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Session 1: Word List

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
synonym: comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up
Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

suffocate

v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
synonym: choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire
People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

cerebral

adj. relating to the brain or intellect; intellectual or studious rather than emotional or physical

synonym : brain, mental, intellectual

(1) **cerebral** palsy, (2) **cerebral** cortex

The patient experienced a **cerebral** hemorrhage and required surgery.

palsy

n. a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness

synonym : paralysis, tremor, twitch

(1) muscle **palsy**, (2) cerebral **palsy**

Some people with Parkinson's disease may experience tremors and **palsy** in their limbs.

exhaust

n. the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

synonym : emission, fumes, (verb) deplete

(1) **exhaust** pipe, (2) **exhaust** a topic

The factory's **exhaust** fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.

genetic

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

synonym : hereditary, genetical, inborn

(1) have **genetic** testing, (2) a **genetic** disorder

Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the **genetic** code.

defect

n. an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone

synonym : fault, blemish, flaw

(1) visual **defects**, (2) **defects** of character

Defects in the design could cause much worse issues.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym : condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

uterus

n. a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

synonym : womb

(1) **uterus** cancer, (2) bleeding from **uterus**

The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the **uterus**.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym : relative

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

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

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.

warn

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

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

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

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

inspiration

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

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

disabled

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

synonym : handicapped, impaired, incapacitated

(1) a **disabled** veteran, (2) a learning- **disabled** child

She was **disabled** in a car accident.

eve

n. (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

synonym : evening, dusk, twilight

(1) **eve** of the party, (2) Christmas **Eve**

The **eve** of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.

handicap

n. a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities

synonym : disability, impairment, limitation

(1) **handicap** parking space, (2) mental **handicap**

The athlete overcame his physical **handicap** to become a world champion.

oppress

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

synonym : antagonize, distress, burden

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

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

olympiad

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**
She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

medal

n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

synonym: award, decoration, badge

(1) gold **medal**, (2) a prize **medal**

She was proud to receive a **medal** for her hard work and dedication to the sport.

jersey

n. a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

synonym: shirt, sweater, top

(1) **jersey** material, (2) fabric of the **jersey**

I always wear my favorite basketball player's **jersey** to the games.

cliff

n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

synonym: crag, escarpment, precipice

(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving

He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

hood

n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

synonym: hoodie, cowl, cloak

(1) **hood** ornament, (2) a silk **hood**

He pulled his waterproof **hood** up to protect himself from the

rain.

affliction

n. a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

synonym : anguish, distress, suffering

(1) mental **affliction**, (2) autoimmune **affliction**

Chronic pain can be a debilitating **affliction** that affects every aspect of one's life.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym : basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

mantra

n. a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

synonym : hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

sue

v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress

synonym : accuse, plead, file

(1) **sue** a company for damages, (2) **sue** my boss for harassment

He planned to **sue** the organization for negligence.

heel

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

synonym : hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

tactic

n. a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

synonym : strategy, approach, method

(1) an imprudent **tactic**, (2) alternative **tactic**

The coach implemented a new **tactic** to win the game.

dangle

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

synonym : swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

strip

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

synonym : deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

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

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

kindergarten

n. a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

synonym : preschool, nursery school, daycare

(1) **kindergarten** class, (2) **kindergarten** teacher

The **kindergarten** students were having a good time playing

with toys.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym: victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

punch

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

synonym: hit, strike, slap

(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket

He **punched** the wall in anger.

politician

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

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

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

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

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

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

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

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

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.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

synonym : daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

sunset

n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

synonym : evening, sundown, dusk

(1) **sunset** this function, (2) spectacular **sunset** views

He is in the **sunset** of his life.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

- afford** v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.
- therapy** n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
synonym : antidote, medicine, treatment
(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**
I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.
- chic** n. a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated elegance or gracefulness, particularly in dress or behavior;
(adjective) sophisticated, elegant, and fashionable
synonym : style, fashion, trend
(1) **chic** boutique, (2) casual **chic**
She's always dressed in the latest **chic**, making her the envy of her friends.
- vacation** n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
synonym : leave, recess, break
(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**
Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?
- shore** n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
synonym : coast, seaside, beach
(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand
The waves are beating against the **shore**.
- 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.

madonna

n. a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art

synonym: virgin, mother

(1) wooden **Madonna**, (2) **madonna** painting

The **Madonnas** and Child painting is a famous piece of art from the Renaissance period.

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

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

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

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

synonym: recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind

It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

dunk

v. to immerse or submerge briefly in a liquid, often repeatedly to coat or moisten; to slam or force something down into a container of liquid

synonym: dip, plunge, soak

(1) **dunk** in water, (2) **dunk** a basketball

I like to **dunk** my cookies in milk before eating them.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

yoga

n. a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation

synonym: meditation, exercise, spiritual practice

(1) aerial **yoga**, (2) **yoga** teacher

Many people find that regular **yoga** practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym: strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

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.

affirmative

adj. indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone

synonym: positive, confirming, approving

(1) **affirmative** decision, (2) **affirmative** action

The teacher gave an **affirmative** nod to let the student know they had answered the question correctly.

scholarship

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

synonym: grant, award, stipend

(1) a **scholarship** association, (2) college **scholarship**

She received a full **scholarship** to study abroad.

pet *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**
I have a parrot as a **pet**.

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.

intelligent *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
synonym: brilliant, clever, competent
(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system
Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

menagerie *n.* a collection of wild animals, especially exotic ones, kept for display
synonym: collection, assortment, group
(1) a large **menagerie**, (2) **menagerie** keeper
The circus had a **menagerie** of animals, including elephants, lions, and monkeys.

weep *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
synonym: cry, sob, mourn
(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy
I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

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

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye
This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

fin *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane
The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

decide *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

rooftop *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
synonym : roof, terrace, deck

(1) **rooftop** live, (2) **rooftop** deck
They held the dinner party on the **rooftop** terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

almighty *adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
synonym : omnipotent, all-powerful, supreme

(1) **almighty** power, (2) **almighty** dollar
The **almighty** ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.

hysterical *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
synonym : agitated, frantic, crazy

(1) **hysterical** laughter, (2) get **hysterical** easily
The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her **hysterical**.

stunt

n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

synonym: feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

excuse

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

synonym: apology, justification, reason

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

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

actress

n. a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies

synonym: performer, player, star

(1) an **actress** of real quality, (2) a well-known **actress**

The acclaimed **actress** received an Oscar for her outstanding performance in the film.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

sordid

adj. involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved

synonym: dirty, seedy, sleazy

(1) **sordid** business, (2) **sordid** past

The tabloid newspaper exposed the **sordid** details of the politician's scandalous affair.

able-bodied

adj. having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength

synonym : capable, fit, healthy

(1) **able-bodied** worker, (2) **able-bodied** athlete

The job posting required an **able-bodied** person for heavy lifting.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

gig

n. a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis

synonym : show, concert, engagement

(1) **gig** economy, (2) have a **gig** at the stadium

We are planning a speaking **gig** by a well-known author at a community center in a neighboring town.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

wacky

adj. funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way

synonym : absurd, eccentric, ludicrous

(1) **wacky** value, (2) **wacky** plan for selling more books

His friend was a pretty wild and **wacky** character.

glorify

v. to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position

synonym : exalt, celebrate, honor

(1) **glorify** god, (2) **glorify** violence

Religious leaders often **glorify** their messengers to encourage people to follow their teachings.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

fluffy

adj. soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur

synonym : soft, feathery, puffy

(1) **fluffy** clouds, (2) **fluffy** blanket

The kitten had **fluffy** fur that was soft to the touch.

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

comic

adj. funny and making you laugh

synonym : amusing, funny, humorous

(1) **comic** books, (2) a **comic** hat

The novel is **comic** and tragic.

turnpike

n. a high-speed, limited-access highway, often with toll booths; a barrier across a road with a rotating spindle used to control access

synonym : toll road, expressway, freeway

(1) **turnpike** interchange, (2) **turnpike** exit

The toll booth on the **turnpike** caused a traffic backup.

chick

n. a baby bird, especially a young chicken

synonym : biddy, fledgling, nestling

(1) baby **chick**, (2) **chick** sorting

The majority of the **chicks** are raised on local family farms.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

censor

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

synonym : suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **censor** a book, (2) **censor** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **censor** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to

something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

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

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

nasty

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

synonym : disgusting, offensive, foul

(1) a **nasty** smell, (2) receive a **nasty** surprise

The weather turned **nasty**.

rumor

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

synonym : gossip, whisper, talk

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

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

dean

n. a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience

synonym : head, director, chancellor

(1) **dean's** list, (2) **dean** of faculty

The university's **dean** was responsible for overseeing the academic programs and policies.

comedy

n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

synonym : humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**

I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym: fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

synonymous

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

synonym: equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non- **synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

mainstream

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

synonym: prevailing, average, common

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

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

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

disability

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

synonym: impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**

Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

invite

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

synonym: ask, request, summon

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

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

cable

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

synonym: wire, cord, rope

(1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

countdown

n. a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline

synonym: timer

(1) **countdown** clock, (2) wedding **countdown**

The **countdown** to launch began as the astronauts prepared for their mission.

promenade

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar

pattern

synonym : stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

shuffle

v. to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps

synonym : jumble, muddle, rearrange

(1) **shuffle** deck, (2) **shuffle** from side to side

She **shuffled** the cards before dealing them to the players.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym : workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

spinning

n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

synonym : whirling, rotating, spinning wheel

(1) **spinning** machine, (2) **spinning** wheel

She took a **spinning** class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

grip

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

synonym : grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

anchor

n. a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability

synonym : mainstay, ballast, backbone

(1) **anchor** bolt, (2) **anchor** weight

The ship dropped **anchor** in the bay.

segment

n. a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

synonym : section, part, division

(1) **segment** analysis, (2) market **segment**

The report divided the data into **segments** based on age, gender, and income level.

livid

adj. discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance

synonym : furious, enraged, black-and-blue

(1) **livid** face, (2) **livid** glare

She was **livid** with anger when she found out her coworker had stolen credit for her project.

contributor

n. a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor

synonym : donor, giver, subscriber

(1) **contributor** of funds, (2) regular **contributor**

She is a major **contributor** to the local food bank, volunteering every week.

cruel

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

synonym : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

clip

n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

synonym : buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

synonym : nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

retarded

adj. (considered derogatory) delayed or impeded in intellectual or emotional development; slow to learn

synonym : delayed, impeded, slow

(1) **retarded** growth, (2) **retarded** child

The project was delayed due to some technical problems, and it was considered **retarded**.

suffer

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

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym : implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

creditor

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

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

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

screenwriter

n. a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

synonym: scriptwriter, playwright

(1) aspiring **screenwriter**, (2) experienced **screenwriter**

The movie's success was largely attributed to the **screenwriter's** cleverly written script.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

wheelchair

n. a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk

(1) electric-powered **wheelchair**, (2) **wheelchair** accessibility

This library rents out various types of folding **wheelchairs** for visitors.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

underrepresented

adj. not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized

synonym : belittled, marginalized, disadvantaged

(1) feel **underrepresented**, (2) **underrepresented** data
Underrepresented communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.

entertainment

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

synonym : amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**
The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym : nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids
The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

crooked

adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

synonym : bent, curved, twisted

(1) **crooked** smile, (2) **crooked** line
The table leg was **crooked**, causing all the cups to slide to one side.

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym : breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth
The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the

festival.

flank

n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

synonym : side, edge, rim

(1) **flank** pain, (2) attack the left **flank**

The **flank** of the mountain was difficult to climb.

diva

n. a distinguished female singer or performer, often with a reputation for being difficult or demanding; a woman who is admired for her talent, beauty, or grace but who is also seen as arrogant or temperamental

synonym : prima donna, star, songstress

(1) screen **diva**, (2) talented **diva**

The singer is known for her **diva-like** behavior backstage.

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**.

idol

n. an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered

synonym : icon, hero, legend

(1) **idol** worship, (2) **idol** singer

He was an **idol** to his fans, who looked up to him as a role model.

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.

headline

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

synonym : title, caption

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

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

delegate

n. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone

synonym : representative, envoy, agent

(1) **delegate** a routine task, (2) send a **delegate**

The **delegate** from the small country was not allowed to speak at the meeting.

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.

charity

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

synonym : philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

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

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

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym : emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

sliver

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

synonym : splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

sting

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

synonym : bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face

Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

Session 2: Spelling

1. da___e a pendant
v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
2. su___r bad grades
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
3. fe____al attendee
n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
4. an___r weight
n. a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
5. ch__r me up
v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
6. co__c books
adj. funny and making you laugh
7. se____t analysis
n. a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
8. i__l worship
n. an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered

ANSWERS: 1. dangle, 2. suffer, 3. festival, 4. anchor, 5. cheer, 6. comic, 7. segment, 8. idol

9. ca__e television *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
10. have ge____c testing *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
11. ru__r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
12. market se____t *n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
13. chant the ma___a of structural reform *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
14. h__d ornament *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
15. a false ru__r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
16. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
17. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
18. summer va____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

ANSWERS: 9. cable, 10. genetic, 11. rumor, 12. segment, 13. mantra, 14. hood, 15. rumor, 16. tap, 17. fin, 18. vacation

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| 19. gl____y god | v. to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position |
| 20. s_e my boss for harassment | v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress |
| 21. summer ol____ad | n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years |
| 22. h__l wrestler | n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something |
| 23. visual de____ts | n. an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone |
| 24. ch____y work | n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people |
| 25. h__l the hurt mind | v. to make a wound or injury to become well again |
| 26. gl____y violence | v. to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position |

ANSWERS: 19. glorify, 20. sue, 21. olympiad, 22. heel, 23. defect, 24. charity, 25. heal, 26. glorify

27. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
28. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
29. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
30. high-technology su_____e industries *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
31. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
32. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
33. tie c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
34. sl___r of wood *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
35. few cu__e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

ANSWERS: 27. inspiration, 28. pet, 29. studio, 30. sunrise, 31. graduate, 32. initial, 33. clip, 34. sliver, 35. curse

36. single et___c group *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
37. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
38. je___y material *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
39. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
40. tu_____ke interchange *n.* a high-speed, limited-access highway, often with toll booths; a barrier across a road with a rotating spindle used to control access
41. short video c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
42. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
43. bu_____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

ANSWERS: 36. ethnic, 37. chase, 38. jersey, 39. excuse, 40. turnpike, 41. clip, 42. pray, 43. butterfly

44. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
45. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
46. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
47. achieve spe_____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
48. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
49. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
50. th____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
51. a short va____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
52. su____t this function *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
53. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 44. crazy, 45. dedicate, 46. faith, 47. spectacular, 48. cast, 49. suffer, 50. therapy, 51. vacation, 52. sunset, 53. pray

54. cl__f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
55. whe_____ir accessibility *n.* a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk
56. gold me__l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
57. fo___r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
58. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
59. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
60. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
61. de___t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
62. lose my g__p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
63. abl_____ed worker *adj.* having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength

ANSWERS: 54. cliff, 55. wheelchair, 56. medal, 57. foster, 58. refugee, 59. invite, 60. intelligent, 61. depart, 62. grip, 63. able-bodied

64. su_____te fire *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
65. a sch_____ip association *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
66. al_____ty dollar *adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
67. d__k a basketball *v.* to immerse or submerge briefly in a liquid, often repeatedly to coat or moisten; to slam or force something down into a container of liquid
68. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
69. a sandy sh__e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
70. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
71. advertising sl____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

ANSWERS: 64. suffocate, 65. scholarship, 66. almighty, 67. dunk, 68. clap, 69. shore, 70. shore, 71. slogan

72. aerial y__a *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
73. aff_____ve action *adj.* indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
74. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
75. e_e of the party *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
76. co___y series *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
77. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
78. s_e a company for damages *v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
79. a well-known ac_____s *n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies

ANSWERS: 72. yoga, 73. affirmative, 74. decide, 75. eve, 76. comedy, 77. accident, 78. sue, 79. actress

80. gr____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
81. kin_____ten teacher *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
82. re____ed child *adj.* (considered derogatory) delayed or impeded in intellectual or emotional development; slow to learn
83. join the mai_____am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
84. 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
85. st__g his face *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
86. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
87. pu__h out numbers *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
88. social st___a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

ANSWERS: 80. graduate, 81. kindergarten, 82. retarded, 83. mainstream, 84. icon, 85. sting, 86. starve, 87. punch, 88. stigma

89. the grand ch____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
90. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
91. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
92. pu__h a ticket *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
93. d__k in water *v.* to immerse or submerge briefly in a liquid, often repeatedly to coat or moisten; to slam or force something down into a container of liquid
94. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
95. field of gene th____y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
96. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
97. a learning-di_____ed child *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
98. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
99. ch__k sorting *n.* a baby bird, especially a young chicken

ANSWERS: 89. champion, 90. intelligent, 91. visual, 92. punch, 93. dunk, 94. invite, 95. therapy, 96. miracle, 97. disabled, 98. promote, 99. chick

100. sh____e from side to side *v.* to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps
101. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
102. cr____d line *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
103. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
104. the life cycle of a bu____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
105. h__l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
106. the characters that re____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
107. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
108. bleeding from ut___s *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

ANSWERS: 100. shuffle, 101. clap, 102. crooked, 103. excuse, 104. butterfly, 105. heel, 106. represent, 107. heal, 108. uterus

109. co_____t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
110. de___ts of character *n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
111. electric-powered whe_____ir *n.* a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk
112. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
113. ro_____p live *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
114. beautiful su_____e *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
115. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
116. und_____ted data *adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
117. college sch_____ip *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
118. international film fe_____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

ANSWERS: 109. consist, 110. defect, 111. wheelchair, 112. cliff, 113. rooftop, 114. sunrise, 115. promote, 116. underrepresented, 117. scholarship, 118. festival

119. li__d glare *adj.* discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance
120. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
121. ho_____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
122. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
123. tw__k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
124. arrive and de___t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
125. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
126. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
127. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
128. have a g_g at the stadium *n.* a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis
129. pr_____de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

ANSWERS: 119. livid, 120. roll, 121. hometown, 122. warn, 123. tweak, 124. depart, 125. appropriate, 126. entertainment, 127. zone, 128. gig, 129. promenade

130. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
131. mental ha_____ap *n.* a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities
132. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
133. g__p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
134. non-syn_____us mutation *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
135. wooden Ma_____a *n.* a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art
136. ballad op__a *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
137. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
138. ce_____al palsy *adj.* relating to the brain or intellect; intellectual or studious rather than emotional or physical
139. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 130. amazing, 131. handicap, 132. starve, 133. grip, 134. synonymous, 135. madonna, 136. opera, 137. strip, 138. cerebral, 139. politician

140. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
141. sh_____e deck *v.* to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps
142. de_____te a routine task *n.* a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
143. li__d face *adj.* discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance
144. i__l singer *n.* an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered
145. tw__k the economy *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
146. a learning dis_____ty *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
147. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
148. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
149. ma_____a painting *n.* a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art

ANSWERS: 140. studio, 141. shuffle, 142. delegate, 143. livid, 144. idol, 145. tweak, 146. disability, 147. oppress, 148. negative, 149. madonna

150. co____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
151. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
152. casual c__c *n.* a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated elegance or gracefulness, particularly in dress or behavior; (adjective) sophisticated, elegant, and fashionable
153. un____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
154. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
155. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
156. a corrupt pol____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
157. re____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
158. a na__y smell *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
159. ho____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up

ANSWERS: 150. conquer, 151. hire, 152. chic, 153. uncover, 154. chase, 155. negative, 156. politician, 157. reinforce, 158. nasty, 159. hometown

160. st__g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
161. get hys_____al easily *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
162. feel und_____ted *adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
163. aff_____ve decision *adj.* indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
164. al_____ty power *adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
165. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
166. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
167. hour of ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
168. Ar___c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 160. sting, 161. hysterical, 162. underrepresented, 163. affirmative, 164. almighty, 165. pet, 166. afford, 167. entertainment, 168. Arabic

169. da___e a carrot *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
170. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
171. hys_____al laughter *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
172. evening pr_____de *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
173. st__t brain growth *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
174. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
175. the modern ol_____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

ANSWERS: 169. dangle, 170. cruel, 171. hysterical, 172. promenade, 173. stunt, 174. initial, 175. olympiad

176. a prize me__l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
177. wedding co_____wn *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
178. spe_____ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
179. cr_____d smile *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
180. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
181. fo___r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
182. alternative ta___c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
183. an imprudent ta___c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
184. talented d__a *n.* a distinguished female singer or performer, often with a reputation for being difficult or demanding; a woman who is admired for her talent, beauty, or grace but who is also seen as arrogant or temperamental

ANSWERS: 176. medal, 177. countdown, 178. spectacular, 179. crooked, 180. fin, 181. foster, 182. tactic, 183. tactic, 184. diva

185. aspiring scr_____ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
186. romantic co____y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
187. mai_____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
188. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
189. d__n of faculty *n.* a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience
190. co_____wn clock *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline

ANSWERS: 185. screenwriter, 186. comedy, 187. mainstream, 188. process, 189. dean, 190. countdown

191. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
192. y__a teacher *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
193. wa__y plan for selling more books *adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
194. ask ch____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
195. under a cu__e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
196. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
197. sl____r of metal *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
198. baby ch__k *n.* a baby bird, especially a young chicken
199. c__c boutique *n.* a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated elegance or gracefulness, particularly in dress or behavior; (adjective) sophisticated, elegant, and fashionable

ANSWERS: 191. warn, 192. yoga, 193. wacky, 194. charity, 195. curse, 196. crazy, 197. sliver, 198. chick, 199. chic

200. economic mi____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
201. a ge____c disorder *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
202. im____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
203. coaxial ca__e *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
204. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
205. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
206. muscle pa__y *n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness
207. ce____r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
208. a silk h__d *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

ANSWERS: 200. miracle, 201. genetic, 202. imitate, 203. cable, 204. creditor, 205. strip, 206. palsy, 207. censor, 208. hood

209. send a de____te *n.* a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
210. a ch____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
211. Ar____c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
212. experienced scr____ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
213. fl____y clouds *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
214. 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
215. vi____l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
216. re____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
217. ha____ap parking space *n.* a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities

ANSWERS: 209. delegate, 210. champion, 211. Arabic, 212. screenwriter, 213. fluffy, 214. icon, 215. visual, 216. recognize, 217. handicap

218. kin_____ten class *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
219. global re_____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
220. skydiving st__t *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
221. ce___r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
222. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
223. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
224. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
225. a di_____ed veteran *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

ANSWERS: 218. kindergarten, 219. refugee, 220. stunt, 221. censor, 222. conquer, 223. oppress, 224. headline, 225. disabled

226. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
227. im____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
228. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
229. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
230. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
231. fl__k pain *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
232. sp_____ng wheel *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
233. op__a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
234. catchy sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
235. regular con_____or *n.* a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor

ANSWERS: 226. hire, 227. imitate, 228. roll, 229. zone, 230. appropriate, 231. flank, 232. spinning, 233. opera, 234. slogan, 235. contributor

236. a cr__l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
237. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
238. wa__y value *adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
239. re____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
240. an ac____s of real quality *n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
241. ro____p deck *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
242. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
243. d__n's list *n.* a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience
244. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 236. cruel, 237. claim, 238. wacky, 239. recognize, 240. actress, 241. rooftop, 242. suddenly, 243. dean, 244. process

245. injury in a car ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
246. g_g economy *n.* a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis
247. sp____ng machine *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
248. mental aff____on *n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief
249. he____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
250. con____or of funds *n.* a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor
251. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
252. co____t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
253. cerebral pa__y *n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness

ANSWERS: 245. accident, 246. gig, 247. spinning, 248. affliction, 249. headline, 250. contributor, 251. creditor, 252. consist, 253. palsy

254. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
255. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
256. spectacular su___t views *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
257. un____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
258. attack the left fl__k *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
259. re____ed growth *adj.* (considered derogatory) delayed or impeded in intellectual or emotional development; slow to learn
260. Christmas E_e *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
261. me____ie keeper *n.* a collection of wild animals, especially exotic ones, kept for display

ANSWERS: 254. cast, 255. faith, 256. sunset, 257. uncover, 258. flank, 259. retarded, 260. eve, 261. menagerie

262. bo___g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
263. a dis_____ty pension *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
264. w__p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
265. autoimmune aff_____on *n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief
266. an___r bolt *n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
267. fl___y blanket *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
268. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
269. receive a na__y surprise *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
270. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
271. su_____te to death *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

ANSWERS: 262. boring, 263. disability, 264. weep, 265. affliction, 266. anchor, 267. fluffy, 268. inspiration, 269. nasty, 270. decide, 271. suffocate

272. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
273. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
274. st___a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
275. ex_____t a topic *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
276. ex_____t pipe *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
277. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
278. a large me_____ie *n.* a collection of wild animals, especially exotic ones, kept for display
279. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
280. ut___s cancer *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
281. screen d__a *n.* a distinguished female singer or performer, often with a reputation for being difficult or demanding; a woman who is admired for her talent, beauty, or grace but who is also seen as arrogant or temperamental

ANSWERS: 272. afford, 273. dedicate, 274. stigma, 275. exhaust, 276. exhaust, 277. reinforce, 278. menagerie, 279. amazing, 280. uterus, 281. diva

282. fabric of the je___y *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
283. cl___m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
284. ch___r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
285. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
286. so___d business *adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved
287. et___c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
288. tu_____ke exit *n.* a high-speed, limited-access highway, often with toll booths; a barrier across a road with a rotating spindle used to control access
289. bo___g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
290. ce_____al cortex *adj.* relating to the brain or intellect; intellectual or studious rather than emotional or physical
291. cross-co___n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
292. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 282. jersey, 283. claim, 284. cheer, 285. cousin, 286. sordid, 287. ethnic, 288. turnpike, 289. boring, 290. cerebral, 291. cousin, 292. tap

293. a co__c hat *adj.* funny and making you laugh
294. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
295. abl_____ed athlete *adj.* having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength
296. campaign ma___a *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
297. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
298. so___d past *adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved
299. w__p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
300. syn_____us terms *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

ANSWERS: 293. comic, 294. represent, 295. able-bodied, 296. mantra, 297. suddenly, 298. sordid, 299. weep, 300. synonymous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are _____.
adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
2. The daredevil attempted a dangerous _____ by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.
n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
3. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.
n. the town or city where one was born or grew up
4. Religious leaders often _____ their messengers to encourage people to follow their teachings.
v. to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
5. This library rents out various types of folding _____ for visitors.
n. a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk
6. I have a parrot as a _____.
n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
7. The ____ of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.
n. (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

ANSWERS: 1. synonymous, 2. stunt, 3. hometown, 4. glorify, 5. wheelchairs, 6. pet, 7. eve

8. The toll booth on the _____ caused a traffic backup.
n. a high-speed, limited-access highway, often with toll booths; a barrier across a road with a rotating spindle used to control access
9. Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing _____.
n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
10. 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
11. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.
n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
12. She was proud to receive a _____ for her hard work and dedication to the sport.
n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
13. The novel is _____ and tragic.
adj. funny and making you laugh
14. The earring on her earlobe would _____ as she moved her head.
v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
15. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
adj. relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 8. turnpike, 9. disability, 10. icons, 11. festival, 12. medal, 13. comic, 14. dangle, 15. visual

16. The ship dropped _____ in the bay.

- n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability

17. I always wear my favorite basketball player's _____ to the games.

- n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

18. The tabloid newspaper exposed the _____ details of the politician's scandalous affair.

- adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved

19. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.

- v.* to bring under control by force or authority

20. Who answers _____ knows little.

- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

21. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

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

22. I had to be careful not to step on a _____ of glass on the floor.

- n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

23. Do you have a plan for a long _____

- n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

ANSWERS: 16. anchor, 17. jersey, 18. sordid, 19. conquer, 20. suddenly, 21. appropriate, 22. sliver, 23. vacation?

24. He planned to ____ the organization for negligence.
- v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
25. She received a full _____ to study abroad.
- n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
26. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.
- v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
27. He had a firm ____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.
- n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
28. The acclaimed _____ received an Oscar for her outstanding performance in the film.
- n. a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
29. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
30. We should _____ the troops at the front line.
- v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
31. She is a major _____ to the local food bank, volunteering every week.
- n. a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor

ANSWERS: 24. sue, 25. scholarship, 26. cheered, 27. grip, 28. actress, 29. recognize, 30. reinforce, 31. contributor

32. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
33. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
- n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
34. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
- v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
35. This system uses submarine _____ to exchange information between continents.
- n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
36. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.
- v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
37. The report divided the data into _____ based on age, gender, and income level.
- n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
38. He cannot _____ a holiday.
- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
39. _____ communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.
- adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized

ANSWERS: 32. excuse, 33. therapy, 34. uncovered, 35. cables, 36. departed, 37. segments, 38. afford, 39. Underrepresented

40. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.
- n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
41. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
42. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
43. 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
44. She's always dressed in the latest _____ making her the envy of her friends.
- n.* a fashionable, stylish, and sophisticated elegance or gracefulness, particularly in dress or behavior; (adjective) sophisticated, elegant, and fashionable
45. I like to _____ my cookies in milk before eating them.
- v.* to immerse or submerge briefly in a liquid, often repeatedly to coat or moisten; to slam or force something down into a container of liquid
46. He _____ his life to helping others.
- v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
47. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
- n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 40. rumor, 41. invite, 42. chased, 43. zone, 44. chic, 45. dunk, 46. dedicated, 47. politician

48. The kitten had _____ fur that was soft to the touch.

adj. soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur

49. The newspaper editor decided to _____ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

50. We _____ along with the singer's song.

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

51. Chronic pain can be a debilitating _____ that affects every aspect of one's life.

n. a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

52. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.

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

53. Some people with Parkinson's disease may experience tremors and _____ in their limbs.

n. a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness

54. The factory's _____ fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.

n. the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

ANSWERS: 48. fluffy, 49. censor, 50. clapped, 51. affliction, 52. entertainment, 53. palsy, 54. exhaust

55. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.
n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
56. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.
n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
57. She was _____ with anger when she found out her coworker had stolen credit for her project.
adj. discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance
58. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.
adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
59. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.
n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
60. His friend was a pretty wild and _____ character.
adj. funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
61. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
62. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 55. charity, 56. studio, 57. livid, 58. initial, 59. champion, 60. wacky, 61. crazy, 62. oppressed

63. She won a gold medal in the physics _____ and was praised by her teachers and peers.
- n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
64. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
65. The coach implemented a new _____ to win the game.
- n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
66. She repeated her personal _____ to herself to stay motivated.
- n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
67. The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her _____.
- adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
68. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.
- n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
69. The _____ and Child painting is a famous piece of art from the Renaissance period.
- n.* a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art
70. The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the _____.
- n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

ANSWERS: 63. olympiad, 64. suffers, 65. tactic, 66. mantra, 67. hysterical, 68. butterfly, 69. Madonnas, 70. uterus

71. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
72. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.
- n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
73. He didn't _____ the plan, even though he had time.
- v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
74. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
- adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
75. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
76. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
77. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
- n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
78. The majority of the _____ are raised on local family farms.
- n.* a baby bird, especially a young chicken

ANSWERS: 71. process, 72. miracle, 73. tweak, 74. spectacular, 75. prayed, 76. claim, 77. stigma, 78. chicks

79. The waves are beating against the _____.

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water;
(verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

80. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

81. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

82. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.

v. to be composed or made up of

83. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

84. The project was delayed due to some technical problems, and it was considered _____.

adj. (considered derogatory) delayed or impeded in intellectual or emotional development; slow to learn

85. Bees _____ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

86. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 79. shore, 80. amazing, 81. rolled, 82. consists, 83. decide, 84. retarded, 85. sting, 86. negative

87. She _____ the cards before dealing them to the players.

v. to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps

88. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

89. She was _____ in a car accident.

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

90. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

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

91. He is in the _____ of his life.

n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

92. To expand the company, we must _____ new human resources.

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

93. I love going to see live _____ shows with my friends.

n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

94. The job posting required an _____ person for heavy lifting.

adj. having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength

ANSWERS: 87. shuffled, 88. ethnic, 89. disabled, 90. Intelligent, 91. sunset, 92. tap, 93. comedy, 94. able-bodied

95. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
96. They held the dinner party on the _____ terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.
- n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
97. The _____ to launch began as the astronauts prepared for their mission.
- n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
98. The circus had a _____ of animals, including elephants, lions, and monkeys.
- n.* a collection of wild animals, especially exotic ones, kept for display
99. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
100. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.
- n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
101. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.
- v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
102. People can _____ from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.
- v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

ANSWERS: 95. fins, 96. rooftop, 97. countdown, 98. menagerie, 99. creditor, 100. mainstream, 101. strip, 102. suffocate

103. He was an _____ to his fans, who looked up to him as a role model.
n. an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered
104. The table leg was _____ causing all the cups to slide to one side.
adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
105. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would _____ in sympathy if I saw that movie.
v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
106. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
107. She wore high _____ to the party.
n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
108. He stood at the edge of the _____ and looked out to sea.
n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
109. The movie's success was largely attributed to the _____ cleverly written script.
n. a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
110. _____ in the design could cause much worse issues.
n. an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone

ANSWERS: 103. idol, 104. crooked, 105. weep, 106. cast, 107. heels, 108. cliff, 109. screenwriter's, 110. Defects

111. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
- n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
112. The athlete overcame his physical _____ to become a world champion.
- n.* a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities
113. The patient experienced a _____ hemorrhage and required surgery.
- adj.* relating to the brain or intellect; intellectual or studious rather than emotional or physical
114. The _____ from the small country was not allowed to speak at the meeting.
- n.* a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
115. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
116. Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the _____ code.
- adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
117. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
- v.* to give somebody a job
118. He fastens some sheets of paper with a _____.
- n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

ANSWERS: 111. slogans, 112. handicap, 113. cerebral, 114. delegate, 115. inspiration, 116. genetic, 117. hire, 118. clip

119. Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.
- n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
120. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
121. The teacher gave an _____ nod to let the student know they had answered the question correctly.
- adj.* indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
122. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
123. He _____ the wall in anger.
- v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
124. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.
- adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
125. I got up early to watch the _____ at the summit.
- n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
126. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
- v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
127. The university's _____ was responsible for overseeing the academic programs and policies.
- n.* a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience

ANSWERS: 119. curse, 120. warn, 121. affirmative, 122. headline, 123. punched,

124. cruel, 125. sunrise, 126. promote, 127. dean

128. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
129. The _____ of the mountain was difficult to climb.
n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
130. 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.
131. The community warmly welcomed the _____.
n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
132. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.
v. to make a wound or injury to become well again
133. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.
v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
134. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
135. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.
adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

ANSWERS: 128. imitated, 129. flank, 130. faith, 131. refugees, 132. heal, 133. starve, 134. graduate, 135. boring

136. Many people find that regular _____ practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.
n. a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
137. He pulled his waterproof _____ up to protect himself from the rain.
n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
138. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.
n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
139. The _____ ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.
adj. having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
140. 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
141. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful _____ for tourists and locals alike.
n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
142. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.
n. the child of your aunt or uncle
143. The _____ students were having a good time playing with toys.
n. a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

ANSWERS: 136. yoga, 137. hood, 138. Arabic, 139. almighty, 140. opera, 141. promenade, 142. cousins, 143. kindergarten

144. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

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

145. The weather turned _____.

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

146. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

147. 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

148. The singer is known for her _____ behavior backstage.

n. a distinguished female singer or performer, often with a reputation for being difficult or demanding; a woman who is admired for her talent, beauty, or grace but who is also seen as arrogant or temperamental

149. She took a _____ class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.

n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

150. We are planning a speaking ____ by a well-known author at a community center in a neighboring town.

n. a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis

ANSWERS: 144. accident, 145. nasty, 146. fostering, 147. represent, 148. diva-like, 149. spinning, 150. gig