35. vi\_\_\_\_n material *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
36. en\_\_\_\_\_ne tradition *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
37. a tr\_\_\_\_\_on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
38. student ach\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
39. county j\_\_l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
40. br\_\_e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

ANSWERS: 31. colleague, 32. spokesperson, 33. disturb, 34. fatwa, 35. virgin, 36. enshrine, 37. tradition, 38. achievement, 39. jail, 40. brave

41. inf\_\_\_\_\_ty complex *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
42. enter vi\_\_\_\_n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
43. regularly co\_\_\_\_\_t with a doctor *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
44. serial qu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
45. a c\_\_e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
46. religious fa\_\_a *n.* a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues
47. tr\_\_\_\_\_c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
48. victim of sexual ab\_\_e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 41. inferiority, 42. virgin, 43. consult, 44. quitter, 45. clue, 46. fatwa, 47. traffic, 48. abuse

49. a lay se\_\_\_n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
50. int\_\_\_\_\_te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
51. in\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
52. opp\_\_\_\_\_on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
53. da\_\_\_g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
54. false cl\_\_\_m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
55. per\_\_\_\_\_on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
56. su\_\_\_\_\_e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
57. an in\_\_\_\_\_nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
58. de\_\_\_n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

ANSWERS: 49. sermon, 50. interrogate, 51. incite, 52. opposition, 53. daring, 54. claim, 55. perception, 56. suppose, 57. innocent, 58. detain

59. wi\_\_\_\_aw \$500 from my account      *v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
60. r\_p music      *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
61. en\_\_\_\_e value      *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
62. opp\_\_\_\_ve governments      *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
63. vi\_\_\_\_on law      *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
64. gr\_\_d bargain      *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
65. la\_\_\_\_t settlement      *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
66. meet with opp\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
67. ig\_\_\_e passion      *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
68. b\_n gender-related job discrimination      *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
69. the most am\_\_\_\_g feeling      *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 59. withdraw, 60. rap, 61. enhance, 62. oppressive, 63. violation, 64. grand, 65. lawsuit, 66. opposition, 67. ignite, 68. ban, 69. amazing

70. an\_\_\_\_ce candidacy      *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
71. f\_\_g a car      *v.* to beat or whip, usually as a form of punishment; to repeatedly hit or strike someone or something violently; to promote or sell aggressively, often with excessive enthusiasm or pressure
72. a pre-election p\_\_l      *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
73. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding      *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
74. wo\_\_\_\_\_p god      *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
75. en\_\_\_\_\_ge a sense of affinity      *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
76. a ta\_\_o word      *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
77. in\_\_\_\_\_ce a child's future      *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
78. a con\_\_\_\_\_ive society      *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
79. b\_n any type of cloning      *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

ANSWERS: 70. announce, 71. flog, 72. poll, 73. government, 74. worship, 75. encourage, 76. taboo, 77. influence, 78. conservative, 79. ban

80. ar\_\_\_t the progress      *v.* to take into custody
81. earlier emotional br\_\_\_e      *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
82. co\_\_\_\_\_s sin      *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
83. absolutely wo\_\_\_\_\_p      *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
84. int\_\_\_\_\_ted by police      *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
85. su\_\_\_\_\_nd a town      *v.* to be all around something or somebody
86. thousands of in\_\_\_\_\_nt people      *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
87. against tr\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
88. f\_\_g a dead horse      *v.* to beat or whip, usually as a form of punishment; to repeatedly hit or strike someone or something violently; to promote or sell aggressively, often with excessive enthusiasm or pressure
89. regular be\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness

ANSWERS: 80. arrest, 81. bruise, 82. confess, 83. worship, 84. interrogate, 85. surround, 86. innocent, 87. tradition, 88. flog, 89. bedtime

90. prince ro\_\_l *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
91. w\_\_ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
92. ru\_\_r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
93. vo\_\_r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
94. ha\_\_\_s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
95. in\_\_\_\_or quality *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
96. op\_\_\_\_s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
97. cl\_\_\_c robe *n.* a member of the clergy or a religious leader; someone who has been ordained or appointed to perform religious duties or responsibilities
98. im\_\_\_e harsher sanctions *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
99. buying fr\_\_\_y *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
100. order by de\_\_\_e *n.* an official order that has the force of law

ANSWERS: 90. royal, 91. warn, 92. rumor, 93. voter, 94. harass, 95. inferior, 96. oppress, 97. cleric, 98. impose, 99. frenzy, 100. decree



101. file a la\_\_\_\_t *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
102. a chick's tw\_\_t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
103. an eligible vo\_\_r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
104. co\_\_\_\_t my wallet *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
105. re\_\_t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
106. marine ge\_\_\_\_st *n.* a scientist or specialist who studies geology
107. ha\_\_\_s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
108. be in j\_\_l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
109. the per\_\_\_\_ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
110. a c\_\_e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

ANSWERS: 101. lawsuit, 102. tweet, 103. voter, 104. consult, 105. reject, 106. geologist, 107. harass, 108. jail, 109. percentage, 110. clue

111. cr\_\_p toward the mouse      *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
112. br\_\_e decision      *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
113. a gr\_\_d meal      *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
114. fr\_\_y of activity      *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
115. commit a traffic vi\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
116. am\_\_\_\_\_g advances      *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
117. commit ad\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse
118. ap\_\_\_\_\_t the day      *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
119. authoritarian vi\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
120. be\_\_\_y confidence      *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
121. m\_\_k at his misfortune      *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

ANSWERS: 111. creep, 112. brave, 113. grand, 114. frenzy, 115. violation, 116. amazing, 117. adultery, 118. appoint, 119. villain, 120. betray, 121. mock

122. divorce de\_\_\_e *n.* an official order that has the force of law
123. as\_\_\_n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
124. a high per\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
125. en\_\_\_\_ne memories *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
126. he\_\_\_\_ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
127. humiliating pun\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
128. li\_\_\_\_e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
129. banner he\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
130. op\_\_\_\_s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
131. pun\_\_\_\_nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 122. decree, 123. assign, 124. percentage, 125. enshrine, 126. headline, 127. punishment, 128. license, 129. headline, 130. oppress, 131. punishment



140. city co\_\_\_\_l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
141. local h\_\_o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
142. lengthy se\_\_\_\_n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
143. an in\_\_\_\_or poet *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
144. make a da\_\_\_\_g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
145. ve\_\_\_\_l communication *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
146. co\_\_\_\_s truth *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
147. evil vi\_\_\_\_n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
148. re\_\_\_\_nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
149. op\_\_e about politics *v.* to express or state an opinion about something; to hold or assert a belief or view about something

ANSWERS: 140. council, 141. hero, 142. sermon, 143. inferior, 144. daring, 145. verbal, 146. confess, 147. villain, 148. recommend, 149. opine

150. su\_\_\_\_e you're right      *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
151. pl\_\_\_\_e military assistance      *v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something
152. fo\_\_\_\_\_en words      *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
153. get ins\_\_\_\_\_on from nature      *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
154. re\_\_\_\_\_nd a hospitalization      *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
155. co\_\_\_\_e augmented reality      *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
156. a false ru\_\_r      *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
157. l\_\_t sagging skin      *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
158. call and co\_\_\_\_\_in frequently      *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
159. notorious tr\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

ANSWERS: 150. suppose, 151. pledge, 152. forbidden, 153. inspiration, 154. recommend, 155. combine, 156. rumor, 157. lift, 158. complain, 159. traitor

160. con\_\_\_\_\_ive about production      *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
161. fo\_\_\_\_\_en love      *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
162. cl\_\_k room      *n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
163. cou\_\_\_\_\_us rescue attempt      *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
164. sh\_\_\_a court      *n.* the Islamic law as laid down in the Quran and Sunnah
165. de\_\_\_d my country      *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
166. in\_\_\_\_\_ce the daily life      *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
167. trending ha\_\_\_\_\_g      *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
168. grant per\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
169. livid br\_\_\_e      *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

ANSWERS: 160. conservative, 161. forbidden, 162. cloak, 163. courageous, 164. sharia, 165. defend, 166. influence, 167. hashtag, 168. permission, 169. bruise

170. software li\_\_\_\_e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
171. the problem of drug ab\_\_e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
172. ha\_\_m food *adj.* (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds
173. op\_\_e on the matter *v.* to express or state an opinion about something; to hold or assert a belief or view about something
174. Muslim cl\_\_\_\_c *n.* a member of the clergy or a religious leader; someone who has been ordained or appointed to perform religious duties or responsibilities
175. gov\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
176. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
177. sh\_\_k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
178. ig\_\_e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning

ANSWERS: 170. license, 171. abuse, 172. haram, 173. opine, 174. cleric, 175. government, 176. tweet, 177. shock, 178. ignite



179. de\_\_\_n a terrorist      *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
180. an\_\_\_\_ce the award winners      *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
181. re\_\_\_t all imperfect merchandise      *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
182. co\_\_\_\_\_in about a job      *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
183. cel\_\_\_\_\_ed artist      *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
184. academic ta\_\_o      *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
185. hooded cl\_\_k      *n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
186. other co\_\_\_\_\_l members      *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
187. in\_\_\_e violence      *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
188. collaborate with co\_\_\_\_\_ues      *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
189. spreading def\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of damaging someone's reputation or character through false or damaging statements, whether spoken or written; slander or libel that harms someone's reputation or good name

ANSWERS: 179. detain, 180. announce, 181. reject, 182. complain, 183. celebrated, 184. taboo, 185. cloak, 186. council, 187. incite, 188. colleague, 189. defamation

190. public opinion p\_\_ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
191. re\_\_\_\_\_on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
192. heavy tr\_\_\_\_\_c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
193. unsung h\_\_o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
194. ap\_\_\_\_\_t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
195. ve\_\_\_l abuse *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
196. source of ins\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
197. de\_\_\_\_\_on center *n.* the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed
198. nice fe\_\_\_w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

ANSWERS: 190. poll, 191. religion, 192. traffic, 193. hero, 194. appoint, 195. verbal, 196. inspiration, 197. detention, 198. fellow

199. death from sh\_\_k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
200. st\_\_p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
201. planetary ge\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a scientist or specialist who studies geology
202. m\_\_k his accent *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
203. a geometric pr\_\_f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
204. as\_\_\_n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
205. sexual har\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities
206. company spo\_\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
207. inf\_\_\_\_\_ty mindset *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
208. freedom of re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 199. shock, 200. strip, 201. geologist, 202. mock, 203. proof, 204. assign, 205. harassment, 206. spokesperson, 207. inferiority, 208. religion

209. ar\_\_\_t the thief *v.* to take into custody
210. an ill\_\_\_\_\_ate occupation *adj.* not legally valid or recognized
211. l\_\_h the oxen *v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap
212. a male pro\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
213. economic th\_\_\_t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
214. get a r\_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
215. a remarkable ach\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
216. open to int\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
217. ha\_\_m activity *adj.* (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds

ANSWERS: 209. arrest, 210. illegitimate, 211. lash, 212. prostitute, 213. threat, 214. rap, 215. achievement, 216. interpretation, 217. haram

218. the int\_\_\_\_\_ion of history      *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
219. the atmosphere was opp\_\_\_\_\_ve      *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
220. morning ri\_\_\_\_l      *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
221. re\_\_\_\_\_e CO2 into the air      *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
222. easy qu\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
223. pro\_\_\_\_\_te street      *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
224. wi\_\_\_\_\_aw from public life      *v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
225. marked with a ha\_\_\_\_\_g      *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
226. co\_\_\_\_\_n violence      *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
227. coast st\_\_p      *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
228. ri\_\_d rules      *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

ANSWERS: 218. interpretation, 219. oppressive, 220. ritual, 221. release, 222. quitter, 223. prostitute, 224. withdraw, 225. hashtag, 226. condemn, 227. strip, 228. rigid

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The judge gave severe \_\_\_\_\_ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.
  - n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
  
2. Tourists frequently \_\_\_\_\_ the island's delicate natural balance.
  - v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
  
3. The archbishop is the highest-ranking \_\_\_\_\_ in the diocese.
  - n.* a member of the clergy or a religious leader; someone who has been ordained or appointed to perform religious duties or responsibilities
  
4. He is the kind of \_\_\_\_\_ who only works for his success.
  - adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
  
5. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
  - v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
  
6. Several \_\_\_\_\_ show a decline in the president's approval rating.
  - n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
  
7. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

ANSWERS: 1. punishment, 2. disturb, 3. cleric, 4. fellow, 5. empowered, 6. polls, 7. license

8. Their \_\_\_\_\_ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.  
*n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
9. The company \_\_\_\_\_ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.  
*v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
10. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
11. The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his \_\_\_\_\_ over himself.  
*n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
12. 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
13. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the consumption tax in the United States?  
*n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
14. This year's \_\_\_\_\_ gathering will be held in Canada.  
*adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
15. \_\_\_\_\_ is better than argument.  
*n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

ANSWERS: 8. religion, 9. rejected, 10. hero, 11. cloak, 12. quitter, 13. percentage, 14. grand, 15. Proof



16. We could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of baby birds.

- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

17. The shoppers were \_\_\_\_\_ to get the best deals on Black Friday.

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

18. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?

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

19. The teacher threatened to \_\_\_\_\_ the misbehaving student if he didn't settle down.

- v.* to beat or whip, usually as a form of punishment; to repeatedly hit or strike someone or something violently; to promote or sell aggressively, often with excessive enthusiasm or pressure

20. Please \_\_\_\_\_ a different color to each other kind of item.

- v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

21. The Constitution \_\_\_\_\_ the rights and freedoms of citizens.

- v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect

22. Taking photographs inside the museum is \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

23. She turned to \_\_\_\_\_ to make ends meet.

- n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

ANSWERS: 16. tweet, 17. frenzy, 18. suppose, 19. flog, 20. assign, 21. enshrines, 22. forbidden, 23. prostitute

24. She knew that having an affair with her neighbor would be considered \_\_\_\_\_ and could end her marriage.
- n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone who is not their spouse
25. The new strategy will \_\_\_\_\_ the profitability of our company.
- v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
26. He had an \_\_\_\_\_ child that he never acknowledged.
- adj.* not legally valid or recognized
27. The woman of the house does the holy \_\_\_\_\_ of lighting two candles.
- n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
28. There was a baseless \_\_\_\_\_ that the company was going bankrupt.
- n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
29. The animal rights group worked to \_\_\_\_\_ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
30. The mother \_\_\_\_\_ out at her child for misbehaving in public.
- v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap
31. The community leaders worked to educate people about \_\_\_\_\_ practices that are not allowed in their faith.
- adj.* (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds

ANSWERS: 24. adultery, 25. enhance, 26. illegitimate, 27. ritual, 28. rumor, 29. release, 30. lashed, 31. haram

32. She was constantly \_\_\_\_\_ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
- v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
33. The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ about their work.
- n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
34. His \_\_\_\_\_ of literary works are often unique.
- n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
35. The new \_\_\_ album is getting a lot of attention.
- n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
36. The dictator issued a \_\_\_\_\_ limiting the freedom of the press.
- n.* an official order that has the force of law
37. It is impolite to \_\_\_ fun of an international student's English mistakes.
- v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
38. At this ceremony, We will \_\_\_\_\_ allegiance to the country's flag.
- v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 32. harassed, 33. inferiority, 34. interpretations, 35. rap, 36. decree, 37. mock, 38. pledge, 39. threat

40. He \_\_\_\_\_ the fireworks with a single spark.

*v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning

41. The government was \_\_\_\_\_ for its handling of the crisis.

*v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

42. The engagement of the two golf players became \_\_\_\_\_ news.

*n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

43. Historically, many countries have often \_\_\_\_\_ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

44. She had a \_\_\_\_\_ on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

*n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

45. These issues baffled \_\_\_\_\_ for many years.

*n.* a scientist or specialist who studies geology

46. He felt \_\_\_\_\_ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

*v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

47. I attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ him, but he ignored me.

*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

48. He is a man admired for the depth of his \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 40. ignited, 41. condemned, 42. headline, 43. oppressed, 44. bruise, 45. geologists, 46. betrayed, 47. warn, 48. perception

49. The city \_\_\_\_\_ voted to approve the new development project.  
*n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
50. Three \_\_\_\_\_ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.  
*adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
51. Her choices become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ and creative.  
*adj.* brave and taking risks
52. She is willing to give up her position in the \_\_\_\_\_ family to marry him.  
*adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
53. International law allows each nation to \_\_\_\_\_ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.  
*v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
54. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of the abandoned property.  
*v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
55. I asked my boss for \_\_\_\_\_ to leave early for a doctor's appointment.  
*n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
56. The \_\_\_\_\_ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.  
*adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

ANSWERS: 49. council, 50. celebrated, 51. daring, 52. royal, 53. defend, 54. claim, 55. permission, 56. brave

57. 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
58. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
59. This \_\_\_\_\_ has never been formally accepted.
- n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
60. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for \_\_\_\_\_ of authority.
- n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
61. My husband was found \_\_\_\_\_ of any crime.
- adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
62. He found \_\_\_\_\_ in the works of his favorite authors.
- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
63. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction \_\_\_\_\_ on the main road.
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
64. The doctor advised him to \_\_\_\_\_ down for a check.
- v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

ANSWERS: 57. violation, 58. amazing, 59. achievement, 60. abuse, 61. innocent, 62. inspiration, 63. traffic, 64. strip

65. The \_\_\_\_\_ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

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

66. 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

67. The former emperor had a particular \_\_\_\_\_ even after he abdicated.

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

68. He was unpopular because of his \_\_\_\_\_ adherence to the rules.

*adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

69. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ soldier who had served his country with honor.

*adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

70. He got an electric \_\_\_\_\_ at work.

*n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

71. The company has a zero-tolerance policy for \_\_\_\_\_ in the workplace.

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

72. Aging \_\_\_\_\_ up slowly with time.

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

ANSWERS: 65. opposition, 66. virgin, 67. influence, 68. rigid, 69. courageous, 70. shock, 71. harassment, 72. creeps

73. The police \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect for questioning.  
*v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
74. A police officer has the authority to \_\_\_\_\_ a criminal.  
*v.* to take into custody
75. The police couldn't find a \_\_\_\_\_ to her whereabouts.  
*n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
76. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ its proposal due to public opposition.  
*v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
77. Reading \_\_\_\_\_ stories can help children relax and fall asleep faster.  
*n.* the time at which a person typically goes to bed and prepares to sleep; the period just before bedtime, which may involve routines or activities that are intended to promote relaxation or sleepiness
78. Always \_\_\_\_\_ a lawyer before launching a business.  
*v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
79. The religious leader issued a \_\_\_\_\_ condemning the violent actions.  
*n.* a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues
80. The new employee's work was \_\_\_\_\_ to that of the experienced workers in the team.  
*adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality

ANSWERS: 73. detained, 74. arrest, 75. clue, 76. withdraw, 77. bedtime, 78. consult, 79. fatwa, 80. inferior



81. The political situation has become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
82. He \_\_\_\_\_ to his crime and turned himself into the police.  
*v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
83. The election administration nullified the election results because of \_\_\_\_\_ fraud.  
*n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
84. Many countries follow the principles of \_\_\_\_\_ law in their legal systems.  
*n.* the Islamic law as laid down in the Quran and Sunnah
85. The police escorted the prisoner to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
86. The drought \_\_\_\_\_ the prices of grain globally.  
*v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
87. The court \_\_\_\_\_ a guardian for the child.  
*v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
88. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they \_\_\_\_\_ on students.  
*v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
89. The government branded him a \_\_\_\_\_ after he leaked classified information to the press.  
*n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

ANSWERS: 81. oppressive, 82. confessed, 83. voter, 84. sharia, 85. jail, 86. lifted, 87. appointed, 88. impose, 89. traitor

90. Our brand's campaign uses a unique \_\_\_\_\_ to track engagement and reach.  
*n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
91. On three sides, mountains \_\_\_\_\_ the settlement.  
*v.* to be all around something or somebody
92. The celebrity \_\_\_\_\_ made an appearance at the product launch event.  
*n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
93. In this society, discussing politics in public is a \_\_\_\_\_ subject.  
*adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
94. The celebrity filed a \_\_\_\_\_ lawsuit against the tabloid for spreading false rumors.  
*n.* the act of damaging someone's reputation or character through false or damaging statements, whether spoken or written; slander or libel that harms someone's reputation or good name
95. The politician's speech seemed designed to \_\_\_\_\_ anger and unrest among the crowd.  
*v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
96. They \_\_\_\_\_ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.  
*v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 90. hashtag, 91. surround, 92. spokesperson, 93. taboo, 94. defamation, 95. incite, 96. encouraged

97. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.
- n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
98. The company is facing a \_\_\_\_\_ for its alleged discrimination against employees.
- n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
99. Hydrogen and oxygen \_\_\_\_\_ to form water.
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
100. The federal \_\_\_\_\_ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
101. I \_\_\_\_\_ that investing in renewable energy sources is the key to a sustainable future.
- v.* to express or state an opinion about something; to hold or assert a belief or view about something
102. The candidate must have excellent \_\_\_\_\_ skills.
- adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
103. The government is criticized for the prolonged \_\_\_\_\_ of political activists without trial.
- n.* the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed
104. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately \_\_\_\_\_ the witness.
- v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 97. villain, 98. lawsuit, 99. combine, 100. government, 101. opine, 102. verbal, 103. detention, 104. interrogate

105. They traditionally \_\_\_\_\_ their guru.

- v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

106. In some Muslim countries, the \_\_\_\_\_ position is appointed by the government.

- n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

107. Our users are often \_\_\_\_\_ about the slow application.

- v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

108. We \_\_\_\_\_ taking media training every six months.

- v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

109. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

110. The preacher delivered a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ on the importance of forgiveness.

- n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

111. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my \_\_\_\_\_.

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

112. He always makes a \_\_\_\_\_ estimation when predicting future sales.

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

ANSWERS: 105. worship, 106. imam's, 107. complaining, 108. recommend, 109. tradition, 110. sermon, 111. colleague, 112. conservative

113. The third season of the anime show has been \_\_\_\_\_.

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

114. We should \_\_\_\_ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

ANSWERS: 113. announced, 114. ban