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Session 1: Word List

torture

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

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

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

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

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

counsel

n. advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance

synonym: advice, guidance, direction

(1) take **counsel**, (2) career **counsel**

She sought the **counsel** of her trusted advisor before making a decision.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve

greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

recognize

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

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

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.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak
The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

breakdown

n. a failure or collapse of a system or organization
synonym: collapse, failure, malfunction

(1) a nervous **breakdown**, (2) **breakdown** maintenance
The **breakdown** of the machinery caused a delay in production.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily
synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**
The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

investigation

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
synonym: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an **investigation**
We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

decision

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

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**
She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
synonym: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

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.

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.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

synonym: protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

systematic

adj. done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:

synonym: periodic, frequent, organized

(1) a **systematic** reformation, (2) **systematic** botany

Science is based on the **systematic** classification of experience.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

justice

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

synonym: fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym: execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held

synonym: law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

consequently

adv. as a result or outcome of something

synonym : hence, accordingly, thus

(1) **consequently** unable to start her studies,

(2) **consequently** affect the organs

Consequently, the company had to lay off some of its employees.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

inaudible

adj. unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard

synonym : unhearable, faint, unheard

(1) **inaudible** whisper, (2) **inaudible** sound

The speaker's voice was **inaudible** over the background noise.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym : dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

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.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

jewelry

n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal

adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

synonym : accessories, ornaments, adornments

(1) **jewelry** designer, (2) precious **jewelry**

I received a beautiful piece of **jewelry** from my partner for our anniversary.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

cigarette

n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

synonym : smoke, cigar, tobacco

(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case

He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.

miscarriage

n. the spontaneous loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week; the failure of an effort or plan to come to fruition

synonym : stillbirth, abortion

(1) **miscarriage** prevention, (2) early **miscarriage**

Doctors can sometimes detect warning signs of potential **miscarriage** and take steps to prevent it.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

diaper

n. a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces

synonym: napkin, nappy

(1) **diaper** bag, (2) cloth **diaper**

I need to buy a pack of **diapers** for my baby before we run out.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

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.

mumble

v. to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately

synonym: murmur, mutter, whisper

(1) **mumble** a reply, (2) **mumble** under your breath

She tended to **mumble** when she was nervous or unsure of herself.

grumbling

n. a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure

synonym: complaining, murmuring, rumbling

(1) **grumbling** stomach, (2) **grumbling** customer

There was much **grumbling** amongst the employees about the new policies.

excuse

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

synonym: apology, justification, reason

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

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

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

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.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of

wealth.

prosecutor

n. a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government

synonym: district attorney, state attorney

(1) a public **prosecutor**, (2) deputy **prosecutor**

The **prosecutor's** opening statement set the tone for the entire trial.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym: anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

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.

safeguard

v. to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss

synonym : protect, assure, conserve

(1) **safeguard** my property, (2) **safeguard** environmental quality

This measure will **safeguard** people against terrorism.

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**.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym : battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym : creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

paralegal

n. a person who is trained to perform legal work but is not a qualified lawyer; someone who assists lawyers in their work and helps with legal research and documents

synonym : legal assistant, legal secretary, lawyer's assistant

(1) **paralegal** assistant, (2) **paralegal** services

The law firm hired a team of **paralegals** to assist with the large volume of documents in the case.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

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.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym: association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

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.

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

synonym: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

slavery

n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

synonym: bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

apartheid

n. a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

synonym: segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) **apartheid** system, (2) **apartheid** policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

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

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym : ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

inspiration

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

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

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

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

province

n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

synonym : area, section, region

(1) Bengal **province**, (2) home **province**

A network of railways has developed over the **province**.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different

position

synonym : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

corrugated

adj. having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal

synonym : ridged, grooved, wrinkled

(1) **corrugated** panel, (2) **corrugated** metal roofing

The **corrugated** cardboard was sturdy enough to support the weight of the heavy items being shipped.

sunshine

n. the direct light and heat that comes from the sun

synonym : sunlight, daylight, rays

(1) warm **sunshine**, (2) morning **sunshine**

The **sunshine** was so bright that I had to wear sunglasses to protect my eyes.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

prophetic

adj. containing or given to making predictions; presaging the future; of or relating to a prophet (= an authoritative person who divines the future)

synonym :

foretelling, predictive, presaging

(1) **prophetic** powers, (2) **prophetic** book

The stock market analysts had a **prophetic** sense of the coming recession.

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.

invite

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

synonym: ask, request, summon

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. he___c explorers
adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
2. pa__e for a reaction
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
3. pr_____ic book
adj. containing or given to making predictions; presaging the future; of or relating to a prophet (= an authoritative person who divines the future)
4. precious je____y
n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
5. sl____y labor
n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
6. em_____r my life
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
7. have a b__s toward socialism
n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
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n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

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ANSWERS: 9. confession, 10. diaper, 11. recognize, 12. pregnant, 13. probable, 14. cigarette, 15. paralegal, 16. apartheid, 17. corrugated

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ANSWERS: 27. defend, 28. encourage, 29. investigate, 30. province, 31. injustice, 32. innovative, 33. committed, 34. bias, 35. incredible, 36. incredible, 37. apartheid

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47. absolutely op_____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
48. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

ANSWERS: 38. grab, 39. lifetime, 40. sunshine, 41. contest, 42. safeguard, 43. courageous, 44. contest, 45. paralegal, 46. probable, 47. opposed, 48. deny

49. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
50. in____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
51. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
52. le____e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
53. take co____l *n.* advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance
54. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
55. for in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
56. mu____e a reply *v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
57. inv____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

ANSWERS: 49. specific, 50. inspire, 51. stake, 52. league, 53. counsel, 54. judge, 55. instance, 56. mumble, 57. investigate

58. sa_____rd my property *v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
59. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
60. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
61. con_____tly unable to start her studies *adv.* as a result or outcome of something
62. gr_____ng customer *n.* a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure
63. early mis_____ge *n.* the spontaneous loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week; the failure of an effort or plan to come to fruition
64. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
65. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
66. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
67. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
68. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

ANSWERS: 58. safeguard, 59. accuse, 60. torture, 61. consequently, 62. grumbling, 63. miscarriage, 64. imaginary, 65. amazing, 66. courage, 67. release, 68. commitment

69. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
70. 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
71. even more unf____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
72. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
73. sys____ic botany *adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
74. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
75. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
76. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
77. a political rev____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
78. en____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 69. process, 70. miracle, 71. unfortunately, 72. lift, 73. systematic, 74. instance, 75. amazing, 76. deny, 77. revolution, 78. encourage

79. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
80. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
81. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
82. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
83. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
84. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
85. in_____ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
86. co_____om trial *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
87. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
88. stylistically inn_____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
89. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
90. criminal ju_____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

ANSWERS: 79. lift, 80. norm, 81. heroic, 82. inspiration, 83. fantastic, 84. decision, 85. injustice, 86. courtroom, 87. commit, 88. innovative, 89. pause, 90. justice

91. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
92. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
93. im_____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
94. mu___e under your breath *v.* to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately
95. in_____le whisper *adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard
96. career co_____l *n.* advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance
97. the scope of an inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
98. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
99. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
100. a preliminary inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

ANSWERS: 91. excuse, 92. confession, 93. implement, 94. mumble, 95. inaudible, 96. counsel, 97. investigation, 98. invite, 99. release, 100. investigation

101. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
102. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
103. in_____le sound *adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard
104. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
105. con_____tly affect the organs *adv.* as a result or outcome of something
106. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
107. di___r bag *n.* a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces
108. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
109. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
110. an id_____st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

ANSWERS: 101. opportune, 102. violent, 103. inaudible, 104. invite, 105. consequently, 106. silent, 107. diaper, 108. pregnant, 109. decision, 110. idealist

111. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
112. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
113. home pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
114. 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
115. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
116. pr_____ic powers *adj.* containing or given to making predictions; presaging the future; of or relating to a prophet (= an authoritative person who divines the future)
117. im_____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
118. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
119. institution of sl_____y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
120. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
121. morning su_____ne *n.* the direct light and heat that comes from the sun

ANSWERS: 111. communal, 112. norm, 113. province, 114. miracle, 115. decide, 116. prophetic, 117. implement, 118. violent, 119. slavery, 120. accuse, 121. sunshine

122. id____st at heart *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
123. an in____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
124. in____e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
125. a fa____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
126. make a cou____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
127. co____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
128. guarantee re____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
129. a to____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
130. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
131. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 122. idealist, 123. innocent, 124. insure, 125. fantastic, 126. courageous, 127. communist, 128. reliable, 129. torture, 130. decide, 131. pun

132. em_____r the secretary to do the same
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
133. sp_____ic instructions
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
134. co_____al swimming pool
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
135. co_____om drama
n. a room in which a court of law is held
136. de____t basin
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
137. a com_____nt to an alliance
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
138. de____d against a threat
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
139. ju_____e of Heaven
n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
140. mental co_____e
n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
141. re_____le access
adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
142. oasis in the de____t
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
143. in_____e a feeling of curiosity
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 132. empower, 133. specific, 134. communal, 135. courtroom, 136. desert, 137. commitment, 138. defend, 139. justice, 140. courage, 141. reliable, 142. desert, 143. inspire

144. in___e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
145. a ci_____te case *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
146. mis_____ge prevention *n.* the spontaneous loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week; the failure of an effort or plan to come to fruition
147. deputy pro_____or *n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
148. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
149. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
150. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
151. gr_____ng stomach *n.* a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure

ANSWERS: 144. insure, 145. cigarette, 146. miscarriage, 147. prosecutor, 148. silent, 149. process, 150. poem, 151. grumbling

152. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
153. je____y designer *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
154. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
155. br____wn maintenance *n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
156. two op____d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
157. co____st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
158. in a co____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
159. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 152. poem, 153. jewelry, 154. stake, 155. breakdown, 156. opposed, 157. communist, 158. committed, 159. judge

160. a sys_____ic reformation *adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
161. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
162. a nervous br_____wn *n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
163. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
164. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
165. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
166. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
167. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
168. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 160. systematic, 161. revolution, 162. breakdown, 163. grab, 164. pun, 165. develop, 166. lifetime, 167. commit, 168. develop

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ cardboard was sturdy enough to support the weight of the heavy items being shipped.
adj. having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal
2. _____ the company had to lay off some of its employees.
adv. as a result or outcome of something
3. I need to buy a pack of _____ for my baby before we run out.
n. a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces
4. 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
5. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
6. The eyewitness took the stand in the _____ and gave testimony crucial to the case.
n. a room in which a court of law is held
7. 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.

ANSWERS: 1. corrugated, 2. Consequently, 3. diapers, 4. encouraged, 5. investigated, 6. courtroom, 7. defend

8. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.
n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
9. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
10. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
11. This measure will _____ people against terrorism.
v. to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
12. I received a beautiful piece of _____ from my partner for our anniversary.
n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
13. This region is predominantly _____.
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
14. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
15. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
16. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.
n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

ANSWERS: 8. injustice, 9. unfortunately, 10. amazing, 11. safeguard, 12. jewelry, 13. desert, 14. revolution, 15. recognize, 16. confession

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

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

18. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.

- v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

19. She sought the _____ of her trusted advisor before making a decision.

- n.* advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance

20. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

21. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.

- n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

22. The law firm hired a team of _____ to assist with the large volume of documents in the case.

- n.* a person who is trained to perform legal work but is not a qualified lawyer; someone who assists lawyers in their work and helps with legal research and documents

23. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

- adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

ANSWERS: 17. develop, 18. insure, 19. counsel, 20. incredible, 21. justice, 22. paralegals, 23. reliable,

24. My husband was found _____ of any crime.

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

25. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

26. 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

27. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

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

28. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

29. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

30. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.

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

31. As a dedicated _____ she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

ANSWERS: 24. innocent, 25. imaginary, 26. inspired, 27. decision, 28. pun, 29. Communal, 30. inspiration, 31. idealist,

32. The man _____ before opening the door.

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

33. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

34. He lit a _____ and leaned against the wall.

n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

35. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

36. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

37. The _____ was so bright that I had to wear sunglasses to protect my eyes.

n. the direct light and heat that comes from the sun

38. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

39. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

40. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

adj. extremely good; excellent

ANSWERS: 32. paused, 33. innovative, 34. cigarette, 35. heroic, 36. contest, 37. sunshine, 38. opposed, 39. lifetime, 40. fantastic,

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

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

42. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

43. The South African government enforced _____ laws that segregated people based on race.

n. a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

44. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

45. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.

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

46. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

47. His business _____ took him to the United States.

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

ANSWERS: 41. violent, 42. specific, 43. apartheid, 44. process, 45. excuse, 46. league, 47. commitments

48. Doctors can sometimes detect warning signs of potential _____ and take steps to prevent it.
- n.* the spontaneous loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week; the failure of an effort or plan to come to fruition
49. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
50. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
- n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
51. A network of railways has developed over the _____.
- n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
52. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.
- v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
53. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.
- n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
54. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
55. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
- v.* to do something illegal or wrong

ANSWERS: 48. miscarriage, 49. instances, 50. judge, 51. province, 52. implement, 53. torture, 54. grab, 55. committed

56. 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
57. The _____ opening statement set the tone for the entire trial.
- n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
58. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
59. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
- v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
60. 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)
61. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
62. She researched gender _____ in politics.
- n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
63. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.
- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

ANSWERS: 56. miracle, 57. prosecutor's, 58. decide, 59. accused, 60. communist, 61. probable, 62. bias, 63. stake

64. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
65. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
66. She vacated the position when she got _____.
adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
67. The abolition of _____ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.
n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
68. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.
n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
69. The speaker's voice was _____ over the background noise.
adj. unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard
70. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
71. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
72. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

ANSWERS: 64. denying, 65. norms, 66. pregnant, 67. slavery, 68. investigation, 69. inaudible, 70. release, 71. courageous, 72. poem

73. There was much _____ amongst the employees about the new policies.
n. a low, muttering sound typically expressing dissatisfaction or discontent; a complaint or expression of displeasure
74. 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
75. Science is based on the _____ classification of experience.
adj. done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
76. The _____ of the machinery caused a delay in production.
n. a failure or collapse of a system or organization
77. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
78. The stock market analysts had a _____ sense of the coming recession.
adj. containing or given to making predictions; presaging the future; of or relating to a prophet (= an authoritative person who divines the future)
79. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
80. She tended to _____ when she was nervous or unsure of herself.
v. to speak quietly, unclearly, or in a way that is difficult to understand; to murmur or mutter inarticulately

ANSWERS: 73. grumbling, 74. empowered, 75. systematic, 76. breakdown, 77. courage, 78. prophetic, 79. silent, 80. mumble

81. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

82. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

83. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

84. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

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

ANSWERS: 81. opportune, 82. committed, 83. lifted, 84. invite