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Session 1: Word List

- den** *n.* a wild animal's lair or hiding places, such as a fox or bear
synonym : lair, burrow, nest
(1) gambling **den**, (2) bear **den**
The fox had dug a **den** in the side of the hill, where it could rest and hide from predators.
- shocking** *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
synonym : startling, surprising, astounding
(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation
The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.
- 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.
- 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.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym : occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

iguana

n. a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas

synonym : lizard, reptile, dragon

(1) green **iguana**, (2) spiny-tailed **iguana**

The nature documentary showcased the mating rituals of the blue **iguana** species native to the Cayman Islands.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

colleague

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

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

parliament

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

synonym : congress, assembly, legislature

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

He was a member of **parliament**.

individual

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

synonym : person, being, self

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

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

impressive

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

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

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

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

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym : knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

energetic

adj. possessing or exerting or displaying energy

synonym : active, animated, lively

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

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

disappointment

n. the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes

synonym : letdown, frustration, discouragement

(1) **disappointment** in the result, (2) **disappointment** with the service

The cancellation of the concert was a huge **disappointment** for the fans.

intake

n. the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body

synonym : consumption, absorption, inhalation

(1) a small **intake** of breath, (2) an **intake** pipe

He has been advised to reduce his daily fat **intake**.

businessperson

n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

synonym : entrepreneur, executive

(1) a young **businessperson**, (2) **businessperson** network

He was a successful **businessperson** and had much experience in the field.

distinguished

adj. (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation

synonym : famous, outstanding, eminent

(1) a **distinguished** ancestry, (2) **distinguished** war

services

The new CEO has a **distinguished** career

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

colonel

n. a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

synonym: officer, military, ranking officer

(1) **colonel** rank, (2) brevet **colonel**

The Army **colonel** led the troops into battle.

regiment

n. a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

synonym: unit, brigade, battalion

(1) logistics **regiment**, (2) marching **regiment**

The army **regiment** marched in perfect unison during the parade.

sergeant

n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

synonym: officer, serjeant, noncommissioned officer

(1) police **sergeant**, (2) army **sergeant**

The fire department **sergeant** instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

gargoyle

n. a grotesque or monstrous decorative figure, usually carved from stone, that is often used as a waterspout or ornamental feature on the exterior of a building, typically a cathedral or a Gothic-style structure

synonym : chimera, grotesque, demon

(1) decorative **gargoyle**, (2) stone **gargoyle**

The ancient cathedral was adorned with eerie **gargoyles**.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym : decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow

and increase efficiency.

downtown

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

synonym : central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym : sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

dismal

adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

synonym : gloomy, depressing, dreary

(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance

The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

handover

n. the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to

another

synonym: transfer, delivery, surrender

(1) **handover** ceremony, (2) smooth **handover**

The **handover** of power from the outgoing president to the newly elected one was a smooth process.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym: social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

extraordinary

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

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

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

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

bush

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

synonym: copse, scrub, brushwood

(1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair

I am going to trim this **bush** off.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

prosperity

n. the state of being successful and having the good fortune

synonym : affluence, accomplishment, capital

(1) economic **prosperity**, (2) **prosperity** of humankind

This war shattered dreams of peace and **prosperity**.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

sectarian

adj. relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

synonym : denominational, factional, partisan

(1) **sectarian** violence, (2) **sectarian** tension

The political campaign descended into a **sectarian** battle between rival parties.

harbor

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties,

and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

synonym : port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

parliamentary

adj. of or relating to a parliament (= a legislative body) or the system of government it is a part of

synonym : legislative, parliamentary, congressional

(1) **parliamentary** government, (2) a **parliamentary** body

The **parliamentary** system of government is used in many countries.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym : boom, advance, succeed

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

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

vigorous

adj. characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought

synonym : energetic, robust, enthusiastic

(1) **vigorous** debate, (2) **vigorous** exercise

He conducts a **vigorous** workout routine to stay in shape.

judiciary

n. persons who administer or enforce justice

synonym : tribunal, bench, court

(1) independence of the **judiciary**, (2) member of the **judiciary**

The **judiciary** of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.

corrupt

adj. characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted;
(verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

synonym : dishonest, unethical, immoral

(1) **corrupt** good manners, (2) **corrupt** discipline

The **corrupt** politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

ineffective

adj. not producing any significant or intended effect or result

synonym : useless, feeble, fruitless

(1) an **ineffective** speech, (2) pull an **ineffective** player

These treatments were **ineffective** against a virus.

unpopular

adj. not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation

synonym : disliked, unloved, unsupported

(1) **unpopular** decision, (2) an **unpopular** opinion

The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an **unpopular** candidate for many voters.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym : sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light
Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries
The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

compatible

adj. capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched

synonym: harmonious, congruent, consistent

(1) fully **compatible**, (2) **compatible** with HTML5
The new software is not **compatible** with the old operating system, causing compatibility issues and errors.

unstable

adj. lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

synonym: shaky, unbalanced, inconsistent

(1) mentally **unstable**, (2) **unstable** weather
The tower proved to be **unstable** in the high wind.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European

countries.

- riot** *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
synonym: disturbance, unrest, upheaval
(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas
The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- mob** *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
synonym: crowd, throng, horde
(1) **mob** psychology, (2) **mob** violence
The excited **mob** was getting out of control at the concert.
- ransack** *v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner
synonym: pillage, loot, plunder
(1) **ransack** a house, (2) **ransack** a town
Burglars **ransacked** the store, stealing everything of value.
- provincial** *adj.* of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook
synonym: rural, narrow-minded, unsophisticated
(1) **provincial** town, (2) **provincial** accent
His **provincial** upbringing left him with a limited view of the world beyond his hometown
- council** *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
synonym: board, committee, assembly
(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election
The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends
synonym : amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage
I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand
synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**
There are **obvious** differences between the two
wine-producing regions.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
synonym : ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money
We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to
participate in or obtain services of something
synonym : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,
(2) **engage** a new employee
Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the
reconstruction of that country.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly
synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

imposing

adj. having an appearance that commands respect and
admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
synonym : grand, impressive, majestic

(1) **imposing** figure, (2) **imposing** mansion
The **imposing** building stood tall amongst the others on the
city skyline.

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
synonym: opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

delay

v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

synonym: block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project

We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

enshrine

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

synonym: ensconce, preserve, cherish

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

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

extremist

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

synonym: radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

voter

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

synonym : elector, citizen

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

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

interim

adj. serving as a temporary or provisional measure or arrangement; intended to be in place only for a limited time or until a permanent solution can be found; occurring in the meantime or in between two major events or periods

synonym: temporary, provisional, short-term

(1) **interim** government, (2) **interim** arrangement

The **interim** CEO will be in charge until a permanent replacement is found.

sheikh

n. a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East

synonym: emir, ruler, leader

(1) **sheikh** authority, (2) oil **sheikh**

The Arab **sheikh** welcomed the dignitaries to his palace for a grand feast.

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym: family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym: spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym : control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym : resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

dubious

adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

synonym : uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

poll

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

synonym : survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**
Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat
The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors
Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym: successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation
The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

monarchy

n. a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

synonym: kingdom, realm, empire

(1) **monarchy** system, (2) abolish **monarchy**
The **monarchy** government had been in power for centuries.

instrumental

adj. of, relating to, or performed on musical instruments; useful or important in achieving a purpose

synonym: functional, operational, practical

(1) **instrumental** in solving the crime, (2) **instrumental** music

The **instrumental** role of technology in modern society cannot be overstated.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym : torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym : excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**

Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

stimming

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

synonym : self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

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

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

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for

seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym : lawful, honest, fair

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

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

intrinsic

adj. belonging naturally; essential

synonym : inherent, innate, natural

(1) **intrinsic** value, (2) **intrinsic** nature

The **intrinsic** beauty of the painting was immediately apparent to all who viewed it.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym : freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym : grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

vivify

v. to bring to life; to make something more lively, vibrant, or animated

synonym : revitalize, animate, invigorate

(1) **vivify** the atmosphere, (2) **vivify** the conversation

The energetic music began to **vivify** the crowd, getting them dancing and cheering.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

honesty

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

synonym: sincerity, integrity, truthfulness

(1) **honesty** policy, (2) **honesty** box

A culture of **honesty** in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

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.

penguin

n. a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

(1) Adelie **penguin**, (2) **penguin** habitat

We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent **penguin** colony along the rugged coastline.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

omniscient

adj. having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding

synonym : all-knowing, all-seeing, wise

(1) **omniscient** being, (2) **omniscient** point of view

An **omniscient** narrator knows everything about the story and the characters.

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym : periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym : invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

banquet

n. a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration

synonym : feast, meal, dinner

(1) **banquet** hall, (2) host a **banquet**

We had a delicious **banquet** at the hotel for our anniversary dinner.

ceiling

n. a room's top interior surface

synonym: canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

enthrone

v. to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority

synonym: crown, inaugurate, dignify

(1) **enthrone** a new leader, (2) **enthrone** a new technology

The king will **enthrone** his son as the next ruler of the kingdom.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym: acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

lop

v. to cut off or remove a part of something, usually a branch, in a rough or hasty manner

synonym: trim, prune, clip

(1) **lop** off the top of the hedge, (2) **lop** off the excess

I had to **lop** off the dead branches from the tree to promote healthy growth.

throne

n. a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen

synonym: seat, throne, chair

(1) abdicate the **throne**, (2) imperial **throne**

The king sat on his **throne**, surveying his kingdom.

- 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.
- communion**
- n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
- synonym* : affinity, intimacy, camaraderie
- (1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature
- We use this tableware in a **communion** service.
- concentration**
- n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
- synonym* : attention, engagement, assiduity
- (1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**
- This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.
- constitution**
- n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
- synonym* : fundamental law, establishment, formation
- (1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**
- When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country
- district**
- n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
- synonym* : territory, dominion, zone
- (1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**
- Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

governor

n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

synonym: administrator, executive, leader

(1) **governor** general, (2) a prefectural **governor**

The state **governor** visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

mediate

v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

synonym: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym: betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

vibrant

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

synonym: animated, dynamic, deep

(1) a city **vibrant** with life, (2) variety of **vibrant** colors

A **vibrant** private sector is crucial for economic growth.

Session 2: Spelling

1. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
2. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
3. leg_____te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
4. in_____ic nature *adj.* belonging naturally; essential
5. certain ex____t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
6. vi____y the conversation *v.* to bring to life; to make something more lively, vibrant, or animated
7. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
8. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
9. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
10. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
11. de__y a flight three hours *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
12. ra_____k a house *v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner

ANSWERS: 1. incredible, 2. historic, 3. legitimate, 4. intrinsic, 5. extent, 6. vivify, 7. president, 8. increasingly, 9. historic, 10. landscape, 11. delay, 12. ransack

13. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
14. in__t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
15. ins_____tal music *adj.* of, relating to, or performed on musical instruments; useful or important in achieving a purpose
16. pro_____ty of humankind *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
17. a dis_____hed ancestry *adj.* (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation
18. host a ba_____t *n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration
19. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
20. ho_____y policy *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
21. his research area of
con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
22. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 13. quest, 14. invest, 15. instrumental, 16. prosperity, 17. distinguished, 18. banquet, 19. argument, 20. honesty, 21. concentration, 22. communal

23. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
24. 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.
25. com_____le with HTML5 *adj.* capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched
26. ce_____g light *n.* a room's top interior surface
27. abolish mo_____hy *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
28. pull an ine_____ve player *adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result
29. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
30. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
31. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
32. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

ANSWERS: 23. flourish, 24. tap, 25. compatible, 26. ceiling, 27. monarchy, 28. ineffective, 29. photograph, 30. district, 31. structure, 32. legitimate

33. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
34. se_____an violence *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
35. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
36. du_____s credibility *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
37. gambling d_n *n.* a wild animal's lair or hiding places, such as a fox or bear
38. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
39. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
40. retain everyone's di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
41. 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.
42. a city vi_____t with life *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
43. pr____r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

ANSWERS: 33. shocking, 34. sectarian, 35. Christ, 36. dubious, 37. den, 38. president, 39. largely, 40. dignity, 41. politician, 42. vibrant, 43. prefer

44. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
45. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
46. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
47. ho_____y box *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
48. vi_____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
49. dis_____ent in the result *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
50. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
51. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
52. a prefectural go_____or *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

ANSWERS: 44. extraordinary, 45. relate, 46. economy, 47. honesty, 48. villager, 49. disappointment, 50. eventually, 51. perceive, 52. governor

53. an ab___d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
54. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
55. 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.
56. se_____an tension *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
57. a small in___e of breath *n.* the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body
58. an ine_____ve speech *adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result
59. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
60. ar___e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
61. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
62. ca___n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

ANSWERS: 53. absurd, 54. underneath, 55. politician, 56. sectarian, 57. intake, 58. ineffective, 59. shocking, 60. argue, 61. government, 62. carbon

63. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
64. member of the ju_____ry *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
65. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
66. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
67. di___l failure *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
68. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
69. un_____le weather *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
70. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
71. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
72. radical ex_____st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

ANSWERS: 63. individual, 64. judiciary, 65. develop, 66. conversation, 67. dismal, 68. government, 69. unstable, 70. underneath, 71. voter, 72. extremist

73. direct a du____s look *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
74. ab____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
75. school di____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
76. ed____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
77. en____ne tradition *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
78. sh____h authority *n.* a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East
79. de____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
80. the national con____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
81. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
82. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 73. dubious, 74. abandon, 75. district, 76. educated, 77. enshrine, 78. sheikh, 79. democracy, 80. constitution, 81. drama, 82. obvious

83. mountain tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
84. army se_____nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
85. stone ga_____le *n.* a grotesque or monstrous decorative figure, usually carved from stone, that is often used as a waterspout or ornamental feature on the exterior of a building, typically a cathedral or a Gothic-style structure
86. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
87. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
88. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
89. marching re_____nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

ANSWERS: 83. tribe, 84. sergeant, 85. gargoyle, 86. involve, 87. develop, 88. profession, 89. regiment

90. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
91. mo_____hy system *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
92. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
93. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
94. Adelie pe_____n *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
95. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
96. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
97. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
98. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
99. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 90. engagement, 91. monarchy, 92. profession, 93. largely, 94. penguin, 95. violent, 96. sustainable, 97. overcome, 98. quest, 99. pretension

100. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
101. dis_____hed war services *adj.* (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation
102. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
103. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
104. en_____ic dog *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
105. respect for human di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
106. a sheltered ha___r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
107. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
108. fully com_____le *adj.* capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched

ANSWERS: 100. stick, 101. distinguished, 102. economics, 103. elect, 104. energetic, 105. dignity, 106. harbor, 107. democracy, 108. compatible

109. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
110. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
111. m_b violence *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
112. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
113. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
114. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
115. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
116. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
117. im_____ng mansion *adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
118. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

ANSWERS: 109. decision, 110. individual, 111. mob, 112. conversation, 113. structure, 114. colleague, 115. council, 116. elect, 117. imposing, 118. economics

119. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
120. mentally un_____le *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
121. vi_____us debate *adj.* characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought
122. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
123. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
124. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
125. police se_____nt *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
126. l_p off the excess *v.* to cut off or remove a part of something, usually a branch, in a rough or hasty manner
127. a brief ex_____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

ANSWERS: 119. representative, 120. unstable, 121. vigorous, 122. torture, 123. Christ, 124. sustainable, 125. sergeant, 126. lop, 127. extract

128. di___l performance *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
129. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
130. logistics re_____nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
131. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
132. pro_____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
133. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
134. green ig___a *n.* a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas
135. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
136. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
137. an un_____ar opinion *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
138. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 128. dismal, 129. prefer, 130. regiment, 131. economical, 132. prosperous, 133. colleague, 134. iguana, 135. depress, 136. riot, 137. unpopular, 138. creditor

139. an ac____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
140. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
141. me____e a negotiation *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
142. ce____g board *n.* a room's top interior surface
143. en____ic density *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
144. omn____nt point of view *adj.* having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding
145. the ar____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
146. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
147. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 139. academic, 140. economy, 141. mediate, 142. ceiling, 143. energetic, 144. omniscient, 145. argument, 146. argue, 147. rev

148. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
149. pro_____us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
150. go___n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
151. dis_____ent with the service *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
152. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
153. spiny-tailed ig___a *n.* a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas
154. im_____ng figure *adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
155. en_____ne a new leader *v.* to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority
156. bear d_n *n.* a wild animal's lair or hiding places, such as a fox or bear
157. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 148. engage, 149. prosperous, 150. govern, 151. disappointment, 152. genius, 153. iguana, 154. imposing, 155. enthrone, 156. den, 157. flourish

158. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
159. 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.
160. en_____ne a new technology *v.* to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority
161. abdicate the th____e *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
162. do_____wn traffic *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
163. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
164. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
165. pe_____n habitat *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
166. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 158. contribute, 159. tap, 160. enthrone, 161. throne, 162. downtown, 163. overcome, 164. pretension, 165. penguin, 166. torture

167. ab___d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
168. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
169. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
170. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
171. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
172. me_____e allergic reaction *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
173. occ_____lly change the routine *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
174. ins_____tal in solving the crime *adj.* of, relating to, or performed on musical instruments; useful or important in achieving a purpose
175. botanical ex_____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
176. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
177. en_____ne memories *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect

ANSWERS: 167. absurd, 168. engagement, 169. depress, 170. obvious, 171. rebuild, 172. mediate, 173. occasionally, 174. instrumental, 175. extract, 176. landscape, 177. enshrine

178. autistic st_____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
179. omn_____nt being *adj.* having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding
180. ha____r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
181. sc____m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
182. ca____n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
183. re____e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
184. co_____on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

ANSWERS: 178. stimming, 179. omniscient, 180. harbor, 181. scream, 182. carbon, 183. relate, 184. communion

185. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
186. bank and credit un___ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
187. vi_____us exercise *adj.* characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought
188. public opinion p___ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
189. re_____d communities *v.* to build again or anew
190. decorative ga_____le *n.* a grotesque or monstrous decorative figure, usually carved from stone, that is often used as a waterspout or ornamental feature on the exterior of a building, typically a cathedral or a Gothic-style structure
191. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
192. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
193. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 185. invest, 186. union, 187. vigorous, 188. poll, 189. rebuild, 190. gargoyle, 191. contribute, 192. villager, 193. communal

194. variety of vi_____t colors *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
195. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
196. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
197. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
198. smooth ha_____er *n.* the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to another
199. l_p off the top of the hedge *v.* to cut off or remove a part of something, usually a branch, in a rough or hasty manner
200. en_____ze the body *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
201. occ_____lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
202. ra_____k a town *v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner
203. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
204. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
205. go_____or general *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

ANSWERS: 194. vibrant, 195. profoundly, 196. capture, 197. sub-Saharan, 198. handover, 199. lop, 200. energize, 201. occasionally, 202. ransack, 203. bush, 204. representative, 205. governor

206. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
207. event of a hung par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
208. ac_____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
209. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
210. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
211. noted sc_____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
212. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
213. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
214. 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

ANSWERS: 206. suddenly, 207. parliament, 208. academic, 209. genius, 210. engage, 211. scholar, 212. acknowledge, 213. diminish, 214. claim

215. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
216. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
217. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
218. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
219. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
220. ex_____st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
221. an in_____e pipe *n.* the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body
222. economic pro_____ty *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
223. independence of the ju_____ry *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
224. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
225. ba_____t hall *n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration

ANSWERS: 215. decision, 216. creditor, 217. impressive, 218. profoundly, 219. abandon, 220. extremist, 221. intake, 222. prosperity, 223. judiciary, 224. impressive, 225. banquet

226. imperial th___e *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
227. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
228. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
229. de__y the new project *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
230. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
231. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
232. en_____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
233. par_____ary government *adj.* of or relating to a parliament (= a legislative body) or the system of government it is a part of
234. 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

ANSWERS: 226. throne, 227. sub-Saharan, 228. eventually, 229. delay, 230. union, 231. capture, 232. energize, 233. parliamentary, 234. claim

235. personal li____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
236. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
237. di____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
238. sc____m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
239. aboriginal tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
240. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
241. co____t good manners *adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest
242. a young bus_____son *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

ANSWERS: 235. liberty, 236. violent, 237. diminish, 238. scream, 239. tribe, 240. relative, 241. corrupt, 242. businessperson

243. pro_____al accent *adj.* of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook
244. ha_____er ceremony *n.* the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to another
245. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
246. an eligible vo__r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
247. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
248. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
249. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
250. vi___y the atmosphere *v.* to bring to life; to make something more lively, vibrant, or animated
251. spiritual co_____on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
252. co_____t discipline *adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

ANSWERS: 243. provincial, 244. handover, 245. drama, 246. voter, 247. rev, 248. relative, 249. suddenly, 250. vivify, 251. communion, 252. corrupt

253. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
254. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
255. a nation's right to go___n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
256. the clear co_____ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
257. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
258. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
259. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
260. brevet co_____l *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
261. disband par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

ANSWERS: 253. poll, 254. increasingly, 255. govern, 256. contrary, 257. concentration, 258. stick, 259. statistics, 260. colonel, 261. parliament

262. a par_____ary body *adj.* of or relating to a parliament (= a legislative body) or the system of government it is a part of
263. pro_____al town *adj.* of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook
264. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
265. un_____ar decision *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
266. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
267. in_____m government *adj.* serving as a temporary or provisional measure or arrangement; intended to be in place only for a limited time or until a permanent solution can be found; occurring in the meantime or in between two major events or periods
268. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
269. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
270. co_____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
271. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 262. parliamentary, 263. provincial, 264. extraordinary, 265. unpopular, 266. extent, 267. interim, 268. incredible, 269. economical, 270. contrary, 271. photograph

272. do_____wn building *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
273. sc_____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
274. bus_____son network *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
275. ed_____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
276. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
277. in_____ic value *adj.* belonging naturally; essential
278. oil sh____h *n.* a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East
279. m_b psychology *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
280. st_____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
281. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

ANSWERS: 272. downtown, 273. scholar, 274. businessperson, 275. educated, 276. perceive, 277. intrinsic, 278. sheikh, 279. mob, 280. stimming, 281. riot

282. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
283. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
284. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
285. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
286. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
287. li_____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
288. in_____m arrangement *adj.* serving as a temporary or provisional measure or arrangement; intended to be in place only for a limited time or until a permanent solution can be found; occurring in the meantime or in between two major events or periods
289. co_____l rank *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

ANSWERS: 282. acknowledge, 283. council, 284. involve, 285. statistics, 286. bush, 287. liberty, 288. interim, 289. colonel

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
2. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.
adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
3. The king will _____ his son as the next ruler of the kingdom.
v. to install or seat someone on a throne, thereby making them the official ruler or leader; to elevate someone to a position of power or authority
4. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country
n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
5. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
6. The fire department _____ instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.
n. a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
7. 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: 1. Communal, 2. absurd, 3. enthrone, 4. constitution, 5. prefer, 6. sergeant, 7. politician

8. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

9. The _____ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

10. He decided to take a walk _____ area to explore the city.

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

11. The _____ of power from the outgoing president to the newly elected one was a smooth process.

n. the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to another

12. The army _____ marched in perfect unison during the parade.

n. a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

13. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

14. The teacher had to _____ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

15. He was a member of _____.

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

ANSWERS: 8. obvious, 9. extremist, 10. downtown, 11. handover, 12. regiment, 13. sustainable, 14. mediate, 15. parliament

16. The nature documentary showcased the mating rituals of the blue _____ species native to the Cayman Islands.
- n.* a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas
17. This process caused an _____ chemical reaction.
- adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
18. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.
- n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
19. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.
- n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
20. She kept _____ for an ambulance.
- v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
21. The media _____ had special passes.
- n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
22. He has been advised to reduce his daily fat _____.
- n.* the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body
23. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 16. iguana, 17. energetic, 18. scholar, 19. engagement, 20. screaming, 21. representatives, 22. intake, 23. economy

24. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

25. These treatments were _____ against a virus.

adj. not producing any significant or intended effect or result

26. 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

27. 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.

28. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.

v. to build again or anew

29. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

30. She had an audition for _____ school.

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

31. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 24. extent, 25. ineffective, 26. claim, 27. tap, 28. rebuild, 29. relate, 30. drama, 31. rev

32. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
33. The king sat on his _____ surveying his kingdom.
- n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
34. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
35. We had a delicious _____ at the hotel for our anniversary dinner.
- n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration
36. As people get old, their energies may _____.
- v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
37. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.
- n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
38. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
- adv.* more and more
39. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 32. decision, 33. throne, 34. stick, 35. banquet, 36. diminish, 37. extracting, 38. increasingly, 39. invest

40. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.
adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
41. The Army _____ led the troops into battle.
n. a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
42. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
43. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
44. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.
n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
45. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
46. The _____ CEO will be in charge until a permanent replacement is found.
adj. serving as a temporary or provisional measure or arrangement; intended to be in place only for a limited time or until a permanent solution can be found; occurring in the meantime or in between two major events or periods
47. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.
adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

ANSWERS: 40. prosperous, 41. colonel, 42. contribute, 43. overcome, 44. economics, 45. pretensions, 46. interim, 47. sub-Saharan

48. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

49. The political campaign descended into a _____ battle between rival parties.

adj. relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

50. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

51. The energetic music began to _____ the crowd, getting them dancing and cheering.

v. to bring to life; to make something more lively, vibrant, or animated

52. We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent _____ colony along the rugged coastline.

n. a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

53. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

54. A culture of _____ in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

ANSWERS: 48. genius, 49. sectarian, 50. Christmas, 51. vivify, 52. penguin, 53. eventually, 54. honesty

55. He was a successful _____ and had much experience in the field.
n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
56. The Constitution _____ the rights and freedoms of citizens.
v. to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
57. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
58. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
59. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
60. Autistic children may engage in _____ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.
n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
61. I am going to trim this _____ off.
n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
62. The ancient cathedral was adorned with eerie _____.
n. a grotesque or monstrous decorative figure, usually carved from stone, that is often used as a waterspout or ornamental feature on the exterior of a building, typically a cathedral or a Gothic-style structure

ANSWERS: 55. businessperson, 56. enshrines, 57. conversation, 58. district, 59. violent, 60. stimming, 61. bush, 62. gargoyles

63. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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

64. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

65. The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an _____ candidate for many voters.

adj. not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation

66. I had to ___ off the dead branches from the tree to promote healthy growth.

v. to cut off or remove a part of something, usually a branch, in a rough or hasty manner

67. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

68. An _____ narrator knows everything about the story and the characters.

adj. having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding

69. The weather was so _____ that we decided to stay indoors all day.

adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

70. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

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

ANSWERS: 63. individual, 64. academic, 65. unpopular, 66. lop, 67. president, 68. omniscient, 69. dismal, 70. creditor

71. Burglars _____ the store, stealing everything of value.

- v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner

72. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.

- v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

73. The _____ politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.

- adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

74. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

- adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

75. The _____ of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.

- n.* persons who administer or enforce justice

76. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

77. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

- n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

ANSWERS: 71. ransacked, 72. perceived, 73. corrupt, 74. profoundly, 75. judiciary, 76. develop, 77. villagers

78. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

79. The tower proved to be _____ in the high wind.

adj. lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

80. The evidence presented in court had a _____ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

81. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

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

82. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

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

83. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

84. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

85. The economic recession _____ the housing market.

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

ANSWERS: 78. incredible, 79. unstable, 80. dubious, 81. colleague, 82. involves, 83. argument, 84. historic, 85. depressed

86. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.

- n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

87. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.

- adj.* having received a high standard of education

88. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.

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

89. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.

- n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

90. We use this tableware in a _____ service.

- n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

91. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

92. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.

- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

93. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 86. union, 87. educated, 88. polls, 89. profession, 90. communion, 91. government, 92. flourished, 93. statistics

94. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

95. This war shattered dreams of peace and _____.

n. the state of being successful and having the good fortune

96. The _____ beauty of the painting was immediately apparent to all who viewed it.

adj. belonging naturally; essential

97. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

98. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.

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

99. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

100. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

101. The fox had dug a ____ in the side of the hill, where it could rest and hide from predators.

n. a wild animal's lair or hiding places, such as a fox or bear

ANSWERS: 94. underneath, 95. prosperity, 96. intrinsic, 97. concentration, 98. voter, 99. landscape, 100. elected, 101. den

102. The _____ role of technology in modern society cannot be overstated.

adj. of, relating to, or performed on musical instruments; useful or important in achieving a purpose

103. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

104. The castle was _____ several years later.

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

105. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

106. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

107. The new software is not _____ with the old operating system, causing compatibility issues and errors.

adj. capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched

108. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

109. The motivational speaker _____ the crowd with their words.

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

ANSWERS: 102. instrumental, 103. relatives, 104. abandoned, 105. dignity, 106. harbor, 107. compatible, 108. capture, 109. energized

110. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
- v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
111. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
- n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
112. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.
- n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
113. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.
- v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
114. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
115. His _____ upbringing left him with a limited view of the world beyond his hometown
- adj.* of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook
116. The new CEO has a _____ career
- adj.* (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation
117. He never _____ his fault.
- v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 110. engaged, 111. council, 112. liberty, 113. delayed, 114. structure, 115. provincial, 116. distinguished, 117. acknowledged

118. The Arab _____ welcomed the dignitaries to his palace for a grand feast.
- n.* a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East
119. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.
- n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
120. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
121. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
- n.* a long or challenging search for something
122. He conducts a _____ workout routine to stay in shape.
- adj.* characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought
123. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
124. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.
- adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
125. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.
- n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

ANSWERS: 118. sheikh, 119. contrary, 120. argue, 121. quest, 122. vigorous, 123. riots, 124. shocking, 125. tribe

126. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

127. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

128. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

129. The cancellation of the concert was a huge _____ for the fans.

n. the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes

130. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

131. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

132. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

133. A _____ private sector is crucial for economic growth.

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 126. occasionally, 127. governing, 128. legitimate, 129. disappointment, 130. carbon, 131. Democracy, 132. suddenly, 133. vibrant

134. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.

n. a room's top interior surface

135. The state _____ visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

136. The _____ system of government is used in many countries.

adj. of or relating to a parliament (= a legislative body) or the system of government it is a part of

137. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

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

138. The _____ building stood tall amongst the others on the city skyline.

adj. having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size

139. The _____ government had been in power for centuries.

n. a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

140. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

141. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

ANSWERS: 134. ceiling, 135. governor, 136. parliamentary, 137. impressive, 138. imposing, 139. monarchy, 140. torture, 141. economical

142. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

143. The excited ____ was getting out of control at the concert.

n. a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals

144. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

145. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

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

ANSWERS: 142. photograph, 143. mob, 144. largely, 145. extraordinary