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Session 1: Word List

extremism

n. the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable

synonym: fanaticism, radicalism, zealotry

(1) violent **extremism**, (2) political **extremism**

The rise of far-right **extremism** has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.

uprising

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

synonym: revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

demonstration

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

synonym : manifestation, presentation, show

(1) **demonstration** project, (2) a campus **demonstration**
Thousands of people attended the protest **demonstration** against the proposed policy.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops
The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

indulge

v. to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat

synonym : pamper, gratify, entertain

(1) **indulge** in debauchery, (2) **indulge** children
She **indulged** in a warm bath after a long day at work.

medieval

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

synonym : gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history
Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym : characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position
To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

allegiance

n. loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty

synonym : loyalty, devotion, faithfulness

(1) loyal **allegiance**, (2) show **allegiance**

The soldiers pledged their **allegiance** to their country.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

primarily

adv. mainly

synonym: largely, mainly, mostly

(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults

All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.

religion

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

synonym: faith, creed, belief

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

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

nation-state

n. a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity

synonym: sovereignty, independence, autonomy

(1) emerging **nation-state**, (2) **nation-state** autonomy

Some people argue that the rise of globalization has weakened the power of **nation-states**.

ethnicity

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

synonym: race, culture, heritage

(1) with respect to **ethnicity**, (2) based on their **ethnicity**

The company has a diverse workforce representing different **ethnicity** and backgrounds.

citizenship

n. the status of being a member of a particular country

synonym : nationality, belonging, residency

(1) dual **citizenship**, (2) **citizenship** rights

Her **citizenship** application was denied due to a technical error.

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym : ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

ethnic

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

synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

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

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

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

dub

v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

synonym : name, designate, nickname

(1) **dub** the film in English, (2) **dub** data

We **dubbed** him Ironman because of his toughness.

transnational

adj. relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

synonym : international, global, cross-border

(1) **transnational** migration, (2) **transnational** crime

The company operates as a **transnational** corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.

narrative

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

synonym : the tale, chronology, annals

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

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

bump

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

synonym : collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

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.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to

take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym : bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

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.

elaborate

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

synonym : detailed, intricate, complicated

(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme

He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

fascist

adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government,

nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

synonym : authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian

(1) **fascist** propaganda, (2) **fascist** policies

The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.

exceed

v. to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired

synonym : surpass, outdo, excel

(1) **exceed** sales targets, (2) **exceed** the speed limit

The athlete's performance **exceeded** all expectations, breaking a world record.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

propagate

v. to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction

synonym : propagate, multiply, reproduce

(1) **propagate** a rumor, (2) **propagate** plants

The company is working hard to **propagate** their brand message to as many people as possible

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.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym : humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym : different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

faith

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

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

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

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

influence

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

synonym : power, leverage, effect

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

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

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless

attempt

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

lad

n. a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way

synonym : boy, youth, youngster

(1) working-class **lad**, (2) local **lad**

The older man gave the young **lad** some helpful life advice.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym : fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

synonym : raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

blacklist

n. a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities

synonym: ban, exclusion, proscription

(1) banking **blacklist**, (2) personal **blacklist**

The software uses a robust **blacklist** to prevent access to malicious websites and protect users from online threats.

overthrow

v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

synonym: defeat, destroy, conquer

(1) **overthrow** the government, (2) **overthrow** the theory

The group aims to **overthrow** the military regime.

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.

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.

- jail** *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
synonym : prison, slammer, penitentiary
(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**
The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.
- conscience** *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
synonym : morality, ethics, scruples
(1) inner **conscience**, (2) guilty **conscience**
He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his **conscience**, even if it meant losing the job.
- 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.
- yesteryear** *n.* the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated
synonym : past, yesterday, bygone days
(1) **yesteryear** fashion, (2) **yesteryear** nostalgia
My grandparents love reminiscing about their favorite movies from **yesteryear**.
- detect** *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
synonym : catch, observe, notice
(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders
The security camera has **detected** four intruders.
- 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.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym: restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

mood

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

synonym: mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**
His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

rhetoric

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

synonym: oratory, eloquence, persuasion

(1) the **rhetoric** of a debate, (2) high-flown **rhetoric**
He was known for his powerful **rhetoric** and ability to persuade people with his words.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

parochial

adj. related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

synonym: narrow-minded, insular, provincial

(1) **parochial** views, (2) **parochial** community

The **parochial** attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.

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.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym : separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

mainstream

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

synonym : prevailing, average, common

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

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

domestic

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

synonym : endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

minaret

n. a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer

synonym : tower, belfry

(1) **minaret** tower, (2) **minaret** call

The **minaret** of the mosque soared high above the city.

ban

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

synonym : forbid, prohibit, restrict

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

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

headscarf

n. a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons

synonym : hijab, shawl, veil

(1) traditional **headscarf**, (2) **headscarf** cloth

Some women choose to wear a **headscarf** as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.

kosher

adj. conforming to Jewish dietary laws; conforming to proper or ethical standards; legitimate, lawful, or acceptable

synonym : legitimate, allowable, permissible

(1) **kosher** supermarket, (2) **kosher** deli

The synagogue offers a list of certified **kosher** products that members can refer to when grocery shopping.

halal

adj. denoting or relating to food or another item that is permissible to consume or use according to Islamic law

synonym : permissible, lawful, legal

(1) **halal** certification, (2) **halal** option

The restaurant only serves **halal** food in compliance with Islamic laws.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

aspirant

adj. desiring or aspiring to achieve something; ambitious or eager to attain a goal, position, or status

synonym: wishful, hopeful, ambitious

(1) **aspirant** politician, (2) career **aspirant**

The **aspirant** actor attended auditions and acting classes to pursue her dream of being on stage.

bomb

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

synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

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

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

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

represent

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

synonym: depict, express, describe

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

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

warn

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

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

deaf

adj. lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals

synonym: hearing-impaired, unresponsive, insensitive

(1) **deaf** in one ear, (2) **deaf** child

The **deaf** student needed an interpreter to understand the lecture.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

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.

xenophobic

adj. showing strong dislike or fear of people from other countries or cultures; having a strong bias or prejudice against outsiders

synonym : prejudiced, racist, intolerant

(1) **xenophobic** attitude, (2) **xenophobic** statements

The **xenophobic** rhetoric of the politician only seeks to sow division and hatred among people.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

utilize

v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

synonym : employ, use, operate

(1) **utilize** a different approach, (2) **utilize** a catheter

The cook **utilized** the leftover oxtail to make soup.

comprise

v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

synonym : consist of, include, be composed of

(1) **comprise** a large percentage, (2) **comprise** the recent past

The team **comprises** players from different countries.

characteristic

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

synonym : feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

defend

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

synonym : protect, guard, support

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

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

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

synonym : by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned
Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

propaganda

n. information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology

synonym : disinformation, misinformation, publicity

(1) **propaganda** campaign, (2) self-serving **propaganda**

The government used **propaganda** pictures to spread its message of national unity.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

assassination

n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

synonym: murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot

The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

grassroots

adj. of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group

synonym: fundamental, major, elemental

(1) a **grassroots** movement for nuclear disarmament,

(2) the **grassroots** factor in making the decision

The feeling among the company's **grassroots** is that the CEO is not radical enough.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym: proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

- beg** v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
synonym : plead, implore, entreat
(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help
She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.
- impose** v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
synonym : charge, levy, foist
(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs
The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.
- aspire** v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
synonym : aim, desire, strive
(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection
She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.
- complacency** n. a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
synonym : self-satisfaction, smugness, satisfaction
(1) dangerous **complacency**, (2) avoid **complacency**
The team's **complacency** led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.
- hesitation** n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
synonym : unwillingness, indecision, uncertainty
(1) perform without **hesitation**, (2) after some **hesitation**
There was a **hesitation** in her speech.
- espouse** v. to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry
synonym : adopt, support, embrace

(1) **espouse** a cause, (2) **espouse** an idea
She **espoused** the philosophy of non-violence.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
synonym : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design
The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely
The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
synonym : traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production
He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

relegate

v. to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
synonym : demote, assign, transfer

(1) **relegate** a matter to another authority, (2) **relegate** task
The underperforming team was **relegated** to a lower division.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
synonym : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader
The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

theocracy

n. a form of government in which religious leaders or institutions hold the ultimate authority and religious laws are the basis of governance

synonym : ecclesiocracy, priest-dominated state

(1) Christian **theocracy**, (2) modern **theocracy**

The **theocracy** debate has taken center stage in many academic circles due to the rise of religious movements worldwide.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

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**.

inevitably

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

synonym : unavoidably, necessarily, surely

(1) **inevitably** decline with age, (2) **inevitably** reach the consumer

Because of his excellent performance, he will **inevitably** be promoted.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

label

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

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym: glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

ideology

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

synonym: credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**

Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

resistance

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

synonym: opposition, antagonism, defiance

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

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

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym : great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym : socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist

During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

colonial

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

synonym : imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style

The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

occupy

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

synonym : inhabit, settle, populate

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

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

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

preconceived

adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

(1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions

We should start a discussion from scratch with no **preconceived** ideas.

grievance

n. a real or imagined cause for complaint or protest, especially regarding an unfair or unjust treatment

synonym: complaint, grudge, injustice

(1) file a **grievance**, (2) a minor **grievance**

She had a legitimate **grievance** with her employer over unequal pay.

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.

anecdotal

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

synonym: hearsay, informal, unreliable

(1) **anecdotal** evidence, (2) **anecdotal** example

My friend shared an **anecdotal** story about her experience in customer service.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

bin

n. a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste

synonym: container, trunk, garbage can

(1) a waste **bin**, (2) mail **bin**

You can open the overhead **bin** after landing.

laden

adj. heavily loaded or burdened

synonym : loaded, weighed down, heavy

(1) a **laden** ship, (2) water- **laden** soil

The traffic- **laden** street was gridlocked during rush hour, with cars moving at a snail's pace.

deputy

n. a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

synonym : aide, assistant, appointee

(1) a **deputy** governor, (2) **deputy** attorney general

She left the decision to her **deputy**

pediatrics

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

synonym : pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic

I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love working with children.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym : helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

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.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

conservatism

n. a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense

synonym : traditionalism, preservation

(1) fiscal **conservatism**, (2) **conservatism** party

Conservatism in politics tends to prioritize traditional values and limited government intervention.

upside

n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

synonym :

advantage, benefit, top

(1) have no **upside**, (2) market **upside**

Many people see the **upside** of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
synonym: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

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.

partition

n. a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections

synonym : divider, screen, panel

(1) **partition** wall, (2) hard drive **partition**

We must install a **partition** to separate the living room from the dining area.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym : cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

ballot

n. a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election

synonym : vote, poll, election

(1) the final **ballot**, (2) **ballot** booth

The **ballot** for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

catharsis

n. a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

synonym : cleansing, purification, purging

(1) **catharsis** of grief, (2) spiritual **catharsis**

Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of **catharsis**, helping to relieve stress and anxiety.

coalition

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

synonym : union, confederation, alliance

(1) a three-party **coalition**, (2) **coalition** forces

The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a **coalition** in the next elections.

loose

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

synonym : relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym : direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

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.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs
He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym: immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

rebrand

v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability

synonym: reintroduce, relaunch, reintegrate

(1) **rebrand** product, (2) **rebrand** company

The clothing brand decided to **rebrand** its image to attract a younger audience.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym: circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

encourage

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

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

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

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

buy-in

v. to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something

synonym: invest, buy, prepare

(1) **buy-in** bulk, (2) **buy-in** the idea

The shareholders were reluctant to **buy-in** the new project, but the presentation convinced them otherwise.

Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------------|----|---|
| 1. b__p up prices | v. | to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident |
| 2. la__l a bag with my name | n. | a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category |
| 3. freedom of re_____on | n. | a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny |
| 4. military di_____or | n. | a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force |
| 5. 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 |
| 6. take ad_____ge of his weak points | n. | a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has |
| 7. tra_____on phase | n. | the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another |
| 8. oc___y his time | v. | to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time |
| 9. public education ad_____tes | n. | a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something |

ANSWERS: 1. bump, 2. label, 3. religion, 4. dictator, 5. democracy, 6. advantage, 7. transition, 8. occupy, 9. advocate

10. a campus dem_____ion *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
11. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
12. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
13. oppressive co_____al rule *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
14. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
15. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
16. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
17. di_____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
18. pa_____al community *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

ANSWERS: 10. demonstration, 11. supple, 12. resistance, 13. colonial, 14. wit, 15. jail, 16. label, 17. distinct, 18. parochial

19. co____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
20. d_b the film in English *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
21. an ad____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
22. as____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
23. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
24. co____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
25. a fence sur____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
26. no asp____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
27. ex____d sales targets *v.* to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired
28. co____on forces *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
29. based on their et____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

ANSWERS: 19. conclude, 20. dub, 21. advocate, 22. associate, 23. government, 24. conclude, 25. surrounding, 26. aspiration, 27. exceed, 28. coalition, 29. ethnicity

30. an el_____te hat *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
31. avoid com_____cy *n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
32. pre_____ved opinions *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
33. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
34. after some hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
35. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
36. intended pr_____ly for young people *adv.* mainly
37. de____t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
38. file a gr_____ce *n.* a real or imagined cause for complaint or protest, especially regarding an unfair or unjust treatment
39. ca_____is of grief *n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

ANSWERS: 30. elaborate, 31. complacency, 32. preconceived, 33. identity, 34. hesitation, 35. demonstrate, 36. primarily, 37. detect, 38. grievance, 39. catharsis

40. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
41. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
42. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
43. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
44. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
45. im___e harsher sanctions *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
46. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
47. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
48. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
49. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 40. reputation, 41. trend, 42. conservative, 43. climate, 44. superpower, 45. impose, 46. addition, 47. influence, 48. individual, 49. background

50. perform without hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
51. fa_____t propaganda *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
52. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
53. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
54. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
55. have no up_____e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
56. violent ex_____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
57. the sacred mo_____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
58. sy_____l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
59. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 50. hesitation, 51. fascist, 52. necessarily, 53. resistance, 54. involve, 55. upside, 56. extremism, 57. mosque, 58. symbol, 59. predict

60. pa_____al views *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
61. ut_____e a catheter *v.* to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
62. the m__d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
63. ed_____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
64. domed mo____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
65. de____t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
66. ri_____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
67. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
68. d__f child *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals

ANSWERS: 60. parochial, 61. utilize, 62. mood, 63. educated, 64. mosque, 65. detect, 66. ridicule, 67. incidentally, 68. deaf

69. mai_____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
70. inner con_____ce *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
71. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
72. 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
73. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
74. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
75. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
76. pr_____te plants *v.* to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction
77. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
78. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

ANSWERS: 69. mainstream, 70. conscience, 71. plot, 72. extremist, 73. statistics, 74. supple, 75. surrounding, 76. propagate, 77. demonstrate, 78. equivalent

79. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
80. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
81. de___y attorney general *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
82. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
83. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
84. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
85. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
86. the id_____gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
87. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
88. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 79. defend, 80. reputation, 81. deputy, 82. bomb, 83. communicate, 84. religion, 85. universal, 86. ideology, 87. warn, 88. background

89. public ri_____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
90. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
91. the rh_____ic of a debate *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
92. political id_____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
93. working-class l_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
94. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
95. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
96. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 89. ridicule, 90. faith, 91. rhetoric, 92. ideology, 93. lad, 94. faith, 95. cofounder, 96. movement

97. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
98. a hand-loomed fa___c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
99. loyal all_____ce *n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty
100. spiritual ca_____is *n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
101. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
102. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
103. con_____ism party *n.* a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense
104. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 97. mass, 98. fabric, 99. allegiance, 100. catharsis, 101. represent, 102. phenomenon, 103. conservatism, 104. nationalist

105. 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
106. cap_____ze on an interest *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
107. in an ugly m__d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
108. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
109. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
110. a waste b_n *n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
111. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
112. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
113. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
114. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 105. extremist, 106. capitalize, 107. mood, 108. flee, 109. genuine, 110. bin, 111. dictator, 112. nationalist, 113. flee, 114. consequence

115. stripes cha_____tic of the zebra *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
116. ba___t booth *n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
117. xen_____ic attitude *adj.* showing strong dislike or fear of people from other countries or cultures; having a strong bias or prejudice against outsiders
118. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
119. d_b data *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
120. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
121. re_____t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
122. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
123. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
124. co_____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
125. xen_____ic statements *adj.* showing strong dislike or fear of people from other countries or cultures; having a strong bias or prejudice against outsiders

ANSWERS: 115. characteristic, 116. ballot, 117. xenophobic, 118. grant, 119. dub, 120. equivalent, 121. recruit, 122. attempt, 123. immediately, 124. convict, 125. xenophobic

126. di____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
127. is____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
128. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
129. d__f in one ear *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
130. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
131. 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
132. bu____n the idea *v.* to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something
133. modern th____cy *n.* a form of government in which religious leaders or institutions hold the ultimate authority and religious laws are the basis of governance

ANSWERS: 126. digital, 127. isolate, 128. bond, 129. deaf, 130. government, 131. claim, 132. buy-in, 133. theocracy

134. yes_____ar fashion *n.* the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated
135. re_____te task *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
136. a lo__e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
137. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
138. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
139. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
140. join the mai_____am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
141. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
142. market up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
143. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
144. tra_____nal crime *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

ANSWERS: 134. yesteryear, 135. relegate, 136. loose, 137. increasingly, 138. inspire, 139. warn, 140. mainstream, 141. historic, 142. upside, 143. increasingly, 144. transnational

145. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
146. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
147. tra_____nal migration *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
148. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
149. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
150. 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
151. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
152. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
153. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 145. elect, 146. predict, 147. transnational, 148. consequence, 149. encourage, 150. develop, 151. primarily, 152. exclusive, 153. eventually

154. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
155. ko___r supermarket *adj.* conforming to Jewish dietary laws; conforming to proper or ethical standards; legitimate, lawful, or acceptable
156. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
157. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
158. high-flown rh____ic *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
159. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
160. fiscal con_____ism *n.* a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense
161. im___e tariffs *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
162. nat_____ate autonomy *n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity

ANSWERS: 154. climate, 155. kosher, 156. fabric, 157. represent, 158. rhetoric, 159. trend, 160. conservatism, 161. impose, 162. nation-state

163. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
164. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
165. dual cit_____ip *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
166. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
167. ra___l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
168. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
169. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
170. di_____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
171. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
172. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

ANSWERS: 163. eventually, 164. beg, 165. citizenship, 166. nation, 167. racial, 168. prop, 169. advantage, 170. distinct, 171. influence, 172. narrative

173. a three-party co_____on *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
174. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
175. ex___d the speed limit *v.* to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired
176. oc___y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
177. b__p against a wall *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
178. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
179. my friend's cha_____tic laugh *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
180. fa_____t policies *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
181. ass_____ion plot *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
182. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 173. coalition, 174. jail, 175. exceed, 176. occupy, 177. bump, 178. genuine, 179. characteristic, 180. fascist, 181. assassination, 182. slide

183. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
184. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
185. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
186. ine_____ly decline with age *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
187. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
188. ov_____ow the theory *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
189. single et___c group *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
190. co_____e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
191. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
192. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
193. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
194. stage an up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
195. an_____al evidence *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

ANSWERS: 183. symbol, 184. phenomenon, 185. aid, 186. inevitably, 187. individual, 188. overthrow, 189. ethnic, 190. confine, 191. define, 192. poverty, 193. conservative, 194. uprising, 195. anecdotal

196. el__t the school board
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
197. el_____te Ponzi scheme
adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
198. the final ba___t
n. a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
199. local l_d
n. a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
200. ed_____ed speech
adj. having received a high standard of education
201. re_____te a matter to another authority
v. to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
202. remove lo___e hair
adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
203. me_____al times
adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
204. political ex_____sm
n. the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
205. critical m___s
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
206. f___p a coin
v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 196. elect, 197. elaborate, 198. ballot, 199. lad, 200. educated, 201. relegate, 202. loose, 203. medieval, 204. extremism, 205. mass, 206. flip

207. banking bl_____st *n.* a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities
208. guilty con_____ce *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
209. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
210. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
211. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
212. bu___n bulk *v.* to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something
213. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
214. a do_____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

ANSWERS: 207. blacklist, 208. conscience, 209. superpower, 210. quo, 211. interconnect, 212. buy-in, 213. prop, 214. domestic

215. water-la__n soil	<i>adj.</i> heavily loaded or burdened
216. ine_____ly reach the consumer	<i>adv.</i> in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
217. personal bl_____st	<i>n.</i> a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities
218. write him an answer imm_____ly	<i>adv.</i> now or without delay
219. ut_____e a different approach	<i>v.</i> to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
220. dangerous com_____cy	<i>n.</i> a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
221. f__p over the pork chop	<i>v.</i> to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
222. ha__l option	<i>adj.</i> denoting or relating to food or another item that is permissible to consume or use according to Islamic law
223. an_____al example	<i>adj.</i> based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
224. Christian th_____cy	<i>n.</i> a form of government in which religious leaders or institutions hold the ultimate authority and religious laws are the basis of governance

ANSWERS: 215. laden, 216. inevitably, 217. blacklist, 218. immediately, 219. utilize, 220. complacency, 221. flip, 222. halal, 223. anecdotal, 224. theocracy

225. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
226. ped_____cs department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
227. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
228. mail b_n *n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
229. be killed in_____ly *adv.* immediately
230. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
231. a la__n ship *adj.* heavily loaded or burdened
232. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
233. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
234. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
235. failed ass_____ion attempt *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
236. do_____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

ANSWERS: 225. convict, 226. pediatrics, 227. roughly, 228. bin, 229. instantly, 230. cofounder, 231. laden, 232. movement, 233. attempt, 234. aspire, 235. assassination, 236. domestic

237. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
238. hard drive pa_____on *n.* a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections
239. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
240. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
241. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
242. et___c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
243. in_____e children *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
244. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
245. ov_____ow the government *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

ANSWERS: 237. wit, 238. partition, 239. philosophy, 240. associate, 241. beg, 242. ethnic, 243. indulge, 244. philosophy, 245. overthrow

246. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
247. a gra_____ts movement for nuclear disarmament *adj.* of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group
248. yes_____ar nostalgia *n.* the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated
249. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
250. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
251. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
252. show all_____ce *n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty
253. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
254. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
255. re_____t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
256. co_____al style *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

ANSWERS: 246. plot, 247. grassroots, 248. yesteryear, 249. involve, 250. grant, 251. military, 252. allegiance, 253. aid, 254. aspire, 255. recruit, 256. colonial

257. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
258. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
259. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
260. co_____se the recent past *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
261. co_____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
262. pr_____te a rumor *v.* to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction
263. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
264. mi_____t call *n.* a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer
265. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
266. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

ANSWERS: 257. mere, 258. recognize, 259. capitalize, 260. comprise, 261. communist, 262. propagate, 263. extreme, 264. minaret, 265. roughly, 266. bomb

267. emerging nat_____ate *n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
268. a de___y governor *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
269. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
270. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
271. es_____e a cause *v.* to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry
272. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
273. cit_____ip rights *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
274. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
275. mi_____t tower *n.* a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer
276. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
277. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 267. nation-state, 268. deputy, 269. nation, 270. definition, 271. espouse, 272. bond, 273. citizenship, 274. ban, 275. minaret, 276. instantly, 277. encourage

278. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
279. a minor gr_____ce *n.* a real or imagined cause for complaint or protest, especially regarding an unfair or unjust treatment
280. violent up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
281. traditional he_____rf *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
282. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
283. co_____e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
284. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
285. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
286. ped_____cs clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
287. a pre_____ved notion *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
288. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

ANSWERS: 278. blame, 279. grievance, 280. uprising, 281. headscarf, 282. racial, 283. confine, 284. identity, 285. poverty, 286. pediatrics, 287. preconceived, 288. isolate

289. the gra_____ts factor in making the decision *adj.* of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group
290. dem_____ion project *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
291. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
292. 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
293. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
294. he_____rf cloth *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
295. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
296. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
297. pa_____on wall *n.* a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections

ANSWERS: 289. grassroots, 290. demonstration, 291. definition, 292. claim, 293. recognize, 294. headscarf, 295. blame, 296. historic, 297. partition

298. es_____e an idea *v.* to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry
299. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
300. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
301. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
302. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
303. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
304. with respect to et_____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
305. 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
306. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
307. ha__l certification *adj.* denoting or relating to food or another item that is permissible to consume or use according to Islamic law

ANSWERS: 298. espouse, 299. quo, 300. ban, 301. mere, 302. defend, 303. communicate, 304. ethnicity, 305. torture, 306. inspire, 307. halal

308. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
309. in_____e in debauchery *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
310. co_____se a large percentage *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
311. 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
312. pro_____da campaign *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
313. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
314. re_____d product *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
315. ko___r deli *adj.* conforming to Jewish dietary laws; conforming to proper or ethical standards; legitimate, lawful, or acceptable
316. sl___e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
317. career as_____nt *adj.* desiring or aspiring to achieve something; ambitious or eager to attain a goal, position, or status

ANSWERS: 308. exclusive, 309. indulge, 310. comprise, 311. develop, 312. propaganda, 313. narrative, 314. rebrand, 315. kosher, 316. slide, 317. aspirant

318. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
319. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
320. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
321. 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
322. as_____nt politician *adj.* desiring or aspiring to achieve something; ambitious or eager to attain a goal, position, or status
323. 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
324. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
325. de_____e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
326. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
327. re_____d company *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
328. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

ANSWERS: 318. transition, 319. extreme, 320. necessarily, 321. democracy, 322. aspirant, 323. torture, 324. addition, 325. define, 326. military, 327. rebrand, 328. aspiration

329. co_____st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
330. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
331. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
332. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
333. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
334. self-serving pro_____da *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
335. me_____al history *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
336. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 329. communist, 330. incidentally, 331. digital, 332. interconnect, 333. universal, 334. propaganda, 335. medieval, 336. statistics

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a _____ in the next elections.
 - n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

2. _____ 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

3. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
 - n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

4. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.
 - adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

5. The _____ debate has taken center stage in many academic circles due to the rise of religious movements worldwide.
 - n.* a form of government in which religious leaders or institutions hold the ultimate authority and religious laws are the basis of governance

6. The _____ actor attended auditions and acting classes to pursue her dream of being on stage.
 - adj.* desiring or aspiring to achieve something; ambitious or eager to attain a goal, position, or status

7. She _____ in a warm bath after a long day at work.
 - v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat

ANSWERS: 1. coalition, 2. Democracy, 3. narrative, 4. loose, 5. theocracy, 6. aspirant, 7. indulged

8. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
9. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
10. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
11. The restaurant only serves _____ food in compliance with Islamic laws.
adj. denoting or relating to food or another item that is permissible to consume or use according to Islamic law
12. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
13. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
14. The team _____ players from different countries.
v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
15. You can open the overhead ____ after landing.
n. a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
16. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 8. flee, 9. define, 10. influence, 11. halal, 12. roughly, 13. religion, 14. comprises, 15. bin, 16. historic

17. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
18. She left the decision to her _____
n. a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
19. We should start a discussion from scratch with no _____ ideas.
adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
20. We _____ a cease-fire.
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
21. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
22. Some people argue that the rise of globalization has weakened the power of _____.
n. a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
23. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.
v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
24. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 17. bombs, 18. deputy, 19. preconceived, 20. concluded, 21. universal, 22. nation-states, 23. blamed, 24. flipped

25. 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

26. The traffic-_____ street was gridlocked during rush hour, with cars moving at a snail's pace.

- adj.* heavily loaded or burdened

27. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

- v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

28. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

- adv.* now or without delay

29. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.

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

30. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.

- adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

31. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

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

32. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

- v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

ANSWERS: 25. develop, 26. laden, 27. slide, 28. immediately, 29. occupy, 30. nationalist, 31. ban, 32. demonstrate

33. Her _____ application was denied due to a technical error.
n. the status of being a member of a particular country
34. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.
adj. having received a high standard of education
35. You should not _____ them from the community.
v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
36. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.
adj. not divided or shared with others
37. Many people see the _____ of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.
n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
38. GDP stands for gross _____ product.
adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
39. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
40. Thousands of people attended the protest _____ against the proposed policy.
n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

ANSWERS: 33. citizenship, 34. educated, 35. isolate, 36. exclusive, 37. upside, 38. domestic, 39. advantages, 40. demonstration

41. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

42. This accident was something that happened _____.

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

43. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.

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

44. The clothing brand decided to _____ its image to attract a younger audience.

v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability

45. The government used _____ pictures to spread its message of national unity.

n. information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology

46. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.

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

47. _____ in politics tends to prioritize traditional values and limited government intervention.

n. a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense

48. The synagogue offers a list of certified _____ products that members can refer to when grocery shopping.

adj. conforming to Jewish dietary laws; conforming to proper or ethical standards; legitimate, lawful, or acceptable

ANSWERS: 41. wit, 42. necessarily, 43. jail, 44. rebrand, 45. propaganda, 46. ethnic, 47. Conservatism, 48. kosher

49. I am studying _____ in medical school because I love working with children.

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

50. The cook _____ the leftover oxtail to make soup.

v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

51. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

52. We have finally lost our last _____.

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

53. Is this painting _____ or forged?

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

54. 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

55. The underperforming team was _____ to a lower division.

v. to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

56. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

ANSWERS: 49. pediatrics, 50. utilized, 51. fabrics, 52. prop, 53. genuine, 54. individual, 55. relegated, 56. convicted

57. _____ I know the answer to that question.

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

58. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

59. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

60. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

61. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

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

62. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

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

63. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

ANSWERS: 57. Incidentally, 58. Mosque, 59. ridicule, 60. mass, 61. warn, 62. encouraged, 63. granted

64. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
- n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
65. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
66. The soldiers pledged their _____ to their country.
- n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty
67. Some women choose to wear a _____ as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.
- n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
68. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
- n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
69. The _____ for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.
- n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
70. He lost the election by _____ votes.
- adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
71. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 64. Advocates, 65. military, 66. allegiance, 67. headscarf, 68. aspiration, 69. ballot, 70. mere, 71. recognize

72. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.
- v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
73. She had a legitimate _____ with her employer over unequal pay.
- n. a real or imagined cause for complaint or protest, especially regarding an unfair or unjust treatment
74. She accidentally _____ into him in the crowded room.
- v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
75. The athlete's performance _____ all expectations, breaking a world record.
- v. to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired
76. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.
- n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
77. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.
- v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
78. He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his _____ even if it meant losing the job.
- n. a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
79. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.
- adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

ANSWERS: 72. aspired, 73. grievance, 74. bumped, 75. exceeded, 76. quo, 77. recruited, 78. conscience, 79. conservative

80. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

81. The feeling among the company's _____ is that the CEO is not radical enough.

adj. of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group

82. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

83. 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

84. 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

85. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 80. communist, 81. grassroots, 82. background, 83. elected, 84. government, 85. eventually, 86. represent

87. The rise of far-right _____ has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.
- n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
88. The _____ attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.
- adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
89. 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
90. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.
- n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
91. The company is working hard to _____ their brand message to as many people as possible
- v.* to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction
92. Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of _____ helping to relieve stress and anxiety.
- n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

ANSWERS: 87. extremism, 88. parochial, 89. claim, 90. mainstream, 91. propagate, 92. catharsis,

93. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

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

94. The _____ student needed an interpreter to understand the lecture.

adj. lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals

95. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

96. Our system can now _____ with other databases.

v. to connect similar things

97. We must install a _____ to separate the living room from the dining area.

n. a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections

98. The regime was accused of being _____ for their oppressive tactics.

adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

99. All peaceful cooperation is based _____ on mutual trust.

adv. mainly

100. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

ANSWERS: 93. faith, 94. deaf, 95. identity, 96. interconnect, 97. partition, 98. fascist, 99. primarily, 100. transition

101. The shareholders were reluctant to _____ the new project, but the presentation convinced them otherwise.

v. to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something

102. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

103. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

104. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

105. Pakistan's _____ budget was still being reviewed.

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

106. The team's _____ led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.

n. a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems

107. You must _____ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

108. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.

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

ANSWERS: 101. buy-in, 102. consequences, 103. racial, 104. distinct, 105. aid, 106. complacency, 107. capitalize, 108. resistance

109. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
110. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
111. 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
112. He proposed an _____ program of public works.
- adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
113. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
114. The company operates as a _____ corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.
- adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
115. The city has a rich _____ history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.
- adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

ANSWERS: 109. defend, 110. Climate, 111. torture, 112. elaborate, 113. poverty, 114. transnational, 115. colonial

116. The _____ of the mosque soared high above the city.

n. a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer

117. They had formed a friendship _____.

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

118. Because of his excellent performance, he will _____ be promoted.

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

119. My grandparents love reminiscing about their favorite movies from _____.

n. the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated

120. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

121. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

122. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

123. 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

ANSWERS: 116. minaret, 117. bond, 118. inevitably, 119. yesteryear, 120. supple, 121. movement, 122. superpower, 123. extremist

124. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
125. The _____ of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.
n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
126. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.
adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something
127. We _____ him Ironman because of his toughness.
v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
128. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
129. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
130. The third _____ was far more successful.
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
131. A rainbow is a natural _____.
n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 124. reputation, 125. assassination, 126. surrounding, 127. dubbed, 128. predict, 129. inspired, 130. attempt, 131. phenomenon

132. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
133. Bananas have their _____ taste and odor.
n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
134. He was known for his powerful _____ and ability to persuade people with his words.
n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
135. The group aims to _____ the military regime.
v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
136. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
137. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
138. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
139. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.
n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

ANSWERS: 132. definition, 133. characteristic, 134. rhetoric, 135. overthrow, 136. digital, 137. label, 138. plot, 139. mood

140. The company has a diverse workforce representing different _____ and backgrounds.
- n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
141. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
- adv.* more and more
142. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
- n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
143. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.
- v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
144. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
145. The animal was _____ in a small cage.
- v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
146. The software uses a robust _____ to prevent access to malicious websites and protect users from online threats.
- n.* a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities
147. She _____ the philosophy of non-violence.
- v.* to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry

ANSWERS: 140. ethnicity, 141. increasingly, 142. cofounder, 143. impose, 144. philosophy, 145. confined, 146. blacklist, 147. espoused

148. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
149. Only the _____ tower remained standing.
adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
150. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
151. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
152. The security camera has _____ four intruders.
v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
153. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
154. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
155. The oil price continued their downward _____.
n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing
156. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 148. equivalent, 149. medieval, 150. begged, 151. symbol, 152. detected, 153. nation, 154. communicate, 155. trend, 156. statistics

157. The _____ rhetoric of the politician only seeks to sow division and hatred among people.
adj. showing strong dislike or fear of people from other countries or cultures; having a strong bias or prejudice against outsiders
158. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
159. My friend shared an _____ story about her experience in customer service.
adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
160. 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
161. The older man gave the young ____ some helpful life advice.
n. a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
162. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.
n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
163. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.
adv. immediately
164. There was a _____ in her speech.
n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

ANSWERS: 157. xenophobic, 158. dictator, 159. anecdotal, 160. involves, 161. lad, 162. ideology, 163. instantly, 164. hesitation

165. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

166. The anti-government _____ was successful in overthrowing the regime.

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

167. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

168. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 165. extreme, 166. uprising, 167. associate, 168. addition,