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Session 1: Word List

jihad

n. a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

synonym: struggle, holy war, crusade

(1) **jihad** of knowledge, (2) nonviolent **jihad**

Many scholars argue that the true meaning of **jihad** is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym: interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

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.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym : corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

sin

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

synonym : misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

temptation

n. the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire

synonym : allure, attraction, enticement

(1) withstand **temptation**, (2) many **temptations**

Researchers often succumb to the **temptation** of accolades and commit research misconduct.

lust

n. a strong desire or craving, usually of a sexual nature

synonym : desire, passion, craving

(1) feel a pang of **lust**, (2) give in to **lust**

His **lust** for money and power drove him to make unethical decisions.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym : idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym : charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

Christ

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

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

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

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

mystical

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

synonym : occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

resonance

n. a deep, full, or reverberating sound or tone; a quality or feeling of a particular emotional or mental vibration or significance; a mutual or sympathetic connection or correspondence between two things

synonym : echo, vibration, reverberation

(1) **resonance** frequency, (2) harmonic **resonance**

The singer's voice filled the auditorium with beautiful **resonance**.

Sanskrit

n. an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

(1) **Sanskrit** language, (2) **Sanskrit** literature

Some Indian classical dances and music are based on **Sanskrit** scriptures and texts.

spiritual

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

synonym : otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

worship

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

synonym : adore, idolize

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

They traditionally **worship** their guru.

external

adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

synonym : outside, exterior, foreign

(1) **external** factors, (2) **external** commerce

When a company discloses information to the market, an **external** auditor verifies them.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym : herd, crowd, assembly

(1) **flock** of sheep, (2) **flock** of spectator

When a **flock** of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

occupation

n. a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession

synonym : job, profession, vocation

(1) **occupation** disease, (2) **occupation** of a building

The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and **occupation**.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym : acclaimed, notable, prominent

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

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

holy

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

synonym : sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

warrior

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

synonym : fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

ungodly

adj. not conforming to religious or moral principles; sinful or wicked; outrageous or excessive

synonym : sinful, wicked, unholy

(1) an **ungodly** amount of rain, (2) **ungodly** behavior

The movie's villain was portrayed with an **ungodly** mixture of cruelty and charm that fascinated and repulsed the audience.

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.

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.

conception

n. a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle

synonym : notion, abstraction, cogitation

(1) a grand **conception**, (2) the **conception** of the good
I have no **conception** of what you intend.

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.

refined

adj. made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

synonym : cultured, purified, tasteful

(1) adopt a **refined** attitude, (2) a lot of **refined** sugar

She was highly **refined** in her choice of apparel.

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.

crusader

n. a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims

synonym : advocate, activist, ideologue

(1) anti-corruption **crusader**, (2) a **crusader** for justice

The history books are full of tales of legendary **crusaders** who went on epic adventures.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

horrendous

adj. causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying

synonym : dreadful, terrible, horrifying

(1) **horrendous** traffic, (2) a **horrendous** crime

The **horrendous** storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.

monstrous

adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

synonym : grotesque, huge, deformed

(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior

The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small boat.

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.

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym: crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

psychopathic

adj. relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior

synonym: psychotic, crazy, insane

(1) high levels of **psychopathic** traits, (2) **psychopathic** issues

He is going to play a **psychopathic** killer in this movie.

imam

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

synonym: leader, cleric, spiritual guide

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

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

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.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

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.

outdoors

adv. in or into the open air; outside a building or structure

synonym: outside, al fresco, in the open air

(1) exhausted **outdoors**, (2) sleep **outdoors**

She loves to hike **outdoors** and explore nature.

endorse

v. to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something

synonym: approve, support, advocate

(1) **endorse** candidate, (2) **endorse** a check

The celebrity **endorsed** the new product on social media.

sermon

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

synonym: homily, discourse, lecture

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

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the

importance of forgiveness.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

congregate

v. to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area

synonym: assemble, converge, gather

(1) **congregate** at the park, (2) **congregate** in a mosque

The protesters plan to **congregate** in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym: building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

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.

victory

n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

synonym: win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

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.

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.

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.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

cross-hair

n. (also known as a "reticle") a fine, narrow intersecting line or marker, often in the shape of a cross, used as a targeting or aiming aid, specifically in optics or firearms

synonym: reticle, aiming point, target mark

(1) **cross-hair** alignment, (2) **cross-hair** indicator

The sniper adjusted his rifle until the target was directly in the **cross-hair** of his scope.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**
In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

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

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

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym: abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

debase

v. to reduce the quality, value, or esteem of something, often by lowering its moral or ethical standard; to demean or degrade

synonym: degrade, lower, cheapen

(1) **debase** dignity, (2) **debase** the principles of justice

The company's decision to **debase** its currency led to inflation and economic instability.

corrupt

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

synonym: dishonest, unethical, immoral

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

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

persuade

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

synonym: convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

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.

poll

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

synonym: survey, ballot, voting

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

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

dwindle

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

synonym: shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing

The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

fanatic

adj. characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism

synonym: zealous, extremist, passionate

(1) **fanatic** about germs, (2) **fanatic** devotion

The **fanatic** supporters of the sports team traveled across the country to watch the match.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

synonym: back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

champagne

n. a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere

synonym: sparkling wine, prosecco, cava

(1) **champagne** toast, (2) **champagne** celebration

They opened a bottle of **champagne** to celebrate their success.

disengage

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

synonym : withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially

He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

violent

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

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

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.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car
There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

peninsula

n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

synonym: cape, foreland

(1) the tip of the **peninsula**, (2) the Arab **peninsula**
That **peninsula** was an essential base for the country's defense.

haram

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

synonym: forbidden, prohibited

(1) **haram** food, (2) **haram** activity
The community leaders worked to educate people about **haram** practices that are not allowed in their faith.

homage

n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

synonym: respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**
The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

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.

sectarian

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

synonym : denominational, factional, partisan

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

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

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym : periodically, sometimes, from time to time

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

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

relax

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

synonym : soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

franchise

n. a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election

synonym : dealership, enterprise, suffrage

(1) **franchise** agreement, (2) **franchise** owner

The fast-food **franchise** kept expanding and opening new restaurants across the country.

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.

underwear

n. (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes

synonym : undergarments, lingerie, innerwear

(1) **underwear** clothing, (2) men's **underwear**

I want to buy new winter **underwear** because mine have holes in them.

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.

instigate

v. to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior

synonym : provoke, incite, raise

(1) **instigate** a conflict, (2) **instigate** a discussion

The protesters tried to **instigate** change and promote equality in their community.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym : preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

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.

ordinary

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

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue
The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor
Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

union

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

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**
The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

fizz

v. to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles

synonym: fizzle, effervesce, bubble

(1) **fizz** up after the speech, (2) **fizz** with life
The soda began to **fizz** when I opened the can, spilling over the top and onto my shirt.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas
He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban
Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

know-how

n. practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training

synonym : expertise, skill, knowledge

(1) **know-how** transfer, (2) share **know-how**

Her culinary **know-how** helped her create an impressive menu for the party.

seal

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

synonym : enclose, shut, close

(1) **seal** a hole, (2) a fur **seal**

He **sealed** the letter with hot wax.

achievement

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

synonym : accomplishment, attainment, triumph

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

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

innocent

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

synonym : blameless, honest, harmless

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

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

horror

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

synonym : fear, terror, dread

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

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

revulsion

n. a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive

synonym : disgust, repugnance, aversion

(1) sense of **revulsion**, (2) physical **revulsion**

His **revulsion** towards the cruel treatment of animals led him to become a vegan.

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.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym: criticize, denounce, censure

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

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

lunatic

n. a person who is considered mentally ill, especially one who is extremely irrational or unpredictable; a crazy or foolish person

synonym: maniac, crazy, insane

(1) raving **lunatic**, (2) a lone **lunatic**

The politician's outrageous comments made him appear like a **lunatic** to his opponents.

fringe

n. a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group

synonym: border, edging, trim

(1) **fringe** benefit, (2) on the **fringe** of the city

The dress had a **fringe** of beads along the hem.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

empower

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

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

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

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

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

sadistic

adj. deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer

synonym: cruel, brutal, inhumane

(1) **sadistic** pleasure, (2) **sadistic** behavior

The **sadistic** character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals

easily.

satellite

n. an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

synonym : orbiter, asteroid, moon

(1) a GPS **satellite**, (2) a meteorological **satellite**

Launching an artificial **satellite** contributed to the technological development of our country.

Arabic

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

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

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

circumvent

v. to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle

synonym : evade, bypass, outsmart

(1) **circumvent** rules, (2) **circumvent** authority

I took a back road to work on time to **circumvent** the traffic jam.

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.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym : endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other

materials in their office interiors.

hypocrisy

n. the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform

synonym : insincerity, dissembling, duplicity

(1) without **hypocrisy**, (2) self-serving **hypocrisy**

The commentaries often criticized the government's political **hypocrisy**.

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.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym : fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym : imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

faraway

adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

synonym : distant, remote, far-off

(1) **faraway** land, (2) **faraway** dream

The view from the **faraway** hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

battlefield

n. a place where a battle or conflict is fought

synonym : warzone, front line, combat area

(1) **battlefield** casualties, (2) tactics on the **battlefield**
The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the **battlefield**.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

monstrosity

n. a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control
synonym: monstrous, freak, deformity
(1) **monstrosity** of war, (2) **monstrosity** of nature
The creature's **monstrosity** in the horror movie shocked the audience.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
synonym: parade
(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east
The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen
synonym: doubtful, questionable, far-fetched
(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game
The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

rappel

v. to descend a steep slope or vertical surface using a rope and a sliding device; to perform a controlled descent using such a device; (noun) the act of descending a cliff or other vertical drop by a double rope coiled around the body and fixed at a higher point
synonym: abseil, descend, rope down
(1) **rappel** down a cliff, (2) **rappel** from a helicopter
The thrill-seekers decided to **rappel** down the sides of

mountains.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

thorough

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

synonym: complete, comprehensive, meticulous

(1) **thorough** investigation, (2) provide **thorough** analysis

A **thorough** brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

discredit

v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

synonym: disprove, undermine, disgrace

(1) **discredit** a theory, (2) **discredit** a witness

The company's unethical practices have **discredited** its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

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.

preservation

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

synonym: conserving, protection, conservancy

(1) wildlife **preservation**, (2) the **preservation** of food
The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable **preservation**.

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.

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym: middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal

He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

economy

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

synonym: finance, trade, business

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

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

assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

synonym: help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal

Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

invest

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

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

terror

n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

synonym : fear, alarm, horror

(1) **terror** attack, (2) **terror** group

The bomb blast spread **terror** among the people.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym : productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

patience

n. the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry

synonym : forbearance, endurance, tolerance

(1) test my **patience**, (2) show **patience**

Healing a broken heart requires **patience**, as it takes time to heal.

subtlety

n. the quality of being subtle

synonym : nuance, refinement, niceness

(1) psychological **subtlety**, (2) with great **subtlety**

She examines the document with remarkable **subtlety**.

subway

n. an underground railway system, typically in a city
synonym: underground, metro, tube

(1) **subway** train, (2) rapid transit **subway**

He took the **subway** to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym: hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

expunge

v. to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry

synonym: erase, delete, remove

(1) **expunge** a memory, (2) **expunge** a word from a text

The court ordered to **expunge** the criminal record of the falsely accused individual.

riddance

n. the act or process of getting rid of something or someone undesirable or unwanted; elimination or

removal

synonym : elimination, removal, disposal

(1) good **riddance**, (2) sigh of **riddance**

The city council decided it was time for a thorough **riddance** of outdated laws.

Session 2: Spelling

1. victim of a vi_____t crime
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
2. ch_____ne celebration
n. a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere
3. co_____t good manners
adj. characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest
4. traditional me_____al
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
5. re_____nt our life
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
6. intended pr_____ly for young people
adv. mainly
7. d__f in one ear
adj. lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
8. as___e after perfection
v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
9. in_____e a feeling of curiosity
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 1. violent, 2. champagne, 3. corrupt, 4. medicinal, 5. reinvent, 6. primarily, 7. deaf, 8. aspire, 9. inspire

10. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
11. a GPS sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
12. without hy_____sy *n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
13. cel_____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
14. 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
15. a waste b_n *n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
16. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
17. commit su_____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
18. i__m of mosque *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

ANSWERS: 10. aspire, 11. satellite, 12. hypocrisy, 13. celebrated, 14. ethnicity, 15. bin, 16. bomb, 17. suicide, 18. imam

26. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
27. ho___r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
28. ho___r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
29. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
30. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
31. spiritual i__m *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
32. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
33. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
34. di_____it a theory *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
35. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
36. many tem_____ons *n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire

ANSWERS: 26. vice, 27. horror, 28. horror, 29. efficient, 30. imaginary, 31. imam, 32. primarily, 33. conceive, 34. discredit, 35. define, 36. temptation

37. high levels of psy_____hic traits *adj.* relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior
38. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
39. psy_____hic issues *adj.* relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior
40. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
41. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
42. wa_____r spirit *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
43. re_____ce frequency *n.* a deep, full, or reverberating sound or tone; a quality or feeling of a particular emotional or mental vibration or significance; a mutual or sympathetic connection or correspondence between two things
44. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
45. cro_____ir alignment *n.* (also known as a "reticle") a fine, narrow intersecting line or marker, often in the shape of a cross, used as a targeting or aiming aid, specifically in optics or firearms

ANSWERS: 37. psychopathic, 38. vast, 39. psychopathic, 40. ordinary, 41. ignore, 42. warrior, 43. resonance, 44. Christ, 45. cross-hair

46. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
47. wildlife pre_____ion *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
48. ra___l from a helicopter *v.* to descend a steep slope or vertical surface using a rope and a sliding device; to perform a controlled descent using such a device; (noun) the act of descending a cliff or other vertical drop by a double rope coiled around the body and fixed at a higher point
49. de___e the principles of justice *v.* to reduce the quality, value, or esteem of something, often by lowering its moral or ethical standard; to demean or degrade
50. 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
51. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
52. a mo_____us iceberg *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
53. a lone lu_____c *n.* a person who is considered mentally ill, especially one who is extremely irrational or unpredictable; a crazy or foolish person

ANSWERS: 46. medicinal, 47. preservation, 48. rappel, 49. debase, 50. rhetoric, 51. faith, 52. monstrous, 53. lunatic

54. f__z up after the speech
- v. to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles
55. cir_____nt rules
- v. to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle
56. a lot of re_____d sugar
- adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
57. rapid transit su____y
- n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
58. majority of his we____h
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
59. in____t in stocks
- v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
60. th_____en a healthy relationship
- v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
61. re__x at home
- v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
62. student ach_____nt
- n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

ANSWERS: 54. fizz, 55. circumvent, 56. refined, 57. subway, 58. wealth, 59. invest, 60. threaten, 61. relax, 62. achievement

63. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
64. co_____t discipline *adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest
65. a lay se_____n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
66. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
67. de_____e dignity *v.* to reduce the quality, value, or esteem of something, often by lowering its moral or ethical standard; to demean or degrade
68. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
69. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
70. a la__n ship *adj.* heavily loaded or burdened
71. bat_____ld casualties *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
72. occ_____lly change the routine *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
73. con_____te in a mosque *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area

ANSWERS: 63. doe, 64. corrupt, 65. sermon, 66. condemn, 67. debase, 68. march, 69. suddenly, 70. laden, 71. battlefield, 72. occasionally, 73. congregate

74. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
75. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
76. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
77. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
78. forgive a s_n *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
79. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
80. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
81. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
82. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
83. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

ANSWERS: 74. institute, 75. empower, 76. poll, 77. kidnapping, 78. sin, 79. government, 80. government, 81. reclaim, 82. institute, 83. tower

84. occ_____ly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
85. di_____ge the clutch *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
86. a cr_____er for justice *n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
87. 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
88. hor_____us traffic *adj.* causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying
89. vassal ho___e *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
90. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
91. mon_____ty of war *n.* a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control
92. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 84. occasionally, 85. disengage, 86. crusader, 87. claim, 88. horrendous, 89. homage, 90. drag, 91. monstrosity, 92. union

93. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
94. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
95. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
96. d__f child *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
97. en_____e a check *v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
98. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
99. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
100. co_____st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
101. ex_____e a memory *v.* to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry
102. physical re_____on *n.* a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive
103. attempt to pe_____de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

ANSWERS: 93. flock, 94. imaginary, 95. concept, 96. deaf, 97. endorse, 98. concept, 99. pause, 100. communist, 101. expunge, 102. revulsion, 103. persuade

104. a remarkable ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
105. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
106. exhausted ou_____rs *adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
107. fa_____y land *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
108. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
109. paying ho___e to tradition *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
110. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
111. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
112. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
113. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
114. wo_____p god *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

ANSWERS: 104. achievement, 105. define, 106. outdoors, 107. faraway, 108. survive, 109. homage, 110. efficient, 111. defeat, 112. threaten, 113. exciting, 114. worship

115. join the mai_____am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
116. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
117. un_____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
118. 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
119. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
120. 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
121. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
122. occ_____on disease *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
123. te___r group *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

ANSWERS: 115. mainstream, 116. gap, 117. unlikely, 118. encourage, 119. stick, 120. encourage, 121. assume, 122. occupation, 123. terror

124. give in to l__t *n.* a strong desire or craving, usually of a sexual nature
125. 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
126. di_____ge socially *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
127. mass kid_____ng *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
128. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
129. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
130. vi_____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
131. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
132. dis_____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
133. s_n of omission *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
134. co_____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

ANSWERS: 124. lust, 125. extremism, 126. disengage, 127. kidnapping, 128. tower, 129. religion, 130. victory, 131. gap, 132. distracted, 133. sin, 134. conceive

135. un_____ar clothing *n.* (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes
136. as___t a patient *v.* to help someone in doing anything
137. 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
138. fa_____y dream *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
139. dw_____e to almost nothing *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
140. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
141. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
142. ex_____al commerce *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
143. the con_____on of the good *n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
144. the sacred mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
145. ex_____al factors *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

ANSWERS: 135. underwear, 136. assist, 137. rhetoric, 138. faraway, 139. dwindle, 140. military, 141. conclude, 142. external, 143. conception, 144. mosque, 145. external

146. Sa_____it language *n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years
147. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
148. ex_____e a word from a text *v.* to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry
149. se_____an violence *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
150. dw_____e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
151. mon_____ty of nature *n.* a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control
152. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
153. go in___e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
154. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 146. Sanskrit, 147. doe, 148. expunge, 149. sectarian, 150. dwindle, 151. monstrosity, 152. appropriate, 153. insane, 154. assume

155. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
156. ch_____ne toast *n.* a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere
157. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
158. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
159. Sa_____it literature *n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years
160. fr___e benefit *n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
161. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
162. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
163. an in___e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
164. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
165. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 155. communal, 156. champagne, 157. inherit, 158. march, 159. Sanskrit, 160. fringe, 161. exposed, 162. empower, 163. insane, 164. reclaim, 165. statistics

166. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
167. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
168. f__z with life *v.* to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles
169. de___t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
170. fa_____c about germs *adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
171. self-serving hy_____sy *n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
172. the in_____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
173. te___r attack *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
174. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

ANSWERS: 166. spiritual, 167. creditor, 168. fizz, 169. defeat, 170. fanatic, 171. hypocrisy, 172. internal, 173. terror, 174. doom

175. adopt a re____d attitude *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
176. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
177. sp____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
178. provide th____gh analysis *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
179. cro____ir indicator *n.* (also known as a "reticle") a fine, narrow intersecting line or marker, often in the shape of a cross, used as a targeting or aiming aid, specifically in optics or firearms
180. mail b_n *n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
181. 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
182. co____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
183. ce____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 175. refined, 176. violent, 177. sponsor, 178. thorough, 179. cross-hair, 180. bin, 181. ethnicity, 182. communist, 183. celebrate

184. he is opt_____ic	<i>adj.</i> hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
185. pa__e a moment	<i>v.</i> to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
186. absolutely wo_____p	<i>v.</i> to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
187. s__l a hole	<i>v.</i> to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
188. dr__n in a bath	<i>v.</i> to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
189. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter	<i>adj.</i> having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
190. an app_____te time	<i>adj.</i> suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
191. end of the gr__e period	<i>n.</i> a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
192. mo__l burden	<i>adj.</i> concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
193. as___t his goal	<i>v.</i> to help someone in doing anything
194. psychological su_____ty	<i>n.</i> the quality of being subtle

ANSWERS: 184. optimistic, 185. pause, 186. worship, 187. seal, 188. drown, 189. distracted, 190. appropriate, 191. grace, 192. moral, 193. assist, 194. subtlety

195. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
196. co____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
197. lengthy se____n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
198. a hor____us crime *adj.* causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying
199. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
200. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
201. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
202. ha__m food *adj.* (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds
203. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
204. fr____se agreement *n.* a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election

ANSWERS: 195. suddenly, 196. condemn, 197. sermon, 198. horrendous, 199. moral, 200. union, 201. survive, 202. haram, 203. bomb, 204. franchise

205. with great su____ty *n.* the quality of being subtle
206. it is un____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
207. se_____an tension *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
208. a meteorological sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
209. men's un_____ar *n.* (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes
210. th____gh investigation *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
211. test my pa_____ce *n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
212. tactics on the bat_____ld *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
213. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 205. subtlety, 206. unlikely, 207. sectarian, 208. satellite, 209. underwear, 210. thorough, 211. patience, 212. battlefield, 213. brand

214. the pre_____ion of food *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
215. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
216. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
217. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
218. the Arab pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
219. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
220. a grand con_____on *n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
221. kn_____ow transfer *n.* practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
222. Ar____c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 214. preservation, 215. grandchild, 216. exposed, 217. inspire, 218. peninsula, 219. spiritual, 220. conception, 221. know-how, 222. Arabic

223. on the fr___e of the city *n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
224. 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
225. cir_____nt authority *v.* to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle
226. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
227. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
228. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
229. in_____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
230. re__x a series of muscles *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
231. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
232. sense of re_____on *n.* a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive
233. a h__y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

ANSWERS: 223. fringe, 224. extremism, 225. circumvent, 226. ignore, 227. religion, 228. vast, 229. internal, 230. relax, 231. greedy, 232. revulsion, 233. holy

234. sleep ou_____rs *adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
235. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
236. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
237. raving lu_____c *n.* a person who is considered mentally ill, especially one who is extremely irrational or unpredictable; a crazy or foolish person
238. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
239. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
240. my_____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
241. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
242. sa_____ic behavior *adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
243. a fur s__l *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

ANSWERS: 234. outdoors, 235. pursue, 236. mosque, 237. lunatic, 238. pursue, 239. innocent, 240. mystical, 241. statistics, 242. sadistic, 243. seal

244. sp_____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
245. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
246. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
247. ji__d of knowledge *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
248. su_____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
249. the tip of the pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
250. pe_____de enough people *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
251. 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
252. in the mi__t of the crowd *n.* the middle part of people or things
253. water-la__n soil *adj.* heavily loaded or burdened
254. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 244. sponsor, 245. wealth, 246. optimistic, 247. jihad, 248. suicide, 249. peninsula, 250. persuade, 251. extremist, 252. midst, 253. laden, 254. communal

255. in____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
256. di_____it a witness *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
257. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
258. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
259. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
260. ha__m activity *adj.* (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds
261. vi_____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
262. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
263. 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

ANSWERS: 255. inherit, 256. discredit, 257. stick, 258. brand, 259. optimism, 260. haram, 261. victory, 262. celebrate, 263. extremist

264. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
265. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
266. nonviolent ji__d *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
267. ra____l down a cliff *v.* to descend a steep slope or vertical surface using a rope and a sliding device; to perform a controlled descent using such a device; (noun) the act of descending a cliff or other vertical drop by a double rope coiled around the body and fixed at a higher point
268. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
269. fl__k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
270. fa_____c devotion *adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
271. sigh of ri_____ce *n.* the act or process of getting rid of something or someone undesirable or unwanted; elimination or removal
272. en_____e candidate *v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something

ANSWERS: 264. faith, 265. reinvent, 266. jihad, 267. rappel, 268. drag, 269. flock, 270. fanatic, 271. riddance, 272. endorse

273. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
274. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
275. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
276. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
277. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
278. in_____te a discussion *v.* to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior
279. withstand tem_____on *n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire
280. my_____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
281. gr____y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
282. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 273. definition, 274. Christ, 275. doom, 276. definition, 277. invest, 278. instigate, 279. temptation, 280. mystical, 281. greedy, 282. military

283. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
284. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
285. in_____te a conflict *v.* to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior
286. good ri_____ce *n.* the act or process of getting rid of something or someone undesirable or unwanted; elimination or removal
287. mo_____us behavior *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
288. fr_____se owner *n.* a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election
289. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

ANSWERS: 283. vice, 284. economy, 285. instigate, 286. riddance, 287. monstrous, 288. franchise, 289. ordinary

290. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
291. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
292. harmonic re_____ce *n.* a deep, full, or reverberating sound or tone; a quality or feeling of a particular emotional or mental vibration or significance; a mutual or sympathetic connection or correspondence between two things
293. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
294. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
295. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
296. un_____y behavior *adj.* not conforming to religious or moral principles; sinful or wicked; outrageous or excessive
297. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
298. armored wa_____r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
299. su____y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city

ANSWERS: 290. drown, 291. exciting, 292. resonance, 293. intelligence, 294. optimism, 295. intelligence, 296. ungodly, 297. conclude, 298. warrior, 299. subway

300. anti-corruption cr_____er *n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
301. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
302. occ_____on of a building *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
303. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
304. feel a pang of l__t *n.* a strong desire or craving, usually of a sexual nature
305. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
306. con_____te at the park *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
307. in the mi__t of a scandal *n.* the middle part of people or things
308. Ar___c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 300. crusader, 301. grandchild, 302. occupation, 303. struggle, 304. lust, 305. grace, 306. congregate, 307. midst, 308. Arabic

309. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
310. an un____y amount of rain *adj.* not conforming to religious or moral principles; sinful or wicked; outrageous or excessive
311. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
312. sa____ic pleasure *adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
313. a h__y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
314. cel____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes

ANSWERS: 309. creditor, 310. ungodly, 311. struggle, 312. sadistic, 313. holy, 314. celebrated

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.
adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
2. When a company discloses information to the market, an _____ auditor verifies them.
adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
3. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
4. While meditating, he had a _____ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.
adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
5. 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
6. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.
n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
7. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 1. spiritual, 2. external, 3. concept, 4. mystical, 5. definition, 6. vice, 7. empowered

8. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.
adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
9. 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
10. He took the _____ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.
n. an underground railway system, typically in a city
11. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
12. The community leaders worked to educate people about _____ practices that are not allowed in their faith.
adj. (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds
13. She tried to _____ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.
v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
14. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.
adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

ANSWERS: 8. exposed, 9. rhetoric, 10. subway, 11. defeat, 12. haram, 13. persuade, 14. distracted

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

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

16. The dress had a _____ of beads along the hem.

n. a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group

17. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

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

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

19. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

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

adv. mainly

21. He could not _____ against temptation.

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

22. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

ANSWERS: 15. sectarian, 16. fringe, 17. kidnapping, 18. creditor, 19. institutes, 20. primarily, 21. struggle, 22. relaxed

23. Her culinary _____ helped her create an impressive menu for the party.
n. practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
24. The preacher delivered a powerful _____ on the importance of forgiveness.
n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
25. In some Muslim countries, the _____ position is appointed by the government.
n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
26. 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)
27. The singer's voice filled the auditorium with beautiful _____.
n. a deep, full, or reverberating sound or tone; a quality or feeling of a particular emotional or mental vibration or significance; a mutual or sympathetic connection or correspondence between two things
28. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.
adv. now and then; sometimes but not often
29. They opened a bottle of _____ to celebrate their success.
n. a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere
30. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.
n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

ANSWERS: 23. know-how, 24. sermon, 25. imam's, 26. communist, 27. resonance, 28. occasionally, 29. champagne, 30. mainstream

31. Healing a broken heart requires _____ as it takes time to heal.
- n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
32. He _____ the letter with hot wax.
- v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
33. Her excessive demands drove me _____.
- adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
34. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
- adj.* existing only in someone's mind
35. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
36. The protesters plan to _____ in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.
- v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
37. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.
- v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
38. The company's decision to _____ its currency led to inflation and economic instability.
- v.* to reduce the quality, value, or esteem of something, often by lowering its moral or ethical standard; to demean or degrade

ANSWERS: 31. patience, 32. sealed, 33. insane, 34. imaginary, 35. Communal, 36. congregate, 37. sponsors, 38. debase

39. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.

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

40. Some Indian classical dances and music are based on _____ scriptures and texts.

- n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

41. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

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

42. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

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

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

44. The thrill-seekers decided to _____ down the sides of mountains.

- v.* to descend a steep slope or vertical surface using a rope and a sliding device; to perform a controlled descent using such a device; (noun) the act of descending a cliff or other vertical drop by a double rope coiled around the body and fixed at a higher point

ANSWERS: 39. union, 40. Sanskrit, 41. stick, 42. doe, 43. corrupt, 44. rappel

45. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
46. 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
47. 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
48. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
49. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.
- n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
50. The celebrity _____ the new product on social media.
- v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
51. She intends to _____ a political career.
- v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
52. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
- adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

ANSWERS: 45. economy, 46. bombs, 47. extremist, 48. doom, 49. grace, 50. endorsed, 51. pursue, 52. optimistic

53. The fast-food _____ kept expanding and opening new restaurants across the country.
- n.* a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election
54. She loves to hike _____ and explore nature.
- adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
55. A _____ brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.
- adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
56. 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
57. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
58. The court ordered to _____ the criminal record of the falsely accused individual.
- v.* to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry
59. The commentaries often criticized the government's political _____.
- n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform

ANSWERS: 53. franchise, 54. outdoors, 55. thorough, 56. inspired, 57. vast, 58. expunge, 59. hypocrisy

60. I took a back road to work on time to _____ the traffic jam.
- v.* to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle
61. This _____ has never been formally accepted.
- n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
62. We are optimistic about our final _____.
- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
63. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
64. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.
- v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
65. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.
- n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
66. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.
- adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
67. The crowds at the festival _____ as the night went on.
- v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
68. The company's unethical practices have _____ its brand image in the eyes of consumers.
- v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

ANSWERS: 60. circumvent, 61. achievement, 62. victory, 63. survive, 64. condemned, 65. warrior, 66. holy, 67. dwindled, 68. discredited

69. The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and _____.
- n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
70. The view from the _____ hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.
- adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
71. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
72. The politician's outrageous comments made him appear like a _____ to his opponents.
- n.* a person who is considered mentally ill, especially one who is extremely irrational or unpredictable; a crazy or foolish person
73. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
74. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.
- adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
75. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
- v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
76. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.
- n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally

ANSWERS: 69. occupation, 70. faraway, 71. intelligence, 72. lunatic, 73. exciting, 74. greedy, 75. reinvent, 76. suicide

77. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.

n. the middle part of people or things

78. The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of _____ to the retiring athlete.

n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

79. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

80. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.

v. to help someone in doing anything

81. The passage of the bill is _____.

adj. not probable or likely to happen

82. His _____ for money and power drove him to make unethical decisions.

n. a strong desire or craving, usually of a sexual nature

83. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

84. She examines the document with remarkable _____.

n. the quality of being subtle

85. 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)

ANSWERS: 77. midst, 78. homage, 79. drown, 80. assist, 81. unlikely, 82. lust, 83. celebrated, 84. subtlety, 85. Mosque

86. She was highly _____ in her choice of apparel.

adj. made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

87. The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the _____.

n. a place where a battle or conflict is fought

88. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

89. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

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

90. The _____ character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.

adj. deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer

91. Launching an artificial _____ contributed to the technological development of our country.

n. an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

92. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.

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

ANSWERS: 86. refined, 87. battlefield, 88. internal, 89. invest, 90. sadistic, 91. satellite, 92. Arabic

93. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

94. After his death, his sons _____ his business.

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

95. The movie's villain was portrayed with an _____ mixture of cruelty and charm that fascinated and repulsed the audience.

adj. not conforming to religious or moral principles; sinful or wicked; outrageous or excessive

96. The _____ supporters of the sports team traveled across the country to watch the match.

adj. characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism

97. 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

98. The man _____ before opening the door.

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

99. He _____ from the conversation and walked away.

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

ANSWERS: 93. efficient, 94. inherited, 95. ungodly, 96. fanatic, 97. extremism, 98. paused, 99. disengaged

100. The soda began to _____ when I opened the can, spilling over the top and onto my shirt.
- v.* to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles
101. 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
102. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
103. The _____ session of the Diet opened.
- adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
104. The creature's _____ in the horror movie shocked the audience.
- n.* a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control
105. The giant wave was _____ and destroyed the small boat.
- adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
106. The history books are full of tales of legendary _____ who went on epic adventures.
- n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims

ANSWERS: 100. fizz, 101. government, 102. Christmas, 103. ordinary, 104. monstrosity, 105. monstrous, 106. crusaders

107. The sniper adjusted his rifle until the target was directly in the _____ of his scope.

n. (also known as a "reticle") a fine, narrow intersecting line or marker, often in the shape of a cross, used as a targeting or aiming aid, specifically in optics or firearms

108. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

109. They traditionally _____ their guru.

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

110. That _____ was an essential base for the country's defense.

n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

111. His _____ towards the cruel treatment of animals led him to become a vegan.

n. a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive

112. You can open the overhead ____ after landing.

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

113. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 107. cross-hair, 108. grandchild, 109. worship, 110. peninsula, 111. revulsion, 112. bin, 113. horror, 114. polls

115. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

116. 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

117. The bomb blast spread _____ among the people.

n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

118. 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

119. The _____ storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.

adj. causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying

120. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

121. I have no _____ of what you intend.

n. a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle

122. My husband was found _____ of any crime.

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

ANSWERS: 115. marched, 116. ethnicity, 117. terror, 118. claim, 119. horrendous, 120. concluded, 121. conception, 122. innocent

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

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

124. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

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

125. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

126. He is going to play a _____ killer in this movie.

adj. relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior

127. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

128. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

129. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

130. The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable _____.

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

ANSWERS: 123. appropriate, 124. religion, 125. flock, 126. psychopathic, 127. wealth, 128. gap, 129. aspired, 130. preservation

131. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

132. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

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

adj. heavily loaded or burdened

134. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

135. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

136. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

137. 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

138. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 131. violent, 132. moral, 133. laden, 134. ignored, 135. celebrated, 136. conceive, 137. encouraged, 138. optimism

139. 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.

140. Many scholars argue that the true meaning of _____ is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

- n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

141. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

- v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

142. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

143. Who answers _____ knows little.

- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

144. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

145. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

146. I want to buy new winter _____ because mine have holes in them.

- n.* (also "undies") clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes

ANSWERS: 139. faith, 140. jihad, 141. reclaim, 142. assumes, 143. suddenly, 144. threatening, 145. medicinal, 146. underwear

147. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.
n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
148. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
149. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
150. Researchers often succumb to the _____ of accolades and commit research misconduct.
n. the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire
151. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
v. to pull or haul with force
152. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
153. The protesters tried to _____ change and promote equality in their community.
v. to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior

ANSWERS: 147. sins, 148. statistics, 149. define, 150. temptation, 151. dragged, 152. brand, 153. instigate

154. 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

155. The city council decided it was time for a thorough _____ of outdated laws.

n. the act or process of getting rid of something or someone undesirable or unwanted; elimination or removal

156. 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

157. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

ANSWERS: 154. military, 155. riddance, 156. deaf, 157. tower