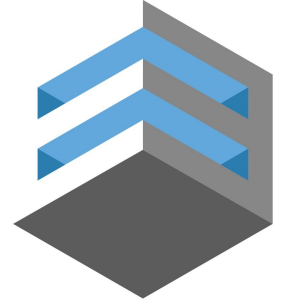


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Session 1: Word List

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.

pottery

n. ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven

synonym : ceramics, earthenware, clayware

(1) antique **pottery**, (2) **pottery** studio

She took a **pottery** class and learned how to make vases and bowls.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

synonym : ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

pinch

v. to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance

synonym: cramp, squeeze, clutch

(1) **pinch** off a bud, (2) **pinch** my nose

He **pinched** money from the cashbox without telling the company's employees.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym: amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym: treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

kiln

n. an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas

synonym: oven, furnace, hearth

(1) brick **kiln**, (2) electric **kiln**

The pottery was fired in the **kiln** for several hours to harden it.

temperature

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

synonym: climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

glaze

v. to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

synonym : coat, enamel, varnish

(1) **glaze** a window, (2) **glaze** over eyes

The baker used a brush to **glaze** the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym : disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

faint

adj. not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak

synonym : slight, vague, soft

(1) **faint** memory, (2) **faint** aroma of roses

She heard a **faint**, nearly invisible scream.

sheen

n. a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance

synonym : shine, gloss, luster

(1) metallic **sheen**, (2) silky **sheen**

The polished silver vase had a bright **sheen** in the sunlight.

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?

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

statistics

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

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

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

ramp

n. a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods

synonym: slope, incline, gradient

(1) the **ramp** of a chasm, (2) an exit **ramp**

The wheelchair user needed a **ramp** to access the building's entrance.

drama

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

synonym: acting, play, theater

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

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

sawdust

n. fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding

synonym : wood shavings, particles, fragments

(1) **sawdust** on the floor, (2) mountain of **sawdust**

The woodworker used a saw to create **sawdust** while making the chair.

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

synonym : waste, trash, debris

(1) **garbage** collection, (2) lump of **garbage**

The **garbage** truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

pail

n. a cylindrical container or bucket usually made of metal or plastic with a handle, used for carrying liquids or other substances

synonym : bucket, container, bucketful

(1) paint **pail**, (2) empty **pail**

I filled up the **pail** with water from the well to water the plants in the garden.

reek

v. to emit a strong, unpleasant smell; to have a strong or offensive odor; (noun) a strong, unpleasant smell

synonym : stink, smell, odor

(1) **reek** with suspicion, (2) **reek** of garlic

The garbage in the dumpster began to **reek** after sitting in the hot sun for days.

crackle

v. to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a

material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity

synonym : sizzle, hiss, snap

(1) **crackle** on the gravel road, (2) the **crackle** of the thunder

The firewood **crackled** and popped into the fireplace, sending sparks up the chimney.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym : conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

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.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym : discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide
The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

rectangle

n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
synonym: oblong, square, quadrangle

(1) orthogonal **rectangle**, (2) **rectangle** box
The living room had a **rectangle-shaped** coffee table in the center of it.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**
He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

cricket

n. leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players

(1) **cricket** match, (2) a pine **cricket**
The sound of the **crickets** chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.

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**.

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.

eventually

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

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district
Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**
Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

prop

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

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick
We have finally lost our last **prop**.

hash

n. a dish consisting of chopped or minced meat and vegetables that are mixed and then cooked, often served with potatoes; purified resinous extract of the hemp plant; a symbol (#) used on social media to indicate a specific topic or category or to add emphasis to a post

synonym: mixture, blend, medley

(1) **hash-tag**, (2) **hash** brown patty

He added a dash of salt and a **hash** of pepper to the soup to give it extra flavor.

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.

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym : canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

holy

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

synonym : sacred, religious, divine

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

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

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

synonym : legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym : start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym: prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

ford

n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

synonym: crossing, traversing, passing

(1) **ford** a river, (2) across a **ford**

The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a **ford** downstream where the water was shallower.

wrestling

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

synonym: grappling, fighting, brawling

(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**

He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

severely

adv. very badly or seriously

synonym: harshly, hardly, oppressively

(1) **severely** burned arm, (2) criticize him **severely**

Her company was **severely** affected by the bank's failure.

dyslexia

n. a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills

synonym: reading disability, word blindness, dysgraphia

(1) student with **dyslexia**, (2) diagnosis of **dyslexia**

Educators need to understand how **dyslexia** affects students' reading abilities.

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.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

appreciation

n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

synonym: recognition, admiration, esteem

(1) express my **appreciation**, (2) **appreciation** for diversity

The artist received a lot of **appreciation** for his latest work.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

syncopation

n. a musical rhythmic technique where the emphasis or accent is placed on an unexpected or offbeat note or syllable, creating an unpredictable or syncopated rhythm

synonym : rhythm, beat, accent

(1) **syncopation** rhythm, (2) jazzy **syncopation**

One of the distinctive features of Latin music is its rich **syncopation** patterns, making listeners want to dance.

paragraph

n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

synonym : section, chapter, indentation

(1) an editorial **paragraph**, (2) first **paragraph**

Article VII, **Paragraph** 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

lingering

adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave

synonym : prolonged, persistent, enduring

(1) **lingering** illness, (2) **lingering** doubts

The **lingering** smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.

linger

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

synonym : dawdle, tarry, loiter

(1) **linger** in the mind, (2) **linger** over your work

She **lingered** for a moment before leaving the room.

heir

n. a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

synonym : successor, inheritor, beneficiary

(1) an imperial **heir**, (2) **heir** at law

She recognized me as her lawful **heir**.

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way

synonym : knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

(1) she hit him **intentionally**, (2) She **intentionally** spread misleading information.

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

overcome

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

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

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

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

sculptor

n. an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

synonym : carver, modeler, artist

(1) **sculptor** studio, (2) renowned **sculptor**

The famous **sculptor** used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

princess

n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good

or admirable

synonym : royal, noble, queen

(1) crown **princess**, (2) a Royal **Princess**

The prince fell in love with the **princess** and asked her to marry him.

lady-in-waiting

n. a female personal assistant or attendant to a queen, princess, or high-ranking female member of a royal or noble household, traditionally responsible for providing support, companionship, and assistance to the female aristocrat

synonym : waiting woman, attendant, companion

(1) **lady-in-waiting** duties, (2) royal **lady-in-waiting**

The queen's **lady-in-waiting** was always by her side, ensuring she had everything she needed.

blond

adj. of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color

synonym : blonde, light-haired

(1) **blond** fuzz, (2) ash- **blond** ringlet

She is a natural **blond** and doesn't need to dye her hair.

paintbrush

n. a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle

synonym : brush, bristle brush, artist's brush

(1) **paintbrush** stroke, (2) **paintbrush** icon

She used a flat **paintbrush** to apply the final touches to the artwork.

palette

n. a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art

synonym : board, plate, color chart

(1) **palette** knife, (2) **palette** art

The artist selected colors from her **palette** to paint a beautiful

landscape.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym: throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

nonchalant

adj. relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent

synonym: casual, relaxed, indifferent

(1) **nonchalant** attitude, (2) **nonchalant** behavior

The actor was **nonchalant** about his notoriety and saw it as part of his job.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

verb

n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

(1) complex **verb**, (2) an auxiliary **verb**

Use a singular **verb** if the subject is singular.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

crease

n. a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

synonym: fold, wrinkle, ridge

(1) **crease** in fabric, (2) deep **crease**

The shirt had a noticeable **crease** along the sleeve from being folded.

unroll

v. to unwind or unfurl something that has been rolled up, such as a carpet or banner; to reveal or make visible something that was previously concealed or hidden

synonym: unwind, unfurl, wind off

(1) **unroll** the gift wrap, (2) **unroll** paper

I **unroll** the mat before starting my yoga practice.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym: scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

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.

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.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym: bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym: iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

sculpture

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

synonym: statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

squarely

adv. directly and firmly; in a square shape

synonym: honestly, justly, straightforwardly

(1) look **squarely** at reality, (2) a **squarely** cut piece of

paper

We must **squarely** address the problem.

rejection

n. the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign

synonym: refusal, denial, repudiation

(1) transplant **rejection**, (2) **rejection** by community

His proposals were met with **rejection**.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

educator

n. a person who teaches or educates people

synonym: teacher, instructor, lecturer

(1) business **educator**, (2) duty as an **educator**

She is an **educator** with progressive ideas.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

synonym: calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

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**.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result
In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

violin

n. a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
synonym: fiddle

(1) **violin** soloist, (2) play the **violin**

The cello is a member of the **violin** family.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym: line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

photograph

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

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

capture

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

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

landscape

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

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

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

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

cape

n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

synonym : shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

downtown

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

synonym : central, city-center, urban

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

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

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym : devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

passersby

n. people who are walking past a particular place often used to refer to a group of people or an undefined number of individuals

synonym : bystanders, onlookers, observers

(1) **passersby** on the sidewalk, (2) group of **passersby**
The busy street was filled with **passersby** hurrying to their destinations.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**
The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

fence

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
synonym: barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**
She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**
The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
synonym: glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune
She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

corps

n. a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe
synonym: body, group, organization

(1) airborne **corps**, (2) **corps** artillery

The **corps** arrived at the front lines just in time to reinforce the exhausted soldiers.

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.

crystallize

v. to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify

synonym : solidify, freeze, shape up

(1) **crystallize** a concept, (2) **crystallize** into reality

As the sugar water cools, it will slowly **crystallize** into rock candy.

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

synonym : affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

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.

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym : destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
synonym : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
synonym : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great
synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;
synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

residue

n. a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed
synonym : remnants, leftover, debris

(1) **residue** after evaporation, (2) chemical **residue**

There was a **residue** of soap in the bottle that wouldn't come out.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
synonym : bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

colosseum

n. (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

(1) build a **colosseum** for gladiators, (2) **Colosseum** area
Rome's **Colosseum** gets busy in peak season.

cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

synonym: church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

someplace

adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

synonym: somewhere, anywhere, wherever

(1) from **someplace** deep inside, (2) **someplace** quiet
Let's go **someplace** new and try something we have not done before.

mist

n. a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water

synonym: fog, murk, haze

(1) **mist** in the morning, (2) fine **mist**

The sun has risen, and the **mist** has faded.

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.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym: intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike
Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
synonym: wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files
He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent
synonym: unshakable, unyielding, relentless

(1) **unstoppable** force, (2) **unstoppable** momentum
The team's winning streak was **unstoppable**.

temper

n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
synonym: mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**
The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
synonym: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup
It was his first **romantic** love.

veil

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
synonym: cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face
He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

scrim

n. a lightweight fabric used in theater, film, or photography as a backdrop or screen, often translucent when lit from behind to create special effects or alterations of visibility
synonym:

gauze, muslin, netting

(1) **scrim** curtain, (2) translucent **scrim**

The theater director decided to use a **scrim** backdrop for the dream sequence, creating a mystical effect when backlit.

hose

n. a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner

synonym: tube, pipe, conduit

(1) garden **hose**, (2) **hose** bumper

The firefighter grabbed the **hose** and aimed it at the burning building to extinguish the fire.

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.

acid

n. sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

synonym: sour

(1) an **acid** reaction, (2) good source of essential amino **acids**

During pregnancy, the stomach generates less **acid** than usual.

sodium

n. a metallic element that is the most common alkali metal and is used in the production of many chemicals, including soap, glass, and paper

synonym: Na, salt, alkali

(1) reduce my **sodium** intake, (2) **sodium** bicarbonate
High levels of **sodium** in the diet can increase the risk of

developing high blood pressure.

urgency

n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

synonym: importance, importunity, urging

(1) **urgency** in the use of force, (2) matter of **urgency**

She departed hurriedly because of some significant **urgency** in their affairs.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

obstinacy

n. the quality or state of being stubborn, unyielding, or resistant to change or persuasion; a firm determination to continue a course of action despite obstacles or opposition

synonym: stubbornness, inflexibility, tenacity

(1) stubborn **obstinacy**, (2) sheer **obstinacy**

His **obstinacy** streak was evident when he refused to change his stance despite clear evidence to the contrary.

determination

n. the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

synonym: resolve, willpower, conviction

(1) a steely **determination**, (2) **determination** of a DNA sequence

His **determination** to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**
The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

tap *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

stubborn *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym: persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

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

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

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

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

essential *adj.* indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

entrepreneur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

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.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something

synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

lacquer

n. a clear or colored liquid coating composed of a resinous substance typically applied to wood, metal, or other surfaces as a protective or decorative finish; the hard, glossy finish that results from the application of such coating

synonym: varnish, polish, coating

(1) black **lacquer**, (2) **lacquer** craft

The wooden furniture was coated with a layer of glossy **lacquer** for a polished finish.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. across a f__d | <i>n.</i> a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across |
| 2. retie the st___g and make it strong | <i>n.</i> long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads |
| 3. red c__e | <i>n.</i> a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water |
| 4. ne_____te a settlement | <i>v.</i> to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement |
| 5. re_____on by community | <i>n.</i> the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign |
| 6. em___k on a trip | <i>v.</i> to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something |
| 7. en_____us amount | <i>adj.</i> extremely large or great |
| 8. look sq_____ly at reality | <i>adv.</i> directly and firmly; in a square shape |
| 9. l__t a ban on alcohol | <i>v.</i> to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position |

ANSWERS: 1. ford, 2. string, 3. cape, 4. negotiate, 5. rejection, 6. embark, 7. enormous, 8. squarely, 9. lift

10. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
11. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
12. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
13. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
14. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
15. an exit r__p *n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
16. 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
17. lad_____ing duties *n.* a female personal assistant or attendant to a queen, princess, or high-ranking female member of a royal or noble household, traditionally responsible for providing support, companionship, and assistance to the female aristocrat

ANSWERS: 10. epic, 11. gap, 12. erase, 13. steel, 14. entrepreneur, 15. ramp, 16. rubble, 17. lady-in-waiting

18. the cr____e of the thunder *v.* to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity
19. good source of essential amino acids *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
20. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
21. jazzy syn_____on *n.* a musical rhythmic technique where the emphasis or accent is placed on an unexpected or offbeat note or syllable, creating an unpredictable or syncopated rhythm
22. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
23. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 18. crackle, 19. acid, 20. crack, 21. syncopation, 22. curve, 23. suppose

24. fa__t aroma of roses *adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
25. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
26. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
27. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
28. black la_____r *n.* a clear or colored liquid coating composed of a resinous substance typically applied to wood, metal, or other surfaces as a protective or decorative finish; the hard, glossy finish that results from the application of such coating
29. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
30. ca_____al choir *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
31. financial dev_____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
32. f__d a river *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
33. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

ANSWERS: 24. faint, 25. novel, 26. embark, 27. carve, 28. lacquer, 29. spark, 30. cathedral, 31. devastation, 32. ford, 33. ugly

34. matter of ur____y *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
35. deeply re____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
36. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
37. chemical re____e *n.* a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed
38. government bur____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
39. she hit him int____lly *adv.* in a planned or intended way
40. ash-bl__d ringlet *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
41. She int____lly spread misleading information. *adv.* in a planned or intended way
42. extreme tem____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
43. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
44. arbitrary bur____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

ANSWERS: 34. urgency, 35. resonate, 36. crack, 37. residue, 38. bureaucracy, 39. intentionally, 40. blond, 41. intentionally, 42. temperature, 43. roll, 44. bureaucracy

45. so_____ce quiet *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
46. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
47. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
48. stubborn ob_____cy *n.* the quality or state of being stubborn, unyielding, or resistant to change or persuasion; a firm determination to continue a course of action despite obstacles or opposition
49. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
50. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
51. ga_____e collection *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
52. h__r at law *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
53. do_____wn building *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
54. 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
55. fe__e post *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

ANSWERS: 45. someplace, 46. award, 47. filmmaker, 48. obstinacy, 49. disappear, 50. studio, 51. garbage, 52. heir, 53. downtown, 54. clay, 55. fence

56. ro____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
57. li____r in the mind *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
58. deep cr____e *n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
59. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
60. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
61. 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
62. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
63. vi____n soloist *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
64. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
65. yield cu____e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
66. write him an answer imm______ly *adv.* now or without delay

ANSWERS: 56. romantic, 57. linger, 58. crease, 59. enormous, 60. straight, 61. decide, 62. grab, 63. violin, 64. silent, 65. curve, 66. immediately

67. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
68. an imperial h__r *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
69. d__p the gravel on the road *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
70. h__h brown patty *n.* a dish consisting of chopped or minced meat and vegetables that are mixed and then cooked, often served with potatoes; purified resinous extract of the hemp plant; a symbol (#) used on social media to indicate a specific topic or category or to add emphasis to a post
71. a brushwood fe__e *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
72. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
73. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
74. criticize him se_____ly *adv.* very badly or seriously
75. play the vi___n *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

ANSWERS: 67. inevitable, 68. heir, 69. dump, 70. hash, 71. fence, 72. roll, 73. tap, 74. severely, 75. violin

76. syn_____on rhythm *n.* a musical rhythmic technique where the emphasis or accent is placed on an unexpected or offbeat note or syllable, creating an unpredictable or syncopated rhythm
77. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
78. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
79. garden h__e *n.* a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner
80. create sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
81. uns_____le force *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
82. pai_____sh icon *n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
83. Co_____um area *n.* (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

ANSWERS: 76. syncopation, 77. filmmaker, 78. heartbreak, 79. hose, 80. sculpture, 81. unstoppable, 82. paintbrush, 83. colosseum

84. ca____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
85. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
86. ro____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
87. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
88. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
89. fa__t memory *adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
90. mountain of sa____t *n.* fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding
91. em____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
92. r__k of garlic *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant smell; to have a strong or offensive odor; (noun) a strong, unpleasant smell
93. un____l the gift wrap *v.* to unwind or unfurl something that has been rolled up, such as a carpet or banner; to reveal or make visible something that was previously concealed or hidden

ANSWERS: 84. capture, 85. melt, 86. romantic, 87. evil, 88. amazing, 89. faint, 90. sawdust, 91. embrace, 92. reek, 93. unroll

94. bl__d fuzz *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
95. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
96. business ed____or *n.* a person who teaches or educates people
97. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
98. co__s artillery *n.* a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe
99. 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
100. re____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
101. ho____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

ANSWERS: 94. blond, 95. span, 96. educator, 97. prop, 98. corps, 99. spray, 100. recognize, 101. horrific

102. the lower ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
103. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
104. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
105. la____r craft *n.* a clear or colored liquid coating composed of a resinous substance typically applied to wood, metal, or other surfaces as a protective or decorative finish; the hard, glossy finish that results from the application of such coating
106. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
107. h__e bumper *n.* a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner
108. paint p__l *n.* a cylindrical container or bucket usually made of metal or plastic with a handle, used for carrying liquids or other substances
109. royal lad_____ing *n.* a female personal assistant or attendant to a queen, princess, or high-ranking female member of a royal or noble household, traditionally responsible for providing support, companionship, and assistance to the female aristocrat

ANSWERS: 102. chamber, 103. modern, 104. statistics, 105. lacquer, 106. prop, 107. hose, 108. pail, 109. lady-in-waiting

110. p__k at others' misfortune	<i>n.</i> a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
111. tr___c love stories	<i>adj.</i> causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
112. aw__d ceremony	<i>n.</i> a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
113. ho____ic experience	<i>adj.</i> causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
114. det_____ion of a DNA sequence	<i>n.</i> the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
115. ce____ny hall	<i>n.</i> a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
116. gl__e over eyes	<i>v.</i> to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup
117. es_____al amino acid	<i>adj.</i> indispensable; fundamental
118. cry_____ze a concept	<i>v.</i> to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify
119. a h__y man	<i>adj.</i> of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
120. pa_____e knife	<i>n.</i> a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art

ANSWERS: 110. peek, 111. tragic, 112. award, 113. horrific, 114. determination, 115. ceremony, 116. glaze, 117. essential, 118. crystallize, 119. holy, 120. palette

121. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions
v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
122. un___l paper
v. to unwind or unfurl something that has been rolled up, such as a carpet or banner; to reveal or make visible something that was previously concealed or hidden
123. ca___e a statue
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
124. visual me____or
n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
125. a warm em____e
v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
126. the atmospheric tem____re
n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
127. sp___k his interest
v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
128. im____e the cloth in the dye
v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
129. cr___e in fabric
n. a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

ANSWERS: 121. admire, 122. unroll, 123. carve, 124. metaphor, 125. embrace, 126. temperature, 127. spark, 128. immerse, 129. crease

130. er__e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
131. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
132. h__h-tag *n.* a dish consisting of chopped or minced meat and vegetables that are mixed and then cooked, often served with potatoes; purified resinous extract of the hemp plant; a symbol (#) used on social media to indicate a specific topic or category or to add emphasis to a post
133. a Royal Pr_____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
134. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
135. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
136. pa_____by on the sidewalk *n.* people who are walking past a particular place often used to refer to a group of people or an undefined number of individuals
137. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 130. erase, 131. landscape, 132. hash, 133. princess, 134. inspire, 135. photograph, 136. passersby, 137. random

138. an a__d reaction *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
139. the r__p of a chasm *n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
140. from so_____ce deep inside *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
141. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
142. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
143. crown pr_____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
144. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
145. cry_____ze into reality *v.* to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify
146. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

ANSWERS: 138. acid, 139. ramp, 140. someplace, 141. temple, 142. drama, 143. princess, 144. creative, 145. crystallize, 146. novel

147. completely im_____e the ingredient	<i>v.</i>	to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
148. so___m bicarbonate	<i>n.</i>	a metallic element that is the most common alkali metal and is used in the production of many chemicals, including soap, glass, and paper
149. sneak p__k	<i>n.</i>	a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
150. v__l of mystery	<i>n.</i>	a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
151. sense of op_____sm	<i>n.</i>	a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
152. es_____al commodities of life	<i>adj.</i>	indispensable; fundamental
153. d__p hazardous waste	<i>v.</i>	to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
154. wr_____ng match	<i>n.</i>	a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
155. cyclonic des_____on	<i>n.</i>	the act of causing so much damage to something
156. mo___n poetry	<i>adj.</i>	of or belonging to the present time or recent times
157. nontechnical as___ts of the job	<i>n.</i>	one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 147. immerse, 148. sodium, 149. peek, 150. veil, 151. optimism, 152. essential, 153. dump, 154. wrestling, 155. destruction, 156. modern, 157. aspect

158. fl____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
159. re_____le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
160. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
161. empty p__l *n.* a cylindrical container or bucket usually made of metal or plastic with a handle, used for carrying liquids or other substances
162. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
163. reduce my so____m intake *n.* a metallic element that is the most common alkali metal and is used in the production of many chemicals, including soap, glass, and paper
164. bachelor's de____e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
165. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
166. li_____ng doubts *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
167. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 158. flourish, 159. reconcile, 160. resonate, 161. pail, 162. recognize, 163. sodium, 164. degree, 165. probable, 166. lingering, 167. eventually

168. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
169. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
170. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
171. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
172. st_____rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
173. abstract sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
174. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
175. fine m__t *n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
176. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
177. renowned sc_____or *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
178. sc__m curtain *n.* a lightweight fabric used in theater, film, or photography as a backdrop or screen, often translucent when lit from behind to create special effects or alterations of visibility

ANSWERS: 168. imperfectly, 169. random, 170. steel, 171. constant, 172. stubborn, 173. sculpture, 174. silent, 175. mist, 176. folk, 177. sculptor, 178. scrim

179. uns_____le momentum *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
180. 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
181. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
182. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
183. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
184. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
185. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
186. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
187. st_____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

ANSWERS: 179. unstoppable, 180. process, 181. span, 182. destruction, 183. chamber, 184. grab, 185. ruin, 186. landscape, 187. stubborn

188. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
189. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
190. an editorial pa_____ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
191. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
192. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
193. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
194. non_____nt behavior *adj.* relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent
195. re_____e after evaporation *n.* a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed
196. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
197. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

ANSWERS: 188. chain, 189. evil, 190. paragraph, 191. rub, 192. folk, 193. creative, 194. nonchalant, 195. residue, 196. metaphor, 197. entrepreneur

198. pai_____sh stroke *n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
199. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
200. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
201. a sq_____ly cut piece of paper *adv.* directly and firmly; in a square shape
202. a pine cr_____t *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
203. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
204. orthogonal re_____le *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
205. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
206. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
207. app_____ion for diversity *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

ANSWERS: 198. paintbrush, 199. graduate, 200. aft, 201. squarely, 202. cricket, 203. reverse, 204. rectangle, 205. ugly, 206. tale, 207. appreciation

208. improve co_____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
209. soft c__y ground *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
210. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
211. li___r over your work *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
212. silky sh__n *n.* a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance
213. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
214. a steely det_____ion *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
215. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
216. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
217. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
218. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

ANSWERS: 208. cognitive, 209. clay, 210. constant, 211. linger, 212. sheen, 213. statistics, 214. determination, 215. emphasize, 216. cherish, 217. reverse, 218. admire

219. sc_____or studio *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
220. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
221. group of pa_____by *n.* people who are walking past a particular place often used to refer to a group of people or an undefined number of individuals
222. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
223. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
224. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
225. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
226. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
227. airborne co__s *n.* a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe
228. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

ANSWERS: 219. sculptor, 220. suppose, 221. passersby, 222. optimism, 223. heartbreak, 224. overcome, 225. amazing, 226. overcome, 227. corps, 228. tale

229. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
230. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
231. sheer ob_____cy *n.* the quality or state of being stubborn, unyielding, or resistant to change or persuasion; a firm determination to continue a course of action despite obstacles or opposition
232. cr_____t match *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
233. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
234. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
235. c__e cod *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
236. metallic sh__n *n.* a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance

ANSWERS: 229. aft, 230. decide, 231. obstinacy, 232. cricket, 233. graduate, 234. photograph, 235. cape, 236. sheen

237. build a co_____um for gladiators *n.* (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80
238. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
239. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
240. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
241. 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
242. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
243. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
244. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
245. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
246. sa_____t on the floor *n.* fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding

ANSWERS: 237. colosseum, 238. tap, 239. drama, 240. transform, 241. lift, 242. melt, 243. temple, 244. inspire, 245. inevitable, 246. sawdust

247. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
248. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
249. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
250. pi__h off a bud *v.* to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
251. r__k with suspicion *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant smell; to have a strong or offensive odor; (noun) a strong, unpleasant smell
252. li_____ng illness *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
253. 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
254. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
255. se_____ly burned arm *adv.* very badly or seriously
256. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

ANSWERS: 247. disappear, 248. straight, 249. aspect, 250. pinch, 251. reek, 252. lingering, 253. rubble, 254. negotiate, 255. severely, 256. inherent

257. ch____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
258. translucent sc__m *n.* a lightweight fabric used in theater, film, or photography as a backdrop or screen, often translucent when lit from behind to create special effects or alterations of visibility
259. e__c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
260. m__t in the morning *n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
261. a hasty te___r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
262. lump of ga_____e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
263. an auxiliary v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
264. cr_____e on the gravel road *v.* to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity

ANSWERS: 257. cherish, 258. scrim, 259. epic, 260. mist, 261. temper, 262. garbage, 263. verb, 264. crackle

265. tense piano st___gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
266. em_____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
267. pa_____e art *n.* a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art
268. in_____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
269. a h__y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
270. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
271. tr___c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
272. non_____nt attitude *adj.* relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent
273. re_____le box *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
274. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
275. brick k__n *n.* an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas

ANSWERS: 265. string, 266. emphasize, 267. palette, 268. inherent, 269. holy, 270. cognitive, 271. tragic, 272. nonchalant, 273. rectangle, 274. studio, 275. kiln

276. transplant re_____on *n.* the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign
277. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
278. arm wr_____ng *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
279. imp_____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
280. ur_____y in the use of force *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
281. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
282. an intentional in____t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
283. electric k__n *n.* an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas
284. in____t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
285. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 276. rejection, 277. chain, 278. wrestling, 279. imperfectly, 280. urgency, 281. probable, 282. insult, 283. kiln, 284. insult, 285. eventually

286. ca_____al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
287. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
288. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
289. 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
290. first pa_____ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
291. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
292. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
293. po_____y studio *n.* ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven

ANSWERS: 286. cathedral, 287. gap, 288. immediately, 289. process, 290. paragraph, 291. ruin, 292. veil, 293. pottery

294. student with dy_____ia *n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills
295. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
296. bridle my te_____r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
297. pi__h my nose *v.* to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
298. express my app_____ion *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
299. 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
300. antique po_____y *n.* ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven

ANSWERS: 294. dyslexia, 295. capture, 296. temper, 297. pinch, 298. appreciation, 299. spray, 300. pottery

301. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
302. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
303. dev_____on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
304. complex v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
305. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
306. gl__e a window *v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup
307. duty as an ed____or *n.* a person who teaches or educates people
308. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
309. re_____le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
310. diagnosis of dy_____ia *n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills

ANSWERS: 301. degree, 302. rub, 303. devastation, 304. verb, 305. transform, 306. glaze, 307. educator, 308. flourish, 309. reconcile, 310. dyslexia

311. ce____ny location

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

312. do____wn traffic

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

ANSWERS: 311. ceremony, 312. downtown

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The baker used a brush to _____ the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.
 - v. to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

2. Her company was _____ affected by the bank's failure.
 - adv. very badly or seriously

3. We _____ on a new project.
 - v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

4. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.
 - n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

5. My father's death _____ my life completely.
 - v. to change in outward structure or looks;

6. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
 - n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

7. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
 - adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

8. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
 - n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

ANSWERS: 1. glaze, 2. severely, 3. embarked, 4. temple, 5. transformed, 6. optimism, 7. amazing, 8. devastation

9. She had an audition for _____ school.
n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
10. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
11. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
12. 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
13. She is a natural _____ and doesn't need to dye her hair.
adj. of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
14. I filled up the _____ with water from the well to water the plants in the garden.
n. a cylindrical container or bucket usually made of metal or plastic with a handle, used for carrying liquids or other substances
15. He added a dash of salt and a _____ of pepper to the soup to give it extra flavor.
n. a dish consisting of chopped or minced meat and vegetables that are mixed and then cooked, often served with potatoes; purified resinous extract of the hemp plant; a symbol (#) used on social media to indicate a specific topic or category or to add emphasis to a post
16. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

ANSWERS: 9. drama, 10. eventually, 11. probable, 12. decide, 13. blond, 14. pail, 15. hash, 16. inevitable

17. The garbage in the dumpster began to _____ after sitting in the hot sun for days.
v. to emit a strong, unpleasant smell; to have a strong or offensive odor; (noun) a strong, unpleasant smell
18. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
19. The woods _____ the house.
v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
20. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
n. the act of causing so much damage to something
21. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
22. He had always been interested in sumo _____ and decided to try it.
n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
23. He created an _____ shaped torso.
adv. in a faulty or incomplete way
24. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 17. reek, 18. tales, 19. embrace, 20. destruction, 21. essential, 22. wrestling, 23. imperfectly, 24. span

25. We have finally lost our last _____.

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

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

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

27. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

- n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

28. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.

- v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

29. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

- n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

30. His proposals were met with _____.

- n.* the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign

31. 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

32. The shirt had a noticeable _____ along the sleeve from being folded.

- n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

ANSWERS: 25. prop, 26. downtown, 27. curve, 28. admire, 29. Entrepreneurs, 30. rejection, 31. recognize, 32. crease

33. The _____ of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.
n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
34. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
35. She used a flat _____ to apply the final touches to the artwork.
n. a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
36. She heard a _____ nearly invisible scream.
adj. not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
37. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
38. One of the distinctive features of Latin music is its rich _____ patterns, making listeners want to dance.
n. a musical rhythmic technique where the emphasis or accent is placed on an unexpected or offbeat note or syllable, creating an unpredictable or syncopated rhythm
39. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.
v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
40. It was his first _____ love.
adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 33. temper, 34. ugly, 35. paintbrush, 36. faint, 37. aspects, 38. syncopation, 39. sparked, 40. romantic

41. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
42. The _____ arrived at the front lines just in time to reinforce the exhausted soldiers.
- n.* a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe
43. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
44. During pregnancy, the stomach generates less _____ than usual.
- n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
45. High levels of _____ in the diet can increase the risk of developing high blood pressure.
- n.* a metallic element that is the most common alkali metal and is used in the production of many chemicals, including soap, glass, and paper
46. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
- adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
47. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
48. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.
- adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 41. novel, 42. corps, 43. flourished, 44. acid, 45. sodium, 46. random, 47. rolled, 48. evil

49. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.
n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
50. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural _____ around her garden.
n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
51. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.
adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
52. The wooden furniture was coated with a layer of glossy _____ for a polished finish.
n. a clear or colored liquid coating composed of a resinous substance typically applied to wood, metal, or other surfaces as a protective or decorative finish; the hard, glossy finish that results from the application of such coating
53. She departed hurriedly because of some significant _____ in their affairs.
n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
54. There was a _____ of soap in the bottle that wouldn't come out.
n. a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed
55. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.
v. to give or show particular importance to something
56. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

ANSWERS: 49. temperatures, 50. fence, 51. holy, 52. lacquer, 53. urgency, 54. residue, 55. emphasize, 56. chain

57. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
58. He _____ money from the cashbox without telling the company's employees.
- v.* to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
59. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
- n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
60. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.
- adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
61. As the sugar water cools, it will slowly _____ into rock candy.
- v.* to form crystals from a liquid or solution; to become clear or definite in form or structure; to solidify
62. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
63. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v.* to cease to exist or be visible
64. We are always happy to _____ a discount.
- v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

ANSWERS: 57. photograph, 58. pinched, 59. landscape, 60. horrific, 61. crystallize, 62. capture, 63. disappear, 64. negotiate

65. She _____ for a moment before leaving the room.

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

66. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

67. 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

68. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

69. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

70. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

71. She took a quick _____ inside the box before closing it again.

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

72. He _____ himself in his research.

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

ANSWERS: 65. lingered, 66. erase, 67. process, 68. insult, 69. bureaucracy, 70. reversed, 71. peek, 72. immersed

73. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

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

74. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

- adj.* extremely large or great

75. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.

- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

76. She is an _____ with progressive ideas.

- n.* a person who teaches or educates people

77. The sound of the _____ chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.

- n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players

78. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.

- n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

79. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.

- n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

80. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 73. grab, 74. enormous, 75. metaphors, 76. educator, 77. crickets, 78. steel, 79. ceremony, 80. creative

81. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.

- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

82. Let's go _____ new and try something we have not done before.

- adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

83. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.

- v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

84. The team's winning streak was _____.

- adj.* impossible to stop or prevent

85. 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

86. The woodworker used a saw to create _____ while making the chair.

- n.* fine particles or small chips of wood that are produced when the wood is sawed or cut, often used as a material for various purposes such as mulch, fuel, or animal bedding

87. The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

- n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

88. His _____ streak was evident when he refused to change his stance despite clear evidence to the contrary.

- n.* the quality or state of being stubborn, unyielding, or resistant to change or persuasion; a firm determination to continue a course of action despite obstacles or opposition

ANSWERS: 81. tap, 82. someplace, 83. melted, 84. unstoppable, 85. clay, 86. sawdust, 87. garbage, 88. obstinacy

89. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

90. The sound _____ well in this theater.

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

91. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

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

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

93. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

94. The queen's _____ was always by her side, ensuring she had everything she needed.

n. a female personal assistant or attendant to a queen, princess, or high-ranking female member of a royal or noble household, traditionally responsible for providing support, companionship, and assistance to the female aristocrat

95. The sun has risen, and the _____ has faded.

n. a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water

96. The actor was _____ about his notoriety and saw it as part of his job.

adj. relaxed and calm in a way that shows a lack of concern or interest; seemingly indifferent

ANSWERS: 89. rubbed, 90. resonates, 91. inherent, 92. statistics, 93. chambers, 94. lady-in-waiting, 95. mist, 96. nonchalant

97. She recognized me as her lawful _____.

- n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

98. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.

- adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

99. 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

100. He was sick for five _____ days.

- adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

101. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

- v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

102. Article VII, _____ 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

- n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

103. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.

- n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

104. Educators need to understand how _____ affects students' reading abilities.

- n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills

ANSWERS: 97. heir, 98. tragic, 99. spray, 100. straight, 101. crack, 102. Paragraph,

103. heartbreak, 104. dyslexia

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

adv. now or without delay

106. The polished silver vase had a bright _____ in the sunlight.

n. a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance

107. His _____ to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.

n. the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

108. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

109. We must _____ address the problem.

adv. directly and firmly; in a square shape

110. 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

111. The artist selected colors from her _____ to paint a beautiful landscape.

n. a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art

112. The _____ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

ANSWERS: 105. immediately, 106. sheen, 107. determination, 108. sculptures, 109. squarely, 110. inspired, 111. palette, 112. cathedral's

113. The pottery was fired in the _____ for several hours to harden it.

- n.* an oven or furnace used for baking, drying, or firing clay, pottery, bricks, or other materials; typically made of brick or refractory material and heated with wood, coal, or gas

114. The busy street was filled with _____ hurrying to their destinations.

- n.* people who are walking past a particular place often used to refer to a group of people or an undefined number of individuals

115. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.

- n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

116. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

- n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

117. 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

118. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

- n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

119. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.

- n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

120. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

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

ANSWERS: 113. kiln, 114. passersby, 115. filmmaker, 116. folk, 117. lifted, 118. string, 119. award, 120. overcome

121. The company _____ him after several years of service.

- v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

122. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

- adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

123. The famous _____ used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.

- n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

124. The ___ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

- adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

125. The firewood _____ and popped into the fireplace, sending sparks up the chimney.

- v.* to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity

126. Rome's _____ gets busy in peak season.

- n.* (also "coliseum") a large amphitheater (= an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports) in Rome whose construction was begun by Vespasian about AD 75 or 80

127. 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

ANSWERS: 121. dumped, 122. Constant, 123. sculptor, 124. aft, 125. crackled, 126. Colosseum, 127. rubble

128. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.

- n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

129. She _____ the memories of her childhood.

- v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

130. The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a _____ downstream where the water was shallower.

- n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

131. The prince fell in love with the _____ and asked her to marry him.

- n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

132. The theater director decided to use a _____ backdrop for the dream sequence, creating a mystical effect when backlit.

- n.* a lightweight fabric used in theater, film, or photography as a backdrop or screen, often translucent when lit from behind to create special effects or alterations of visibility

133. The living room had a _____ coffee table in the center of it.

- n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

134. The artist received a lot of _____ for his latest work.

- n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

ANSWERS: 128. epic, 129. cherished, 130. ford, 131. princess, 132. scrim, 133. rectangle-shaped, 134. appreciation

135. The wheelchair user needed a _____ to access the building's entrance.

- n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods

136. The superhero wore a flowing _____ as part of their costume.

- n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

137. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.

- n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

138. She would never _____ hurt anyone.

- adv.* in a planned or intended way

139. I _____ the mat before starting my yoga practice.

- v.* to unwind or unfurl something that has been rolled up, such as a carpet or banner; to reveal or make visible something that was previously concealed or hidden

140. Use a singular _____ if the subject is singular.

- n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

141. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

142. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

- adj.* without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 135. ramp, 136. cape, 137. studio, 138. intentionally, 139. unroll, 140. verb, 141. suppose, 142. silent

143. The cello is a member of the _____ family.

- n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

144. 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.

145. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.

- v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

146. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

147. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

- adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

148. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.

- v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

149. He lifted her _____ with both hands.

- n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

150. The firefighter grabbed the _____ and aimed it at the burning building to extinguish the fire.

- n.* a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner

ANSWERS: 143. violin, 144. gap, 145. ruined, 146. degree, 147. stubborn, 148. reconcile, 149. veil, 150. hose

151. She took a _____ class and learned how to make vases and bowls.

n. ceramic ware made from clay and baked in a kiln; the art or process of making objects from clay by shaping it and then firing it in a kiln or oven

152. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

153. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

154. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

155. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

156. The _____ smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.

adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave

ANSWERS: 151. pottery, 152. modern, 153. graduate, 154. cognitive, 155. carved, 156. lingering