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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### surround

*v.* to be all around something or somebody

*synonym*: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace  
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

### modern

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

*synonym*: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society  
Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

### frontier

*n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

*synonym*: border, boundary, borderland

(1) **frontier** disputes, (2) the Italian **frontier** with Switzerland  
He worked at the **frontier** of behavioral economics.

### empire

*n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

*synonym*: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya  
He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

### crumble

*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

*synonym* : disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

## 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.

## stable

*adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

*synonym* : sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

## crossroad

*n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

*synonym* : intersection, junction, fork

(1) critical **crossroad**, (2) major **crossroad**

I'm at a career **crossroads** and unsure which path to take.

## hub

*n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

*synonym* : center, junction, focal point

(1) a **hub** of commerce, (2) education **hub**

This airport has taken the first step to become an international **hub** airport.

## ancient

*adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

*synonym* : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

## emperor

*n.* the male ruler of an empire

*synonym* : ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

## priceless

*adj.* extremely valuable or important

*synonym* : invaluable, incalculable, precious

(1) **priceless** work of art, (2) **priceless** opportunity

Investigators discovered **priceless** documents throughout the house.

## fade

*v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

*synonym* : languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

## masterpiece

*n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

*synonym* : classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design

The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of art.

## defensive

*adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

*synonym* : protective, watchful, opposing

(1) assume the **defensive**, (2) **defensive** weapons

Boxing fans often criticize his **defensive** stance.

## fortify

*v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support

*synonym* :

strengthen, reinforce, bolster

(1) **fortify** a building, (2) **fortify** an immune system

He drank a protein shake to **fortify** his muscles before the marathon.

### moat

*n.* a deep, wide ditch, typically filled with water, surrounding a castle, fort, or town, primarily as a defense

*synonym*: ditch, trench, channel

(1) the **moat** around the castle, (2) fill in a **moat**

The castle had a deep **moat** around it to protect it from attackers.

### stretch

*v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

*synonym*: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

### sight

*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

*synonym*: vision, spectacle, view

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

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

### archer

*n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

*synonym*: Bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

### soaked

*adj.* completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid

*synonym*: drenched, saturated, wet

(1) **soaked** clothes, (2) **soaked** sponge

The hiker's boots were **soaked** from walking through the

stream.

### contend

v. to struggle to win or surmount something

*synonym*: compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

### cease

v. to stop an action or event

*synonym*: stop, end, terminate

(1) **cease** to exist, (2) **cease** drinking

The company decided to **cease** production of the product.

### spear

n. a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

*synonym*: javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting **spear**, (2) sharp-pointed **spear**

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

### napalm

n. a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of causing extensive fire damage

*synonym*: firebomb, gelignite, jellied gasoline

(1) **napalm** explosion, (2) **napalm** attack

The war zone was devastated by the use of **napalm** bombs.

### ignite

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

*synonym*: light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

### extinguish

v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

*synonym*: quench, smother, blow out

(1) **extinguish** a cigarette, (2) **extinguish** the street lamp

Firefighters made every effort to **extinguish** the blaze immediately.

## **defend**

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

*synonym*: protect, guard, support

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

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

## **flame**

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

*synonym*: blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

## **spray**

n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

*synonym*: mist, aerosol, atomizer

(1) a **spray** of mist, (2) an insect **spray**

The artist used a **spray** paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.

## **terrify**

v. to frighten someone very much

*synonym*: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

## **victim**

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

*synonym*: prey, target, sufferer

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

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to

recover from the trauma.

## leap

*v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

*synonym* : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

## underwater

*adv.* below or under the surface of the water

*synonym* : submerged, undersea, submarine

(1) hold my breath **underwater**, (2) seals sleep **underwater**

He is good at swimming **underwater**.

## mount

*v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

*synonym* : climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

## siphon

*n.* a tube or conduit used to transfer liquids, usually from a higher to a lower level, by means of atmospheric pressure, gravity, or vacuum; a device used to extract a liquid from a container

*synonym* : tube, hose, pipe

(1) **siphon** off political funds, (2) **siphon** jet

The **siphon** pipe in my aquarium helps to keep the water clean and clear by removing debris and waste.

## rampart

*n.* a defensive wall or embankment built around a castle, city, or fortification; a protective barrier or structure that serves as a defense against attacks or encroachment

*synonym* : fortification, bulwark, bastion

(1) ruined **rampart**, (2) old **rampart**

A sturdy **rampart** surrounded the old castle to protect it from invaders.

## launch

*v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

*synonym*: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

## clay

*n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

*synonym*: ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

## catapult

*n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance

*synonym*: launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

## invade

*v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

*synonym*: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

## inferno

*n.* a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs

*synonym*: hell, fiery pit, furnace

(1) a raging **inferno**, (2) devastating **inferno**

The building was consumed by an **inferno**, reducing it to



ashes.

## miracle

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

*synonym*: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

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

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

## compromise

*v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

*synonym*: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

## troop

*n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

*synonym*: group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

## destroy

*v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

*synonym*: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

## scourge

*n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

*synonym*: plague, disaster, curse

(1) **scourge** of AIDS, (2) bring a **scourge** under control

The plague was a **scourge** that killed millions of people.

## useless

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

*synonym* : ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

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

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

## tunnel

*n.* an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars

*synonym* : passageway, underground passage

(1) **tunnel** construction work, (2) **tunnel** disease

The workers had to dig through solid rock to create the vehicular **tunnel** allowing the cars to pass through the mountain.

## solid

*adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

*synonym* : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

## starve

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

*synonym* : famish, hunger

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

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

## submission

*n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority

*synonym* : obedience, yielding, compliance

(1) **submission** agreement, (2) **submission** of a final report

The **submission** deadline for the project is next week.

## resort

*n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

*synonym* : vacation spot, hotel, (verb) address

(1) **resort** to desperate measures, (2) a last **resort**

If both countries **resort** to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

## cannibalism

*n.* the practice of eating the flesh of other people or one's species; a behavior seen in certain animals, especially insects and arachnids, in which one individual consumes another of the same species

*synonym* : anthropophagy, man-eating

(1) **cannibalism** practice, (2) incidence of **cannibalism**

The tribe's religious rituals involved **cannibalism** of their enemies.

## monster

*n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

*synonym* : giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

## cannon

*n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

*synonym* : artillery, gun, ordnance

(1) **cannon** salute, (2) **cannon** ball

The heavy **cannon** fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.

## pound

*n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

## steady

*adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

*synonym* : stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable

condition.

## **bombardment**

*n.* a continuous attack with bombs or other missiles  
*synonym* : attack, shelling, strafing

(1) aerial **bombardment**, (2) **bombardment** raid

The city was subjected to heavy **bombardment** during the war.

## **sect**

*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym* : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## **collapse**

*v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

*synonym* : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

## **throe**

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

*synonym* : spasm, pang, throb

(1) the **throes** of a financial crisis, (2) **throes** of death

She writhed in the **throes** of pain during labor.

## **formidable**

*adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

*synonym* : daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

## **rubble**

*n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

*synonym* : debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road

After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

## **absorb**

*v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

*synonym* : consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

## **shock**

*n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

*synonym* : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

## **cannonball**

*n.* a large metal or stone ball shot or fired from a cannon

*synonym* : projectile, ammunition, bullet

(1) a 4 kg **cannonball**, (2) human **cannonball**

The castle collapsed as multiple **cannonballs** hit the walls.

## **continuous**

*adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption

*synonym* : ceaseless, regular, repeated

(1) **continuous** improvement, (2) a **continuous** row of warehouses

The heavy snow has been **continuous** since last morning.

## **blast**

*n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

*synonym* : blow, burst, explosion

(1) a **blast** of wind, (2) an icy **blast**

The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.

## breach

*n.* a break or opening, often in a wall or barrier, which enables passage or entry; a violation or infraction of a law, agreement, or duty, often resulting in legal action or punishment

*synonym* : violation, infraction, trespass

(1) security **breach**, (2) **breach** of privacy

The company's data **breach** compromised thousands of customers' personal information.

## 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**.

## onrush

*n.* a strong forward rush or flow; an offensive against an enemy

*synonym* : rush, surge, attack

(1) **onrush** of the sea, (2) **onrush** of sadness

The explosion interrupted the wild **onrush** of the enemy's invasion.

## horde

*n.* a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled

*synonym* : crowd, swarm, mass

(1) **horde** of attackers, (2) the **horde** of shoppers

The **horde** of zombies was approaching quickly.

## disappear

*v.* to cease to exist or be visible

*synonym* : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

## legend

*n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a

particular field

*synonym* : fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

## survivor

*n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

*synonym* : subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**

The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

## flee

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

*synonym* : exit, escape, run away

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

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

## 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.

## precious

*adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

*synonym* : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

## tradition

*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

*synonym* : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

## reintroduce

*v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

*synonym*: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

## Renaissance

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

*synonym*: rebirth, golden age

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

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

## pile

*n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

*synonym*: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

## brick

*n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

*synonym*: block, tile, paver

(1) **brick** wall, (2) dressed **brick**

The wall was made of hard **bricks** that had been used for centuries.

## marble

*n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

*synonym*: stone, rock, sphere

(1) **marble** statues, (2) artificial **marble**

The floor was made of white and black **marble** arranged in a



checkerboard pattern.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. fo\_\_\_\_y a building  
*v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
2. against tr\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
3. s\_\_t beliefs  
*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
4. f\_\_e abroad  
*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
5. la\_\_\_h a big attack  
*v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
6. for\_\_\_\_\_le challenge  
*adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
7. bom\_\_\_\_\_nt raid  
*n.* a continuous attack with bombs or other missiles
8. fill in a m\_\_t  
*n.* a deep, wide ditch, typically filled with water, surrounding a castle, fort, or town, primarily as a defense

ANSWERS: 1. fortify, 2. tradition, 3. sect, 4. flee, 5. launch, 6. formidable, 7. bombardment, 8. moat

9. devastating in\_\_\_\_\_o *n.* a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs
10. basketball le\_\_\_\_d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
11. an\_\_\_\_\_t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
12. si\_\_\_\_n off political funds *n.* a tube or conduit used to transfer liquids, usually from a higher to a lower level, by means of atmospheric pressure, gravity, or vacuum; a device used to extract a liquid from a container
13. sharp-pointed sp\_\_r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
14. la\_\_\_\_h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
15. pr\_\_\_\_\_ss opportunity *adj.* extremely valuable or important
16. critical cr\_\_\_\_\_ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

ANSWERS: 9. inferno, 10. legend, 11. ancient, 12. siphon, 13. spear, 14. launch, 15. priceless, 16. crossroad

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| 17. cannot com_____se anymore       | <i>v.</i>   | to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession   |
| 18. tu___l construction work        | <i>n.</i>   | an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars   |
| 19. pre-mo___n agricultural society | <i>adj.</i> | of or belonging to the present time or recent times  |
| 20. ovarian cancer su_____or        | <i>n.</i>   | a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died  |
| 21. vi___m compensation             | <i>n.</i>   | a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event                       |
| 22. a raging in_____o               | <i>n.</i>   | a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs   |
| 23. a single su_____or              | <i>n.</i>   | a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died  |
| 24. fo_____y an immune system       | <i>v.</i>   | to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support                      |
| 25. ho__e of attackers              | <i>n.</i>   | a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled   |
| 26. us_____s in the kitchen         | <i>adj.</i> | not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result   |
| 27. soft c__y ground                | <i>n.</i>   | a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics |

ANSWERS: 17. compromise, 18. tunnel, 19. modern, 20. survivor, 21. victim, 22. inferno, 23. survivor, 24. fortify, 25. horde, 26. useless, 27. clay

28. so\_\_\_d sponge *adj.* completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid
29. prophet of d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
30. ext\_\_\_\_\_sh the street lamp *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
31. le\_\_\_d of King Arthur *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
32. a sp\_\_\_y of mist *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
33. a sand p\_\_\_e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
34. ab\_\_\_b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
35. in\_\_\_e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
36. f\_\_\_e away almost completely *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
37. powerful ca\_\_\_\_\_lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
38. em\_\_\_e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

ANSWERS: 28. soaked, 29. doom, 30. extinguish, 31. legend, 32. spray, 33. pile, 34. absorb, 35. invade, 36. fade, 37. catapult, 38. empire

39. the g\_p between ideal and reality      *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
40. industrial ren\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
41. economic d\_\_m      *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
42. hold my breath und\_\_\_\_\_er      *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
43. sc\_\_\_\_\_e of AIDS      *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
44. br\_\_\_h of privacy      *n.* a break or opening, often in a wall or barrier, which enables passage or entry; a violation or infraction of a law, agreement, or duty, often resulting in legal action or punishment
45. de\_\_\_\_\_ve weapons      *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
46. ruined ra\_\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a defensive wall or embankment built around a castle, city, or fortification; a protective barrier or structure that serves as a defense against attacks or encroachment
47. a stone wall su\_\_\_\_\_nds the palace      *v.* to be all around something or somebody
48. can\_\_\_\_\_sm practice      *n.* the practice of eating the flesh of other people or one's species; a behavior seen in certain animals, especially insects and arachnids, in which one individual consumes another of the same species

ANSWERS: 39. gap, 40. Renaissance, 41. doom, 42. underwater, 43. scourge, 44. breach, 45. defensive, 46. rampart, 47. surround, 48. cannibalism

49. ca\_\_\_n salute *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
50. te\_\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
51. the Italian fr\_\_\_\_\_er with Switzerland *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
52. majority of his we\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
53. on\_\_\_h of sadness *n.* a strong forward rush or flow; an offensive against an enemy
54. di\_\_\_\_\_ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
55. ig\_\_\_e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
56. l\_\_p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
57. an insect sp\_\_y *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
58. a bl\_\_t of wind *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
59. st\_\_\_e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 49. cannon, 50. terrify, 51. frontier, 52. wealth, 53. onrush, 54. disappear, 55. ignite, 56. leap, 57. spray, 58. blast, 59. starve

60. material we\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
61. bring a sc\_\_\_\_\_e under control *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
62. di\_\_\_\_\_ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
63. security br\_\_\_h *n.* a break or opening, often in a wall or barrier, which enables passage or entry; a violation or infraction of a law, agreement, or duty, often resulting in legal action or punishment
64. em\_\_\_\_\_r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
65. simmering fl\_\_e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
66. mi\_\_\_\_\_e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
67. so\_\_d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
68. price of pr\_\_\_\_\_us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
69. three-fourths of a po\_\_d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
70. artistic ren\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

ANSWERS: 60. wealth, 61. scourge, 62. disappear, 63. breach, 64. emperor, 65. flame, 66. miracle, 67. solid, 68. precious, 69. pound, 70. Renaissance



71. dull si\_\_t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
72. l\_\_p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
73. old ra\_\_\_\_t *n.* a defensive wall or embankment built around a castle, city, or fortification; a protective barrier or structure that serves as a defense against attacks or encroachment
74. de\_\_\_\_y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
75. na\_\_\_m explosion *n.* a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of causing extensive fire damage
76. thousands of po\_\_ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
77. a tr\_\_\_\_on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
78. sub\_\_\_\_on of a final report *n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority

ANSWERS: 71. sight, 72. leap, 73. rampart, 74. destroy, 75. napalm, 76. pound, 77. tradition, 78. submission

79. f\_\_e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
80. de\_\_\_d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
81. the ho\_\_e of shoppers *n.* a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
82. former em\_\_\_\_r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
83. pr\_\_\_\_\_ss work of art *adj.* extremely valuable or important
84. ext\_\_\_\_\_sh a cigarette *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
85. a 4 kg can\_\_\_\_\_ll *n.* a large metal or stone ball shot or fired from a cannon
86. an unexpected si\_\_t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
87. death from sh\_\_k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
88. the members of a military tr\_\_p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
89. in\_\_\_e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
90. pre-Christian an\_\_\_\_t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 79. flee, 80. defend, 81. horde, 82. emperor, 83. priceless, 84. extinguish, 85. cannonball, 86. sight, 87. shock, 88. troop, 89. invade, 90. ancient

91. f\_\_e in importance *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
92. pr\_\_\_\_us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
93. education h\_b *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
94. de\_\_\_\_yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
95. a h\_b of commerce *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
96. seals sleep und\_\_\_\_\_er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
97. st\_\_y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
98. the m\_\_t around the castle *n.* a deep, wide ditch, typically filled with water, surrounding a castle, fort, or town, primarily as a defense
99. the th\_\_es of a financial crisis *n.* a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty
100. cr\_\_\_\_e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
101. distance g\_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 91. fade, 92. precious, 93. hub, 94. destroy, 95. hub, 96. underwater, 97. steady, 98. moat, 99. throe, 100. crumble, 101. gap

102. horde of mo\_\_\_\_rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
103. st\_\_\_\_h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
104. mo\_\_\_\_r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
105. co\_\_\_\_d for a championship *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
106. fl\_\_e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
107. vi\_\_\_\_m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
108. us\_\_\_\_s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
109. human can\_\_\_\_ll *n.* a large metal or stone ball shot or fired from a cannon
110. ar\_\_\_\_r's bow *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
111. take a st\_\_\_\_y job *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

ANSWERS: 102. monster, 103. stretch, 104. monster, 105. contend, 106. flame, 107. victim, 108. useless, 109. cannonball, 110. archer, 111. steady

112. st\_\_\_e for a victory      *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
113. the stock market co\_\_\_\_sed      *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
114. com\_\_\_\_\_se the matter      *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
115. ma\_\_\_e statues      *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
116. con\_\_\_\_\_us improvement      *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
117. mo\_\_\_n poetry      *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
118. artificial ma\_\_\_e      *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
119. assume the de\_\_\_\_\_ve      *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
120. ce\_\_\_e drinking      *v.* to stop an action or event
121. co\_\_\_\_d that tobacco is nonaddictive      *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something

ANSWERS: 112. starve, 113. collapse, 114. compromise, 115. marble, 116. continuous, 117. modern, 118. marble, 119. defensive, 120. cease, 121. contend

122. ig\_\_\_e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
123. rei\_\_\_\_\_ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
124. si\_\_\_n jet *n.* a tube or conduit used to transfer liquids, usually from a higher to a lower level, by means of atmospheric pressure, gravity, or vacuum; a device used to extract a liquid from a container
125. su\_\_\_\_\_nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
126. so\_\_\_d clothes *adj.* completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid
127. rei\_\_\_\_\_ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
128. have a st\_\_\_e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
129. skilled ar\_\_\_r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
130. sub\_\_\_\_\_on agreement *n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
131. ca\_\_\_n ball *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
132. fr\_\_\_\_\_er disputes *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

ANSWERS: 122. ignite, 123. reintroduce, 124. siphon, 125. surround, 126. soaked, 127. reintroduce, 128. stable, 129. archer, 130. submission, 131. cannon, 132. frontier

133. ab\_\_\_b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
134. so\_\_d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
135. a last re\_\_\_t *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
136. re\_\_\_t to desperate measures *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
137. a con\_\_\_\_\_us row of warehouses *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
138. ce\_\_e to exist *v.* to stop an action or event
139. in st\_\_\_e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
140. em\_\_\_e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
141. mo\_\_t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
142. hunting sp\_\_r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

ANSWERS: 133. absorb, 134. solid, 135. resort, 136. resort, 137. continuous, 138. cease, 139. stable, 140. empire, 141. mount, 142. spear

143. br\_\_k wall *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
144. the threats te\_\_\_\_y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
145. incidence of can\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the practice of eating the flesh of other people or one's species; a behavior seen in certain animals, especially insects and arachnids, in which one individual consumes another of the same species
146. the height of a p\_\_e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
147. mo\_\_t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
148. aerial bom\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a continuous attack with bombs or other missiles
149. a tr\_\_p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
150. for\_\_\_\_\_le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
151. on\_\_\_\_h of the sea *n.* a strong forward rush or flow; an offensive against an enemy
152. na\_\_m attack *n.* a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of causing extensive fire damage

ANSWERS: 143. brick, 144. terrify, 145. cannibalism, 146. pile, 147. mount, 148. bombardment, 149. troop, 150. formidable, 151. onrush, 152. napalm



153. clear away ru\_\_\_e                      *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
154. economic mi\_\_\_\_\_e                      *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
155. th\_\_es of death                      *n.* a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty
156. c\_\_y animation                      *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
157. literary mas\_\_\_\_\_ce                      *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
158. secret s\_\_t                      *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
159. an icy bl\_\_t                      *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
160. ru\_\_\_e-strewn road                      *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

ANSWERS: 153. rubble, 154. miracle, 155. throe, 156. clay, 157. masterpiece, 158. sect, 159. blast, 160. rubble

161. tu\_\_\_l disease *n.* an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars
162. began to cr\_\_\_\_\_e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
163. ca\_\_\_\_\_lt mechanism *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
164. a mas\_\_\_\_\_ce of design *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
165. dressed br\_\_k *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
166. st\_\_\_\_\_h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
167. major cr\_\_\_\_\_ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
168. sh\_\_k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
169. ready to co\_\_\_\_\_se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
170. de\_\_\_d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 161. tunnel, 162. crumble, 163. catapult, 164. masterpiece, 165. brick, 166. stretch, 167. crossroad, 168. shock, 169. collapse, 170. defend

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The artist used a \_\_\_\_\_ paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.
  - n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
  
2. The sponge \_\_\_\_\_ water well.
  - v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ once lived in the vast palace.
  - n.* the male ruler of an empire
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ pipe in my aquarium helps to keep the water clean and clear by removing debris and waste.
  - n.* a tube or conduit used to transfer liquids, usually from a higher to a lower level, by means of atmospheric pressure, gravity, or vacuum; a device used to extract a liquid from a container
  
5. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
  
6. Folk music is now experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
  
7. The athlete was able to \_\_\_\_\_ over the hurdle with ease.
  - v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

ANSWERS: 1. spray, 2. absorbs, 3. Emperor, 4. siphon, 5. pounds, 6. renaissance, 7. leap

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of zombies was approaching quickly.
- n.* a large group of people or animals, especially one that is chaotic or uncontrolled
9. If you don't eat soon, you're going to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
10. Ancient people made \_\_\_\_\_ with wood entirely.
- n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
11. The doctors said that her recovery was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
12. The hiker's boots were \_\_\_\_\_ from walking through the stream.
- adj.* completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
15. The castle collapsed as multiple \_\_\_\_\_ hit the walls.
- n.* a large metal or stone ball shot or fired from a cannon

ANSWERS: 8. horde, 9. starve, 10. spears, 11. miracle, 12. soaked, 13. wealth, 14. victim, 15. cannonballs

16. A sturdy \_\_\_\_\_ surrounded the old castle to protect it from invaders.
- n.* a defensive wall or embankment built around a castle, city, or fortification; a protective barrier or structure that serves as a defense against attacks or encroachment
17. I have no intention to \_\_\_\_\_ your privacy.
- v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
18. The sculptor carefully molded the \_\_\_\_\_ into the desired shape.
- n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
19. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ production of the product.
- v.* to stop an action or event
20. The explosion interrupted the wild \_\_\_\_\_ of the enemy's invasion.
- n.* a strong forward rush or flow; an offensive against an enemy
21. Some herds have been observed to \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of kilometers.
- v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
22. If both countries \_\_\_\_\_ to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.
- n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
23. The city was subjected to heavy \_\_\_\_\_ during the war.
- n.* a continuous attack with bombs or other missiles

ANSWERS: 16. rampart, 17. invade, 18. clay, 19. cease, 20. onrush, 21. stretch, 22. resort, 23. bombardment

24. Boxing fans often criticize his \_\_\_\_\_ stance.

*adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

25. I'm at a career \_\_\_\_\_ and unsure which path to take.

*n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

26. The shipwreck \_\_\_\_\_ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

*n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

27. Firefighters made every effort to \_\_\_\_\_ the blaze immediately.

*v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

28. We cannot afford to squander \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

29. The heavy \_\_\_\_\_ fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.

*n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

30. Everyone was aware of the impending \_\_\_\_\_ but was unable to prevent it.

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

31. The company's data \_\_\_\_\_ compromised thousands of customers' personal information.

*n.* a break or opening, often in a wall or barrier, which enables passage or entry; a violation or infraction of a law, agreement, or duty, often resulting in legal action or punishment

ANSWERS: 24. defensive, 25. crossroads, 26. survivor, 27. extinguish, 28. precious, 29. cannon, 30. doom, 31. breach

32. After the party, they had to clean up \_\_\_\_\_ of dirty dishes.  
*n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
33. The government is planning to \_\_\_\_\_ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.  
*v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
34. This airport has taken the first step to become an international \_\_\_\_ airport.  
*n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
35. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of art.  
*n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
36. This car has a \_\_\_\_\_ engine.  
*n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
37. The workers had to dig through solid rock to create the vehicular \_\_\_\_\_ allowing the cars to pass through the mountain.  
*n.* an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars
38. He got an electric \_\_\_\_\_ at work.  
*n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
39. On three sides, mountains \_\_\_\_\_ the settlement.  
*v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 32. piles, 33. reintroduce, 34. hub, 35. masterpiece, 36. monster, 37. tunnel, 38. shock, 39. surround

40. It is a basic instinct to \_\_\_\_\_ from a dangerous situation.  
*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
41. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.  
*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
42. The patient's vital signs are \_\_\_\_\_ indicating a stable condition.  
*adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
43. Many of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.  
*n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
44. She writhed in the \_\_\_\_\_ of pain during labor.  
*n.* a severe or intense spasm of pain, such as a pang of childbirth or the spasms of a dying person; a period of intense stress or difficulty
45. They have been living near water since \_\_\_\_\_ times.  
*adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
46. 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.
47. The \_\_\_\_\_ aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.  
*n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

ANSWERS: 40. flee, 41. tradition, 42. steady, 43. legends, 44. throes, 45. ancient, 46. gap, 47. archer's



48. The mountain range was a \_\_\_\_\_ obstacle for the hikers.

*adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

49. The company is set to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product line next month.

*v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

50. The war zone was devastated by the use of \_\_\_\_\_ bombs.

*n.* a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of causing extensive fire damage

51. The old building was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

*v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

52. The plague was a \_\_\_\_\_ that killed millions of people.

*n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

53. Tobacco companies have long \_\_\_\_\_ that their product is not addictive.

*v.* to struggle to win or surmount something

54. Investigators discovered \_\_\_\_\_ documents throughout the house.

*adj.* extremely valuable or important

55. The tribe's religious rituals involved \_\_\_\_\_ of their enemies.

*n.* the practice of eating the flesh of other people or one's species; a behavior seen in certain animals, especially insects and arachnids, in which one individual consumes another of the same species

ANSWERS: 48. formidable, 49. launch, 50. napalm, 51. crumble, 52. scourge, 53. contended, 54. priceless, 55. cannibalism

56. It would be best not to \_\_\_\_\_ your associates into doing complex tasks.

*v.* to frighten someone very much

57. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

*n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

58. International law allows each nation to \_\_\_\_\_ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

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

59. He is good at swimming \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* below or under the surface of the water

60. Relations between the two countries have been relatively \_\_\_\_\_ due to the summit meeting.

*adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

61. The army used a \_\_\_\_\_ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

*n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance

62. The \_\_\_\_\_ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

*n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

63. They never \_\_\_\_\_ on development despite the lack of funds.

*v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

64. He drank a protein shake to \_\_\_\_\_ his muscles before the marathon.

*v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support

ANSWERS: 56. terrify, 57. flame, 58. defend, 59. underwater, 60. stable, 61. catapult, 62. troop, 63. compromised, 64. fortify

65. The \_\_\_\_\_ of water is called ice.  
*adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
66. The wall was made of hard \_\_\_\_\_ that had been used for centuries.  
*n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
67. The building was consumed by an \_\_\_\_\_ reducing it to ashes.  
*n.* a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs
68. The building was \_\_\_\_\_ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.  
*v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
69. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.  
*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
70. The minority \_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.  
*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
71. The old, rusty tools were now \_\_\_\_\_ and had to be thrown away.  
*adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
72. After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
73. They \_\_\_\_\_ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.  
*v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

ANSWERS: 65. solid-state, 66. bricks, 67. inferno, 68. destroyed, 69. modern, 70. sect, 71. useless, 72. rubble, 73. mounted

74. He has built a thriving e-commerce \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
75. The \_\_\_\_\_ deadline for the project is next week.
- n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
76. The heavy snow has been \_\_\_\_\_ since last morning.
- adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
77. The roof finally \_\_\_\_\_ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
78. He \_\_\_\_\_ the fireworks with a single spark.
- v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
79. The floor was made of white and black \_\_\_\_\_ arranged in a checkerboard pattern.
- n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
80. The \_\_\_\_\_ shattered the laboratory equipment.
- n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
81. My memory will \_\_\_\_\_ but my heart will live on.
- v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

ANSWERS: 74. empire, 75. submission, 76. continuous, 77. collapsed, 78. ignited, 79. marble, 80. blast, 81. fade,

82. He worked at the \_\_\_\_\_ of behavioral economics.

*n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

83. Many famous \_\_\_\_\_ are within walking distance.

*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

84. They watched the train \_\_\_\_\_ into the distance.

*v.* to cease to exist or be visible

85. The castle had a deep \_\_\_\_\_ around it to protect it from attackers.

*n.* a deep, wide ditch, typically filled with water, surrounding a castle, fort, or town, primarily as a defense

ANSWERS: 82. frontier, 83. sights, 84. disappear, 85. moat