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Session 1: Word List

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym: figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym: fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

exquisite

adj. extremely beautiful and delicate

synonym: magnificent, glorious, gorgeous

(1) **exquisite** crafts, (2) a man of **exquisite** sensitivity

We can hear an **exquisite** piano melody from his room.

deliberately

adv. done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

synonym: intentionally, knowingly, willfully

(1) **deliberately** amateurish, (2) commit a crime

deliberately

He **deliberately** misleads others.

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.

exhibition

n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

synonym: display, show, presentation

(1) a personal **exhibition**, (2) **exhibition** opening

The art museum is hosting an **exhibition** of contemporary paintings next month.

absolute

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

synonym: complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must
Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

throe

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

synonym: spasm, pang, throb

(1) the **throes** of a financial crisis, (2) **throes** of death
She writhed in the **throes** of pain during labor.

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.

brain

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

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

spiritual

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

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader
The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym: clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray
My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

achieve

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

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

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.

vision

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

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

metropolitan

adj. of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country

synonym : urban, city, municipal

(1) major **metropolitan** area, (2) **metropolitan** city

The city is a true **metropolitan**, with a diverse population and bustling streets.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym : extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

sculpture

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

synonym : statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

decorative

adj. serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing

synonym : ornamental, beautifying, embellishing

(1) **decorative** art, (2) **decorative** design

The **decorative** tiles on the wall added a colorful and unique touch to the room.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym : go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

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.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

peculiar

adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
synonym : bizarre, abnormal, odd

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

The juice has a **peculiar** taste.

domain

n. a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

synonym : territory, realm, sphere

(1) **domain** of use, (2) a dependent **domain**

The company's **domain** in the market was expanding to new territories.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym : area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

hell

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

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

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

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

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.

emotion

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

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

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

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

repulsion

n. a feeling of intense disgust or dislike; a physical force that resists the approach or contact of two objects

synonym : dislike, disgust, repugnance

(1) **repulsion** force, (2) sense of **repulsion**

The sight of spiders fills me with **repulsion**.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym : absolutely, completely, perfectly

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

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

alien

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

synonym : foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

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

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

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.

anatomy

n. the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants

(1) animal **anatomy**, (2) **anatomy** of a country's collapse
The professor explained the **anatomy** of the nervous system.

distaste

n. a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable

synonym: antipathy, aversion, disgust

(1) having a strong **distaste**, (2) popular **distaste** for corruption

She grimaced in **distaste** when someone said the insulting words.

vulgar

adj. not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions

synonym: crude, nasty, tasteless

(1) **vulgar** language, (2) **vulgar** content

She was offended by his **vulgar** gesture.

nouveau

adj. new, something new or newly arrived, especially a new fashion or trend

synonym: new, modern, contemporary

(1) art **nouveau**, (2) **nouveau** cuisine

The **nouveau** riche were eager to flaunt their wealth.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

anathema

n. a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse
synonym: curse, bane, execration

(1) utter an **anathema**, (2) political **anathema**

The new policy is **anathema** to the employees.

sprig

n. a small stem or shoot of a plant, usually with leaves or flowers attached

synonym: twig, shoot, branchlet

(1) **sprig** of rosemary, (2) mint **sprig**

I picked a **sprig** of lavender from my garden to freshen up my room.

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.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

flounce

v. to move or go exaggeratedly or ostentatiously, typically accompanied by flailing or exaggerated movements; to move forcefully or clumsily with sudden motions

synonym: flap, bounce, twirl

(1) **flounce** off in a huff, (2) **flounce** onto the floor

She **founced** out of the room, slamming the door behind her.

spangle

v. to decorate or adorn something with small, sparkling objects, such as sequins or glitter; to cover or sprinkle with shiny or lustrous spots or highlights; (noun) a small, thin, often circular piece of glittering metal or other material, used especially to decorate garments

synonym: embellish, adorn, decorate

(1) **spangle** with stars, (2) gold **spangle** gown

The dress was **spangled** with sequins, making it perfect for a fancy party.

vase

n. a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects

synonym: urn, jug, pot

(1) a ceramic **vase**, (2) **vase** pottery

The exquisite **vase** was filled with a bouquet of flowers.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym: strange, bizarre, abnormal

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

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

princess

n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

synonym: royal, noble, queen

(1) crown **princess**, (2) a Royal **Princess**

The prince fell in love with the **princess** and asked her to marry him.

fairy

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

synonym : sprite, pixie, elf

(1) **fairy** tale, (2) a water **fairy**

The mischievous **fairy** flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

womb

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

synonym : uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym : almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym : grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

ballerina

n. a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer

synonym : dancer, danseuse

(1) classical **ballerina**, (2) famous **ballerina**

The **ballerina's** graceful movements were a joy to watch.

sinister

adj. giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

synonym : ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms

The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

eyelash

n. any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

synonym : lash, cilium

(1) **eyelash** brush, (2) not bat an **eyelash**

An **eyelash** curler is a girl's best friend.

tusk

n. a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

synonym : ivory, tush, horn

(1) **tusk** of an elephant, (2) **tusk-like** tooth

The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal **tusks**.

majestic

adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

synonym : grand, stately, regal

(1) a **majestic** figure, (2) a **majestic** sense of purpose

The **majestic** mountain range was a sight to behold.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym : parade

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

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

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym : agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

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.

quintessence

n. the perfect example of a quality or class

synonym: essence, core, heart

(1) the **quintessence** of virtue, (2) **quintessence** of life
The **quintessence** of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

deplorable

adj. deserving strong condemnation or censure; shocking, shameful, or very bad

synonym: shameful, disgraceful, lamentable

(1) **deplorable** conditions, (2) **deplorable** behavior
The **deplorable** living conditions in the slums caused widespread disease.

aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

synonym: elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name
The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

porcelain

n. a ceramic material that is formed by heating a mixture of clay and other substances to high temperatures, resulting in a hard, smooth, white, and translucent material that is often used in the manufacture of dishes, vases, and other decorative objects

synonym: ceramic, earthenware

(1) **porcelain** vase, (2) antique **porcelain**

The delicate **porcelain** figurine was passed down for generations in the family.

distinction

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people
synonym: eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**

I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

useless

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

synonym: ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen

The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

colleague

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

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

paroxysm

n. a sudden, uncontrollable outburst or spasm, often referring to a sudden fit of emotion or a violent episode of a medical condition such as a seizure or a convulsion

synonym: convulsion, spasm, outburst

(1) violent **paroxysm**, (2) sudden **paroxysm**

He was laughing so hard that he had a **paroxysm** of coughs.

horror

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

synonym: fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look

The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym: allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

accident

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

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

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

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym: foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

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.

balanced

adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

synonym: equitable, congruous, flat

(1) a **balanced** diet, (2) a well- **balanced** mind

We conducted a **balanced** assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

sculptural

adj. relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance

synonym : sculpted, carved, modeled

(1) **sculptural** masterpiece, (2) **sculptural** design

The **sculptural** details on the building's facade were simply stunning.

ingredient

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

synonym : element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

disposed

adj. inclined or willing to do something

synonym : prepared, inclined, apt

(1) he is evilly **disposed**, (2) **disposed** of without being eaten

I'm **disposed** to agree with your opinion.

gilding

n. the act or process of applying a thin layer of gold (or gold-like substance) to an object or surface, often for decorative purposes

synonym : ornamentation, gilt, gold leaf

(1) gold **gilding**, (2) elaborate **gilding**

The antique mirror was adorned with intricate **gilding**, adding a touch of elegance to the room.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

- kiln** *n.* an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas
synonym : oven, furnace, hearth
(1) brick **kiln**, (2) electric **kiln**
The pottery was fired in the **kiln** for several hours to harden it.
- trunk** *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
synonym : body, chest, torso
(1) the **trunk** of the tree, (2) the **trunk** of the body
Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the **trunk**.
- origin** *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
synonym : root, source, ancestor
(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**
There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.
- candlelight** *n.* light provided by a candle or candles
synonym : lamp light, oil light, firelight
(1) **candlelight** dinner, (2) **candlelight** vigil
The room was dimly lit by soft **candlelight**.
- slightly** *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely
(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils
He moved his body **slightly** to the left.
- uneven** *adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
synonym : irregular, rough, bumpy
(1) **uneven** numbers, (2) **uneven** coating
The road was **uneven**, causing the car to bounce up and down as it drove.

glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

synonym: sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

interior

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

synonym: inner, inside, internal

(1) **interior** decoration, (2) plenty of **interior** space

The painter focused on the moody **interiors** of abandoned buildings in his work.

firework

n. a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

synonym: pyrotechnic, sparkler, firecracker

(1) **firework** discharge, (2) grand **firework** display

The children were excited to see the **firework** show.

encapsulate

v. to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

synonym: enclose, contain, capsulize

(1) **encapsulate** the message, (2) **encapsulate** the essence

The movie can **encapsulate** the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.

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.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily
He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

opera

n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

synonym: musical, operetta, oratorio

(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance

She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful music.

orient

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

synonym: position, align, adjust

(1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient**

She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

opioid

n. substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted

(1) an **opioid** analgesic, (2) **opioid** receptor

Treatment for **opioid** dependence may be a long-term process.

induce

v. to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner

synonym: cause, encourage, persuade

(1) **induce** a crisis, (2) **induce** him to see a doctor

The lack of sleep **induces** both physical and psychological diseases.

escapist

adj. tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment

synonym: fantastical, dreamy

(1) **escapist** literature, (2) **escapist** tendencies

The **escapist** film provided a brief but much-needed break

from reality.

distinguish

v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

synonym: determine, differentiate, characterize

(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals

This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

victim

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

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

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

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

tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

synonym: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement

synonym: victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit

The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their

hard work and dedication.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

extraneous

adj. irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something

synonym: irrelevant, unnecessary, unrelated

(1) **extraneous** variables, (2) **extraneous** details

The **extraneous** information in the report made it difficult to understand the main points.

ornament

n. a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry

synonym: decoration, embellishment, adornment

(1) Christmas **ornament**, (2) glass **ornament**

The **ornament** on the tree was delicate and intricate, adding to its beauty.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

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

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

bourgeois

n. a member of the middle class, typically with conservative or conformist attitudes or values; a person who seeks material wealth or social status through conventional means; a person concerned with conventional, materialistic pursuits

synonym: middle-class, capitalist, materialist

(1) **bourgeois** lifestyle, (2) **bourgeois** values

The **bourgeois** neighborhood was known for its upscale shops and trendy cafes.

aristocratic

adj. relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance

synonym: noble, titled, patrician

(1) **aristocratic** titles, (2) **aristocratic** government

The **aristocratic** family had a long history of wealth and privilege.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym: isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,

(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym: belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

sabbatical

n. a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

synonym: leave, vacation, break

(1) **sabbatical** leave, (2) **sabbatical** year

After ten years of teaching, she took a **sabbatical** to travel the world.

orthodontics

n. a branch of dentistry that deals with the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of dental and facial irregularities, particularly those related to the misalignment of teeth and jaws; the use of various devices, including braces and retainers, to correct such irregularities and improve oral and facial function and appearance

synonym: dental braces, teeth alignment, dental correction

(1) doggie **orthodontics**, (2) **orthodontics** specialist

After years of wearing braces, her **orthodontics** treatment was finally complete.

fantasy

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

synonym: fiction, illusion, fabrication

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

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

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers
We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

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

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

redolent

adj. having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something

synonym: fragrant, aromatic, perfumed

(1) **redolent** aroma, (2) **redolent** memories

The garden was **redolent** with the fragrance of blooming roses.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

playground

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

synonym: park, garden, sandbox

(1) a well-equipped **playground**, (2) a **playground** on the roof

There is a woods with a creek near the school **playground**.

nowadays

adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past

synonym : currently, presently, today

(1) young people **nowadays**, (2) not to be seen **nowadays**

People can clone a sheep **nowadays**.

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym : opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

shard

n. a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal

synonym : break, fragment, shatter

(1) broken **shard**, (2) **shard** of pottery

The artist used a **shard** of glass to create intricate designs on her sculptures.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym : fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

anxious

adj. worried and nervous

synonym : nervous, uneasy, afraid

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

He cast **anxious** glances behind her.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym : creative, innovative, inventive

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

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

encounter

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

synonym: meet, run into, come across

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

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

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.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

adorn

v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful

synonym: decorate, beautify, embellish

(1) **adorn** a bride, (2) **adorn** the table with flowers

The architect **adorned** the interior with great artworks and frescoes.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

breech

n. a fetal position in which the baby's buttocks or feet are positioned to descend through the birth canal first, as opposed to the typical head-first position; the part of a firearm behind the barrel, including the chamber, bolt, and feeding mechanism; a person's buttocks

synonym : butt, hindquarters, posterior

(1) **breech** birth, (2) gun **breech**

The doctor was concerned about the baby's **breech** position and discussed potential delivery complications with the parents.

cheek

n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

synonym : jaw, mandible, malar

(1) **cheek** bone, (2) hollowed-out **cheek**

He gently touched her apple-red **cheek** and whispered that he loved her.

munchkin

n. a child, especially affectionately or playfully; a short person, typically used in a lighthearted or humorous manner

synonym : child, dwarf, imp

(1) **munchkin** costume, (2) adorable **munchkin**

The daycare center is specifically for **munchkin-sized** children.

ego

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

synonym : self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

dignify

v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

synonym: elevate, ennoble, honor

(1) **dignify** the role, (2) **dignify** the occasion

It's important to **dignify** other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.

energetic

adj. possessing or exerting or displaying energy

synonym: active, animated, lively

(1) **energetic** density, (2) **energetic** dog

This process caused an **energetic** chemical reaction.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gold sp_____e gown
v. to decorate or adorn something with small, sparkling objects, such as sequins or glitter; to cover or sprinkle with shiny or lustrous spots or highlights; (noun) a small, thin, often circular piece of glittering metal or other material, used especially to decorate garments
2. justice of the su_____e court
adj. highest in rank, level, or importance
3. gl_____r against her skin
v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
4. ext_____ary ability
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
5. al__n fungi
n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
6. art no_____u
adj. new, something new or newly arrived, especially a new fashion or trend
7. im_____ry number
adj. existing only in someone's mind
8. a friendly con_____ion
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
9. a personal exh_____on
n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

ANSWERS: 1. spangle, 2. supreme, 3. glitter, 4. extraordinary, 5. alien, 6. nouveau, 7. imaginary, 8. conversation, 9. exhibition

10. or___t my thinking *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
11. 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
12. sh__d of pottery *n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
13. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
14. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
15. plenty of in_____or space *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
16. oc___y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
17. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
18. bo_____is lifestyle *n.* a member of the middle class, typically with conservative or conformist attitudes or values; a person who seeks material wealth or social status through conventional means; a person concerned with conventional, materialistic pursuits
19. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 10. orient, 11. refer, 12. shard, 13. constant, 14. dimension, 15. interior, 16. occupy, 17. eliminate, 18. bourgeois, 19. encounter

20. pra_____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly
21. re_____on force *n.* a feeling of intense disgust or dislike; a physical force that resists the approach or contact of two objects
22. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
23. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
24. dep_____le behavior *adj.* deserving strong condemnation or censure; shocking, shameful, or very bad
25. ari_____tic titles *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
26. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
27. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
28. a pla_____nd on the roof *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

ANSWERS: 20. practically, 21. repulsion, 22. achieve, 23. fiction, 24. deplorable, 25. aristocratic, 26. utterly, 27. icon, 28. playground

29. fi____rk discharge *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
30. in si_____er terms *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
31. ut_____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
32. brutal ty_____y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
33. in_____or decoration *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
34. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
35. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
36. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
37. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
38. 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
39. enter vi____n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

ANSWERS: 29. firework, 30. sinister, 31. utterly, 32. tyranny, 33. interior, 34. label, 35. soar, 36. constant, 37. spiritual, 38. damn, 39. virgin

40. interim cu____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
41. draw a dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
42. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
43. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
44. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
45. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
46. vi____n material *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
47. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
48. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
49. adorable mu_____in *n.* a child, especially affectionately or playfully; a short person, typically used in a lighthearted or humorous manner
50. vi_____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view

ANSWERS: 40. curator, 41. distinction, 42. sequester, 43. remarkable, 44. ingredient, 45. encounter, 46. virgin, 47. sequester, 48. modern, 49. munchkin, 50. visible

51. pe____ar people *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
52. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
53. the pr____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
54. Christmas or____nt *n.* a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry
55. a Royal Pr____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
56. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
57. a ma____ic sense of purpose *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
58. the tr__k of the tree *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
59. br____h birth *n.* a fetal position in which the baby's buttocks or feet are positioned to descend through the birth canal first, as opposed to the typical head-first position; the part of a firearm behind the barrel, including the chamber, bolt, and feeding mechanism; a person's buttocks

ANSWERS: 51. peculiar, 52. Renaissance, 53. profound, 54. ornament, 55. princess, 56. deem, 57. majestic, 58. trunk, 59. breech

60. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
61. de____t on the mortgage *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
62. fl____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
63. fa____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
64. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
65. in____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
66. re____nt memories *adj.* having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something
67. expansion of the un____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 60. preach, 61. default, 62. flourish, 63. fantasy, 64. hell, 65. invisible, 66. redolent, 67. universe

68. an an_____s look *adj.* worried and nervous
69. sab_____al leave *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
70. an op____d analgesic *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
71. not bat an ey_____h *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
72. utter an an_____ma *n.* a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse
73. classical ba_____na *n.* a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer
74. dec_____ve design *adj.* serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing
75. in____e a crisis *v.* to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner
76. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
77. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
78. enc_____te the essence *v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

ANSWERS: 68. anxious, 69. sabbatical, 70. opioid, 71. eyelash, 72. anathema, 73. ballerina, 74. decorative, 75. induce, 76. gradual, 77. absolutely, 78. encapsulate

79. ari_____tic government *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
80. oc___y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
81. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
82. di_____e speaking in public *v.* to not like someone or something
83. a bouncing ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
84. tr_____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement
85. es_____st tendencies *adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment
86. ad__n the table with flowers *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
87. t__k of an elephant *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
88. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
89. no_____u cuisine *adj.* new, something new or newly arrived, especially a new fashion or trend

ANSWERS: 79. aristocratic, 80. occupy, 81. brain, 82. dislike, 83. niece, 84. triumph, 85. escapist, 86. adorn, 87. tusk, 88. Renaissance, 89. nouveau

90. a dependent do___n *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
91. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
92. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
93. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
94. scu_____al design *adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance
95. bo_____is values *n.* a member of the middle class, typically with conservative or conformist attitudes or values; a person who seeks material wealth or social status through conventional means; a person concerned with conventional, materialistic pursuits
96. a well-equipped pla_____nd *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
97. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
98. an_____y of a country's collapse *n.* the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants
99. cu_____r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

ANSWERS: 90. domain, 91. slightly, 92. comfort, 93. imaginative, 94. sculptural, 95. bourgeois, 96. playground, 97. absolute, 98. anatomy, 99. curator

100. vu___r language *adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions
101. scu_____al masterpiece *adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance
102. the su_____e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
103. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
104. a ma_____ic figure *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
105. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
106. electric k___n *n.* an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas
107. create sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
108. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
109. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

ANSWERS: 100. vulgar, 101. sculptural, 102. supreme, 103. accident, 104. majestic, 105. victim, 106. kiln, 107. sculpture, 108. march, 109. ordinary

110. ort_____ics specialist *n.* a branch of dentistry that deals with the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of dental and facial irregularities, particularly those related to the misalignment of teeth and jaws; the use of various devices, including braces and retainers, to correct such irregularities and improve oral and facial function and appearance
111. commit a crime del_____ely *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
112. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
113. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
114. sense of re_____on *n.* a feeling of intense disgust or dislike; a physical force that resists the approach or contact of two objects
115. in___e him to see a doctor *v.* to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner
116. re_____nt aroma *adj.* having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something
117. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
118. met_____tan city *adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country

ANSWERS: 110. orthodontics, 111. deliberately, 112. absolutely, 113. elevate, 114. repulsion, 115. induce, 116. redolent, 117. incredibly, 118. metropolitan

119. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
120. 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
121. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
122. ho___r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
123. sudden pa_____sm *n.* a sudden, uncontrollable outburst or spasm, often referring to a sudden fit of emotion or a violent episode of a medical condition such as a seizure or a convulsion
124. ty_____y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
125. di_____e this kind of food *v.* to not like someone or something
126. po_____in vase *n.* a ceramic material that is formed by heating a mixture of clay and other substances to high temperatures, resulting in a hard, smooth, white, and translucent material that is often used in the manufacture of dishes, vases, and other decorative objects

ANSWERS: 119. faith, 120. refer, 121. mad, 122. horror, 123. paroxysm, 124. tyranny, 125. dislike, 126. porcelain

127. en_____ic density *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
128. having a strong di_____te *n.* a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
129. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
130. a well-ba_____ed mind *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
131. telescopic vi_____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
132. crown pr_____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
133. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
134. political an_____ma *n.* a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse
135. gold gi_____g *n.* the act or process of applying a thin layer of gold (or gold-like substance) to an object or surface, often for decorative purposes
136. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
137. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

ANSWERS: 127. energetic, 128. distaste, 129. resistance, 130. balanced, 131. vision, 132. princess, 133. odd, 134. anathema, 135. gilding, 136. accident, 137. faith

138. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
139. ballad op__a *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
140. gl____r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
141. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
142. w__b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
143. a ceramic v__e *n.* a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects
144. op___d receptor *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
145. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 138. soar, 139. opera, 140. glitter, 141. remarkable, 142. womb, 143. vase, 144. opioid, 145. function

146. glass or _____nt *n.* a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry
147. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
148. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
149. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
150. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
151. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
152. pe_____ar way *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
153. member of the ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
154. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
155. dep_____le conditions *adj.* deserving strong condemnation or censure; shocking, shameful, or very bad
156. the exotic flavor of the Or____t *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
157. exh_____on opening *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

ANSWERS: 146. ornament, 147. flourish, 148. brain, 149. imaginary, 150. incredibly, 151. extraordinary, 152. peculiar, 153. aristocracy, 154. march, 155. deplorable, 156. orient, 157. exhibition

158. tr____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement
159. a gr____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
160. the fas_____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
161. wanted cr____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
162. pra_____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
163. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
164. a ba____ed diet *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
165. di____ed of without being eaten *adj.* inclined or willing to do something
166. tumor of w__b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
167. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
168. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
169. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
170. famous ba_____na *n.* a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer

ANSWERS: 158. triumph, 159. gradual, 160. fascination, 161. criminal, 162. practically, 163. frank, 164. balanced, 165. disposed, 166. womb, 167. colleague, 168. represent, 169. eliminate, 170. ballerina

171. op__a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
172. broken sh__d *n.* a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal
173. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
174. do___n of use *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
175. enc_____te the message *v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form
176. dis_____sh these two things *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
177. violent pa_____sm *n.* a sudden, uncontrollable outburst or spasm, often referring to a sudden fit of emotion or a violent episode of a medical condition such as a seizure or a convulsion
178. sab_____al year *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
179. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
180. de___t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

ANSWERS: 171. opera, 172. shard, 173. alien, 174. domain, 175. encapsulate, 176. distinguish, 177. paroxysm, 178. sabbatical, 179. origin, 180. depart

181. antique po_____in
- n.* a ceramic material that is formed by heating a mixture of clay and other substances to high temperatures, resulting in a hard, smooth, white, and translucent material that is often used in the manufacture of dishes, vases, and other decorative objects
182. ba_____ue grill
- n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
183. fl_____e onto the floor
- v.* to move or go exaggeratedly or ostentatiously, typically accompanied by flailing or exaggerated movements; to move forcefully or clumsily with sudden motions
184. abstract sc_____re
- n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
185. us_____s in the kitchen
- adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
186. del_____ely amateurish
- adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
187. brick k__n
- n.* an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas

ANSWERS: 181. porcelain, 182. barbecue, 183. flounce, 184. sculpture, 185. useless, 186. deliberately, 187. kiln

188. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on
189. ext_____us details
190. gun br____h
191. ch__k bone
192. major met_____tan area
193. theory of the un_____se
194. have a ni_____re
195. el_____e a close relationship
196. ex_____te crafts
197. dec_____ve art
- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
- adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something
- n.* a fetal position in which the baby's buttocks or feet are positioned to descend through the birth canal first, as opposed to the typical head-first position; the part of a firearm behind the barrel, including the chamber, bolt, and feeding mechanism; a person's buttocks
- n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
- adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
- n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
- v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
- adj.* extremely beautiful and delicate
- adj.* serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing

ANSWERS: 188. revolution, 189. extraneous, 190. breech, 191. cheek, 192. metropolitan, 193. universe, 194. nightmare, 195. elevate, 196. exquisite, 197. decorative

198. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
199. the qui_____nce of virtue *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
200. a water fa__y *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
201. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
202. 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
203. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
204. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
205. doggie ort_____ics *n.* a branch of dentistry that deals with the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of dental and facial irregularities, particularly those related to the misalignment of teeth and jaws; the use of various devices, including braces and retainers, to correct such irregularities and improve oral and facial function and appearance
206. animal an____y *n.* the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants

ANSWERS: 198. historic, 199. quintessence, 200. fairy, 201. preach, 202. damn, 203. zone, 204. conversation, 205. orthodontics, 206. anatomy

207. time z__e	<i>n.</i> a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
208. a political rev_____on	<i>n.</i> a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
209. an_____s about his health	<i>adj.</i> worried and nervous
210. dull si__t	<i>n.</i> the ability to see; anything that is seen
211. sp_____al leader	<i>adj.</i> relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
212. public re__m	<i>n.</i> a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
213. not to be seen no_____ys	<i>adv.</i> at the current time, in comparison to the past
214. ba_____ue sauce	<i>n.</i> a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
215. sp__g of rosemary	<i>n.</i> a small stem or shoot of a plant, usually with leaves or flowers attached
216. vi_____e by X-ray	<i>adj.</i> capable of being seen; or open to easy view
217. arrive and de___t on time	<i>v.</i> to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
218. popular di_____te for corruption	<i>n.</i> a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
219. ac_____e milestones	<i>v.</i> to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 207. zone, 208. revolution, 209. anxious, 210. sight, 211. spiritual, 212. realm, 213. nowadays, 214. barbecue, 215. sprig, 216. visible, 217. depart, 218. distaste, 219. achieve

220. grand fi____rk display *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
221. a pr____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
222. become ess____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
223. words of co____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
224. afraid to show em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
225. confuse fa____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
226. vu____r content *adj.* not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions
227. elaborate gi____g *n.* the act or process of applying a thin layer of gold (or gold-like substance) to an object or surface, often for decorative purposes
228. de____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 220. firework, 221. profound, 222. essentially, 223. comfort, 224. emotion, 225. fantasy, 226. vulgar, 227. gilding, 228. default

229. us____s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
230. non-fi____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
231. res____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
232. ni____re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
233. ess____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
234. t__k-like tooth *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
235. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
236. hollowed-out ch__k *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
237. a prodigious vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
238. sl____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
239. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
240. mu____in costume *n.* a child, especially affectionately or playfully; a short person, typically used in a lighthearted or humorous manner

ANSWERS: 229. useless, 230. fiction, 231. resistance, 232. nightmare, 233. essentially, 234. tusk, 235. amazing, 236. cheek, 237. vision, 238. slightly, 239. odd, 240. munchkin

241. un___n numbers	<i>adj.</i> not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
242. he is evilly di____ed	<i>adj.</i> inclined or willing to do something
243. the th__es of a financial crisis	<i>n.</i> a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty
244. fl____e off in a huff	<i>v.</i> to move or go exaggeratedly or ostentatiously, typically accompanied by flailing or exaggerated movements; to move forcefully or clumsily with sudden motions
245. mint sp__g	<i>n.</i> a small stem or shoot of a plant, usually with leaves or flowers attached
246. fa__y tale	<i>n.</i> a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
247. cr____al investigation	<i>n.</i> a person who has committed a crime
248. play with her ni__e	<i>n.</i> a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
249. ho___r-struck look	<i>n.</i> intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
250. am____g advances	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
251. control my em____n	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
252. compound the ing____nts	<i>n.</i> one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

ANSWERS: 241. uneven, 242. disposed, 243. throe, 244. flounce, 245. sprig, 246. fairy, 247. criminal, 248. niece, 249. horror, 250. amazing, 251. emotion, 252. ingredient

253. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
254. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
255. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
256. qui_____nce of life *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
257. the tr__k of the body *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
258. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
259. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
260. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
261. di_____y the occasion *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
262. young people no_____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

ANSWERS: 253. ego, 254. hell, 255. deem, 256. quintessence, 257. trunk, 258. icon, 259. label, 260. historic, 261. dignify, 262. nowadays

263. important dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
264. beyond the re__m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
265. can_____ht vigil *n.* light provided by a candle or candles
266. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
267. di_____y the role *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
268. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
269. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
270. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
271. si_____er look *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
272. sp_____e with stars *v.* to decorate or adorn something with small, sparkling objects, such as sequins or glitter; to cover or sprinkle with shiny or lustrous spots or highlights; (noun) a small, thin, often circular piece of glittering metal or other material, used especially to decorate garments

ANSWERS: 263. distinction, 264. realm, 265. candlelight, 266. function, 267. dignify, 268. colleague, 269. absolute, 270. mad, 271. sinister, 272. spangle

273. the blue-blooded ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
274. rapt in fas_____on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
275. ad__n a bride *v.* to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
276. th__es of death *n.* a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty
277. dis_____sh man from the other animals *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
278. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
279. can_____ht dinner *n.* light provided by a candle or candles
280. es_____st literature *adj.* tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment
281. a man of ex_____te sensitivity *adj.* extremely beautiful and delicate
282. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
283. un___n coating *adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
284. national e_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

ANSWERS: 273. aristocracy, 274. fascination, 275. adorn, 276. throe, 277. distinguish, 278. modern, 279. candlelight, 280. escapist, 281. exquisite, 282. frank, 283. uneven, 284. ego

285. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
286. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
287. ey_____h brush *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
288. vi____m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
289. v__e pottery *n.* a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects
290. ext_____us variables *adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something
291. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
292. en_____ic dog *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
293. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
294. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
295. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
296. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

ANSWERS: 285. represent, 286. origin, 287. eyelash, 288. victim, 289. vase, 290. extraneous, 291. invisible, 292. energetic, 293. ordinary, 294. dimension, 295. sight, 296. imaginative

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ session of the Diet opened.
adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

2. She took a moment to _____ herself in the unfamiliar city.
v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

3. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

4. The new policy is _____ to the employees.
n. a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse

5. Treatment for _____ dependence may be a long-term process.
n. substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted

6. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

7. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

ANSWERS: 1. ordinary, 2. orient, 3. renaissance, 4. anathema, 5. opioid, 6. label, 7. soared

8. The children were excited to see the _____ show.

n. a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

9. The _____ riche were eager to flaunt their wealth.

adj. new, something new or newly arrived, especially a new fashion or trend

10. My _____ is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

11. He was ____ with joy to see the results.

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

12. The _____ graceful movements were a joy to watch.

n. a female ballet (= a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing) dancer

13. She was offended by his _____ gesture.

adj. not having sophistication or good taste; making explicit and offensive references to sex or bodily functions

14. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

15. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

16. She loves going to the _____ house and hearing the beautiful music.

n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

ANSWERS: 8. firework, 9. nouveau, 10. niece, 11. mad, 12. ballerina's, 13. vulgar, 14. occupy, 15. gradual, 16. opera

17. Her dress _____ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.
v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
18. This process caused an _____ chemical reaction.
adj. possessing or exerting or displaying energy
19. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.
n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
20. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
21. Truth is stranger than _____.
n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
22. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
23. The dark clouds in the sky gave off a _____ feeling.
adj. giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
24. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 17. glittered, 18. energetic, 19. realm, 20. resistance, 21. fiction, 22. victim, 23. sinister, 24. hell

25. The _____ mountain range was a sight to behold.

adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

26. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

27. We can hear an _____ piano melody from his room.

adj. extremely beautiful and delicate

28. 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

29. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

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

30. Despite his popularity among the _____ he was unpopular with the general public.

n. a group of persons with high social status

31. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

32. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

ANSWERS: 25. majestic, 26. Constant, 27. exquisite, 28. refer, 29. brain, 30. aristocracy, 31. function, 32. Essentially,

33. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.
n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
34. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
35. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
36. The road was _____ causing the car to bounce up and down as it drove.
adj. not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
37. The antique mirror was adorned with intricate _____ adding a touch of elegance to the room.
n. the act or process of applying a thin layer of gold (or gold-like substance) to an object or surface, often for decorative purposes
38. It's important to _____ other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.
v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
39. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
40. The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal _____.
n. a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

ANSWERS: 33. comfort, 34. modern, 35. accident, 36. uneven, 37. gilding, 38. dignify, 39. revolution, 40. tusks

41. The store is _____ empty.

adv. almost or nearly

42. The juice has a _____ taste.

adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

43. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

44. The _____ of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

n. the perfect example of a quality or class

45. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

46. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the _____.

n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

47. The old, rusty tools were now _____ and had to be thrown away.

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

48. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

49. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

ANSWERS: 41. practically, 42. peculiar, 43. ingredient, 44. quintessence, 45. universe, 46. trunk, 47. useless, 48. nightmare, 49. sculptures

50. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.
v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
51. The daycare center is specifically for _____ children.
n. a child, especially affectionately or playfully; a short person, typically used in a lighthearted or humorous manner
52. The professor explained the _____ of the nervous system.
n. the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants
53. She writhed in the _____ of pain during labor.
n. a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty
54. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
n. the first existence or beginning of something
55. The sight of spiders fills me with _____.
n. a feeling of intense disgust or dislike; a physical force that resists the approach or contact of two objects
56. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
n. a person who has committed a crime
57. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
adj. existing only in someone's mind

ANSWERS: 50. encounter, 51. munchkin-sized, 52. anatomy, 53. throes, 54. origin, 55. repulsion, 56. criminal, 57. imaginary

58. The _____ details on the building's facade were simply stunning.
adj. relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance
59. He seems to _____ all forms of exercise.
v. to not like someone or something
60. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
61. The company's _____ in the market was expanding to new territories.
n. a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
62. She _____ out of the room, slamming the door behind her.
v. to move or go exaggeratedly or ostentatiously, typically accompanied by flailing or exaggerated movements; to move forcefully or clumsily with sudden motions
63. The architect _____ the interior with great artworks and frescoes.
v. to make something or somebody more attractive or beautiful
64. 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
65. The art museum is hosting an _____ of contemporary paintings next month.
n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

ANSWERS: 58. sculptural, 59. dislike, 60. elevates, 61. domain, 62. flounced, 63. adorned, 64. damn, 65. exhibition

66. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.
- n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
67. After ten years of teaching, she took a _____ to travel the world.
- n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
68. The country was ruled by a _____ that oppressed its citizens.
- n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
69. People can clone a sheep _____.
- adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
70. The exquisite _____ was filled with a bouquet of flowers.
- n.* a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects
71. The _____ at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.
- n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
72. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
- adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
73. 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

ANSWERS: 66. horror, 67. sabbatical, 68. tyranny, 69. nowadays, 70. vase, 71. barbecue, 72. invisible, 73. profound

74. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

75. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

76. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

77. The room was dimly lit by soft _____.

n. light provided by a candle or candles

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

adv. completely or absolutely

79. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

80. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

81. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

82. He _____ misleads others.

adv. done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

83. I can't see any _____ between these two concepts.

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

ANSWERS: 74. supreme, 75. incredibly, 76. zone, 77. candlelight, 78. utterly, 79. conversation, 80. dimensions, 81. frank, 82. deliberately, 83. distinction

84. The doctor was concerned about the baby's _____ position and discussed potential delivery complications with the parents.
- n.* a fetal position in which the baby's buttocks or feet are positioned to descend through the birth canal first, as opposed to the typical head-first position; the part of a firearm behind the barrel, including the chamber, bolt, and feeding mechanism; a person's buttocks
85. I looked at the painting in _____.
- n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
86. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
87. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
- adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
88. I picked a _____ of lavender from my garden to freshen up my room.
- n.* a small stem or shoot of a plant, usually with leaves or flowers attached
89. This study _____ four different ways to run a business.
- v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
90. He was laughing so hard that he had a _____ of coughs.
- n.* a sudden, uncontrollable outburst or spasm, often referring to a sudden fit of emotion or a violent episode of a medical condition such as a seizure or a convulsion
91. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
- v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

ANSWERS: 84. breech, 85. fascination, 86. fantasy, 87. absolute, 88. sprig, 89. distinguished, 90. paroxysm, 91. preached

92. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

93. After years of wearing braces, her _____ treatment was finally complete.

n. a branch of dentistry that deals with the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of dental and facial irregularities, particularly those related to the misalignment of teeth and jaws; the use of various devices, including braces and retainers, to correct such irregularities and improve oral and facial function and appearance

94. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

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

95. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

96. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

97. She grimaced in _____ when someone said the insulting words.

n. a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable

98. The delicate _____ figurine was passed down for generations in the family.

n. a ceramic material that is formed by heating a mixture of clay and other substances to high temperatures, resulting in a hard, smooth, white, and translucent material that is often used in the manufacture of dishes, vases, and other decorative objects

ANSWERS: 92. sights, 93. orthodontics, 94. Alien, 95. eliminate, 96. default, 97. distaste, 98. porcelain

99. The city is a true _____ with a diverse population and bustling streets.

adj. of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country

100. The movie can _____ the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.

v. to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

101. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

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

102. The _____ on the tree was delicate and intricate, adding to its beauty.

n. a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry

103. The _____ family had a long history of wealth and privilege.

adj. relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance

104. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

105. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

106. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

ANSWERS: 99. metropolitan, 100. encapsulate, 101. achieve, 102. ornament, 103. aristocratic, 104. flourished, 105. absolutely, 106. visible

107. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

108. His grandfather was an ____ man.

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

109. I'm _____ to agree with your opinion.

adj. inclined or willing to do something

110. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

111. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

112. The _____ tiles on the wall added a colorful and unique touch to the room.

adj. serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing

113. The dress was _____ with sequins, making it perfect for a fancy party.

v. to decorate or adorn something with small, sparkling objects, such as sequins or glitter; to cover or sprinkle with shiny or lustrous spots or highlights; (noun) a small, thin, often circular piece of glittering metal or other material, used especially to decorate garments

114. She was constantly trying to boost her ____ by talking about her accomplishments.

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

ANSWERS: 107. departed, 108. odd, 109. disposed, 110. remarkable, 111. amazing, 112. decorative, 113. spangled, 114. ego

115. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.
adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
116. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
117. The garden was _____ with the fragrance of blooming roses.
adj. having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something
118. The _____ film provided a brief but much-needed break from reality.
adj. tending to or providing an escape from reality, particularly through the use of fantasy, imagination, or entertainment
119. He cast _____ glances behind her.
adj. worried and nervous
120. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
121. The _____ neighborhood was known for its upscale shops and trendy cafes.
n. a member of the middle class, typically with conservative or conformist attitudes or values; a person who seeks material wealth or social status through conventional means; a person concerned with conventional, materialistic pursuits

ANSWERS: 115. spiritual, 116. vision, 117. redolent, 118. escapist, 119. anxious, 120. extraordinary, 121. bourgeois

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

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

123. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

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

124. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

125. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

n. a great victory or achievement

126. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

127. An _____ curler is a girl's best friend.

n. any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

128. 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

129. The museum _____ conserved the ancient manuscripts.

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

130. He gently touched her apple-red _____ and whispered that he loved her.

n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

ANSWERS: 122. imaginative, 123. emotions, 124. slightly, 125. triumph, 126. deemed, 127. eyelash, 128. colleague, 129. curator, 130. cheek

131. 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

132. The artist used a _____ of glass to create intricate designs on her sculptures.

n. a small, sharp piece of something that has been broken, especially a material like glass, pottery, or metal

133. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the _____.

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

134. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

135. The _____ living conditions in the slums caused widespread disease.

adj. deserving strong condemnation or censure; shocking, shameful, or very bad

136. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

137. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

138. The mischievous _____ flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

ANSWERS: 131. virgin, 132. shard, 133. womb, 134. faith, 135. deplorable, 136. icons, 137. marched, 138. fairy

139. The _____ information in the report made it difficult to understand the main points.

adj. irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something

140. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

141. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

142. There is a woods with a creek near the school _____.

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

143. The prince fell in love with the _____ and asked her to marry him.

n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

144. The lack of sleep _____ both physical and psychological diseases.

v. to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner

145. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

146. We conducted a _____ assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

ANSWERS: 139. extraneous, 140. sequester, 141. historic, 142. playground, 143. princess, 144. induces, 145. represent, 146. balanced

147. The painter focused on the moody _____ of abandoned buildings in his work.

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

148. The pottery was fired in the _____ for several hours to harden it.

n. an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas

ANSWERS: 147. interiors, 148. kiln