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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### sauce

*n.* a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods

*synonym*: condiment, gravy, dressing

(1) a flavorful **sauce**, (2) soy **sauce**

The pasta dish was served with a rich tomato **sauce**.

### quest

*n.* a long or challenging search for something

*synonym*: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

### theme

*n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

*synonym*: subject, topic, motif

(1) **theme** park, (2) central **theme**

The **theme** of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

### session

*n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

*synonym*: conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

## precious

*adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

*synonym* : adored, cherished, valued

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

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

## era

*n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

*synonym* : epoch, age, period

(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance

Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.

## divide

*v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

*synonym* : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

## exquisite

*adj.* extremely beautiful and delicate

*synonym* : magnificent, glorious, gorgeous

(1) **exquisite** crafts, (2) a man of **exquisite** sensitivity

We can hear an **exquisite** piano melody from his room.

## handle

*v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

*synonym* : control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

## firm

*adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action;  
strong or secure in structure, make, or composition;  
reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business  
or company

*synonym* : stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

## engineer

*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

*synonym* : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

## federal

*adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

*synonym* : national, central, governmental

(1) **federal** regulations, (2) **federal** funding

The **federal** government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

## suit

*n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

*synonym* : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

## mustache

*n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

*synonym* : whisker

(1) a gray **mustache**, (2) big **mustache**

The actor's **mustache** has become an icon.

## domineer

*v.* to assert one's authority or control over others in an arrogant or overbearing manner; to tyrannize or exercise undue influence over others; to impose one's will forcefully and oppressively

*synonym* : dominate, control, bully

(1) **domineer** through fear, (2) **domineer** in a situation

He tends to **domineer** over his subordinates, making it difficult for them to express their ideas.

## narcissist

*n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

*synonym*: egotist, boaster, braggart

(1) relationship with a **narcissist**, (2) somatic **narcissist**

He thinks she is a high **narcissist** because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

## extraordinary

*adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

*synonym*: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

## ego

*n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

*synonym*: self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

## alternate

*adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly

*synonym*: substitute, back up, equivalent

(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year

The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

## suntan

*n.* a darkening of the skin due to exposure to the sun, often as a result of deliberate sunbathing or outdoor activities with prolonged exposure to bright sunlight

*synonym*: sunburn, bronze, skin color

(1) deep **suntan**, (2) **suntan** bed

I spent the day at the beach and got a beautiful **suntan**.

## moral

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

*synonym*: honest, ethical, conscientious

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

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

## 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.

## slide

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

*synonym* : glide, drift, drop

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

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

## emigrate

*v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another

*synonym* : migrate, relocate, move

(1) **emigrate** to a new country, (2) **emigrate** for better opportunities

Many people **emigrated** from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

## 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.

## 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.

## obsess

*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym* : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the

fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

**bomb**

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

*synonym*: missile, explosive, ammunition

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

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

**radar**

*n.* a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen

*synonym*: sonar, radiolocation

(1) **radar** air traffic control, (2) **radar** scanning

**Radar** systems cannot spot the submarine.

**obvious**

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

**complicated**

*adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

*synonym*: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

**physics**

*n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions

(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

**stationary**

*adj.* not moving or not capable of being changed

*synonym*: fixed, immobile, changeless

(1) remain **stationary**, (2) **stationary** bike

**Stationary** vehicles in traffic jams produce a tremendous amount of pollution.

## impediment

*n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something

*synonym* : obstacle, hindrance, barrier

(1) have a speech **impediment**, (2) biological **impediment**

The language barrier was an **impediment** to their communication.

## moving

*adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

*synonym* : emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

## incredibly

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

*synonym* : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

## crude

*adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

*synonym* : unrefined, native, vulgar

(1) price of **crude** oil, (2) **crude** manners

His **crude** jokes made her angry.

## 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.

## device

*n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

*synonym* : gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

## weigh

*v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

*synonym* : consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

## lever

*n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

*synonym* : lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

## bearing

*n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

*synonym* : demeanor, posture, manner

(1) a thrust **bearing**, (2) a military **bearing**

The pilot had to adjust the plane's **bearing** to stay on course.

## gadget

*n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

*synonym* : appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

## gauge

*n.* an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge



tentatively or form an estimate of something

*synonym* : measure, benchmark, judge

(1) pressure **gauge**, (2) take the **gauge** of a situation

We use various precision **gauges** in the manufacturing process of machinery.

## **bombardier**

*n.* a person who operates the bombsights and releases bombs from a bomber aircraft

*synonym* : airman, air-force, bomber

(1) **bombardier** aircraft, (2) **bombardier** role

The enemy's **bombardier** dropped the bombs on the target.

## **visual**

*adj.* relating to seeing or sight

*synonym* : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

## **sight**

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

*synonym* : vision, spectacle, view

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

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

## **plexiglas**

*n.* a transparent plastic material that is often used as a substitute for glass in various applications, such as airplane windows and aquariums

*synonym* : acrylic, lucite, perspex

(1) **plexiglas** partition, (2) **plexiglas** window

The **plexiglass** shield protected the workers from flying debris.

## **cone**

*n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end

(1) traffic **cone**, (2) ice cream **cone**

**Cone-shaped** cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.

## altitude

*n.* the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level

*synonym*: height, elevation, tallness

(1) the meridian **altitude**, (2) low **altitude**

The plane flew at a high **altitude** to avoid turbulence.

## coordinate

*v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship;  
(adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

*synonym*: organize, harmonize, ordinate

(1) **coordinate** a special project, (2) a **coordinate** clause

We want to **coordinate** a schedule for the investigation.

## routinely

*adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected

*synonym*: habitually, regularly, customarily

(1) **routinely** check, (2) **routinely** scheduled maintenance

They **routinely** conduct fire drills to ensure everyone in the building knows what to do in an emergency.

## pickle

*n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

*synonym*: jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

## barrel

*n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

*synonym*: cask, firkin, drum

(1) a **barrel** of beer, (2) \$30 a **barrel**

One rotten apple spoils the whole **barrel**.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion  
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## military

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

*synonym* : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

## mana

*n.* a sweet-tasting and nutritious substance that, according to the Bible, was provided by God to the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness; any unexpected or miraculous source of sustenance or benefit

*synonym* : sustenance, nourishment

(1) **mana** from heaven, (2) **mana** in the desert

In the desert, the travelers survived by eating **mana**, a miraculous food on the ground.

## heaven

*n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

*synonym* : paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

## trench

*n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

*synonym* : aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea **trench**, (2) **trench** excavator

A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

## nowhere

*adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

## progression

*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

*synonym*: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

## territory

*n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state

*synonym*: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

## destroy

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

*synonym*: demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

## pinpoint

*v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

*synonym*: name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

## accuracy

*n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

*synonym*: precision, exactness, truthfulness

(1) degree of **accuracy**, (2) the **accuracy** of his compass

To assure **accuracy**, I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.

## doll

*n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

*synonym* : puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

## develop

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

*synonym* : evolve, progress, advance

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

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

## perspective

*n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

*synonym* : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle  
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

## industrial

*adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry

*synonym* : manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

**Industrial** design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

## 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.

## strategy

*n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

*synonym* : approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

## **genuine**

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

*synonym* : actual, honest, unpretending

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

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

## **defeat**

*v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

*synonym* : conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

## **victory**

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

*synonym* : win, triumph, success

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

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

## **incredible**

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym* : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

## **importance**

*n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

*synonym* : significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

## **committed**

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

*synonym* : devoted, faithful, attached

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

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

needs.

## Christ

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

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

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

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## upset

*adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

*synonym* : disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

## refer

*v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

*synonym* : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

## invention

*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

*synonym* : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

## instrument

*n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

*synonym* : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

## suffer

*v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

*synonym*: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

## absolutely

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

*synonym*: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

## extensive

*adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range

*synonym*: ample, comprehensive, vast

(1) **extensive** experience, (2) have **extensive** vocabulary

The incident attracted **extensive** media coverage throughout the world.

## essentially

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

*synonym*: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

**Essentially**, a society is an organism.

## analog

*adj.* relating to or using signals or information represented by a continuous physical quantity such as spatial position, voltage, etc.

(1) an **analog** watch, (2) digitization of **analog** sounds

Mercury thermometers are a type of **analog** sensor.

## oath

*n.* a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty

*synonym*: pledge, vow, promise

(1) **oath** of allegiance, (2) promise an **oath**



He took an **oath** to uphold the law as a police officer.

## swear

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

*synonym*: declare, assert, curse

(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak

I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.

## 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.

## divulge

v. to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden

*synonym*: reveal, disclose, expose

(1) **divulge** whereabouts, (2) **divulge** information

He promised not to **divulge** confidential information to anyone.

## imperative

*adj.* very important or requiring attention or action

*synonym*: compulsory, binding, critical

(1) moral **imperative**, (2) **imperative** need

It is **imperative** for politicians to be effective communicators.

## 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.

## escort

n. a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination

*synonym* : chaperone, guardian, attendant

(1) **escort** for VIPs, (2) personal **escort**

An **escort** of bodyguards surrounded the celebrity to keep fans safe.

## canvas

*n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

(1) blank **canvas**, (2) oil on **canvas**

Life is a vast **canvas**; you should put as much paint on it as possible.

## shroud

*n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

*synonym* : cover, veil, cloak

(1) **shroud** of mystery, (2) **shroud** of suspicion

The protective **shroud** covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.

## handcuff

*n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

*synonym* : shackle, bind, restraint

(1) **handcuff** his wrists, (2) break free from **handcuffs**

The police officer put **handcuffs** on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.

## 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.

## incendiary

*adj.* intended to cause fires, arson, or combustible materials; capable of causing a fire

*synonym* : flaming, explosive, blazing

(1) **incendiary** bombs, (2) **incendiary** speech

The arsonist used an **incendiary** device to start the fire.

## 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.

## grail

*n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

*synonym* : chalice, treasure, quest

(1) holy **grail**, (2) ultimate **grail**

The search for the **grail** is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.

## 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**.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym* : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## gyroscope

*n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in

navigation, aerospace, or other systems

*synonym*: gyro, stabilizer, compass

(1) **gyroscope** sensor, (2) inertial navigation **gyroscope**

The **gyroscope** in the spacecraft helps to stabilize its orientation during the mission.

## pulley

*n.* a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects

*synonym*: block and tackle, hoist, lift

(1) **pulley** system, (2) movable **pulley**

The construction worker used a fixed **pulley** to lift the heavy equipment to the top floor.

## calculation

*n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

*synonym*: analysis, computation, estimate

(1) make a **calculation**, (2) **calculation** of loss and gain

The error in the **calculation** was attributable to rounding.

## assume

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

*synonym*: guess, presume, suppose

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

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

## relative

*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

*synonym*: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

## accurate

*adj.* correct and exact in all details

*synonym* : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

## inaccurate

*adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard

*synonym* : incorrect, erroneous, imprecise

(1) **inaccurate** measurement, (2) **inaccurate** figures

The information in the report was found to be **inaccurate**, so it had to be corrected before it was published.

## ally

*n.* a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war

*synonym* : associate, colleague, partner

(1) close **ally**, (2) **ally** with a company

Our country is a traditional **ally** of England.

## chemical

*adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;

*synonym* : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

## comprise

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

*synonym* : consist of, include, be composed of

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

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

## acre

*n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

(1) half- **acre** parcel, (2) an **acre** of forest

The farm covers over 200 **acres** of land.

## percentage

*n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

*synonym*: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high

## percentage

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

## perimeter

*n.* the outer boundary of an area or the length of this boundary; the distance around the edge of something

*synonym*: circumference, boundary, edge

(1) **perimeter** fence, (2) **perimeter** fence

The guard patrolled the **perimeter** of the building.

## dud

*n.* any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate

*synonym*: failure, flop, duff

(1) **dud** grenade, (2) **dud** investment

The new product turned out to be a **dud** and could have sold better in the market.

## precaution

*n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness

*synonym*: safeguard, measure, provision

(1) airborne **precaution**, (2) take extra **precautions**

As a **precaution**, the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.

## enamored

*adj.* deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for

*synonym*: captivated, smitten, in love

(1) **enamored** of the idea, (2) **enamored** of bygone days

He had been **enamored** with her since the first time he saw her.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym* : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## hire

*v.* to give somebody a job

*synonym* : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

## bunch

*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

*synonym* : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

## pentagon

*n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

*synonym* : five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

## squadron

*n.* a military unit consisting of a headquarters and several units or subunits, typically composed of two or more flights of aircraft

*synonym* : flight, air wing, air group

(1) **squadron** leader, (2) bomber **squadron**

The combined **squadron** was responsible for protecting the airspace of the country.

## desert

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

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**  
This region is predominantly **desert**.

## equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

*synonym*: prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

## missile

n. a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism

*synonym*: projectile, rocket, bomb

(1) **missile** defense, (2) cruise **missile** attack

The military launched a ballistic **missile** at the enemy's stronghold.

## launch

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

*synonym*: start, initiate, begin

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

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

## rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

*synonym*: do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

## fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

*synonym*: pine, spruce, cedar



(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

## attempt

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

*synonym*: endeavor, effort, try

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

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

## scourge

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

*synonym*: plague, disaster, curse

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

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

## audit

*n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation

*synonym*: review, examination, inspection

(1) **audit** the books, (2) **audit** accounts

Our company will be **audited** by an accountant next week.

## brilliantly

*adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

*synonym*: brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

## signature

*n.* a person's name, often handwritten, written in a distinctive way as a form of identification or authorization; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is a hallmark or identifying mark of something or someone

*synonym*: autograph, mark, handwriting

(1) **signature** dish, (2) artist's **signature**

The lawyer confirmed that the **signature** on the contract was genuine.

## drone

*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

*synonym*: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym*: offspring, descendant, progeny

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

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

## devastating

*adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage

*synonym*: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

## precision

*n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate

*synonym*: accuracy, exactness, rigor

(1) a **precision** instrument, (2) speak with **precision**

This operation requires both patience and **precision**.

## suspect

*v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

*synonym*: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

## militant

*n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

*synonym* : combative, aggressive, bellicose

(1) **militant** nations, (2) a **militant** reformer

The **militant** group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

## strike

*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

*synonym* : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

## warfare

*n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

*synonym* : combat, fighting, conflict

(1) **warfare** aircraft, (2) spiritual **warfare**

The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern **warfare** tactics.

## crucial

*adj.* extremely vital or necessary

*synonym* : essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

## suicide

*n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally

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

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

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

## terror

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

*synonym* : fear, alarm, horror

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

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

## hundredfold

*adj.* a hundred times as great or as much

(1) rise nearly **hundredfold**, (2) improve **hundredfold**

The development team reported two **hundredfold** increases in performance.

## efficient

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

*synonym*: productive, effective, competent

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

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

## killing

*n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

*synonym*: slaughter, homicide, assassination

(1) **killing** spree, (2) profit- **killing**

The **killing** of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.

## motto

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

*synonym*: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## opposition

*n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

*synonym*: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

## infatuate

*v.* to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something

*synonym*: beguile, captivate, charm

(1) **infatuate** the audience, (2) make me **infatuated**

He has been **infatuated** with her since he met her.

## complexity

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

*synonym*: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

## postscript

*n.* (also denoted as "P.S. ") an additional remark or note added at the end of a letter or other document after the main body has been completed; something that is added as an afterthought or supplemental information

*synonym*: P.S., addendum, afterword

(1) **postscript** message, (2) short **postscript**

I wrote a **postscript** at the bottom of the invitation, informing guests to bring their drinks.

## fabulous

*adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories

*synonym*: amazing, wonderful, astonishing

(1) a **fabulous** price, (2) a **fabulous** monster

Thank you for inviting such a **fabulous** party tonight.

## gay

*adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree

*synonym*: cheerful, lively, joyful

(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights

The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

## nuclear

*adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

*synonym* : atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

## typical

*adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

*synonym* : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

## irony

*n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

*synonym* : sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

## toll

*n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

*synonym* : fee, cost, expense

(1) a **toll** road, (2) **toll** a bell at his death

There is no **toll** car park nearby.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. h\_\_e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
2. no\_\_\_\_e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
3. biological imp\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
4. ty\_\_\_\_l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
5. le\_\_r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
6. ra\_\_r scanning *n.* a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen
7. co\_\_\_\_se the recent past *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
8. ki\_\_\_\_g spree *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
9. inc\_\_\_\_ry bombs *adj.* intended to cause fires, arson, or combustible materials; capable of causing a fire
10. have ex\_\_\_\_ve vocabulary *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range

ANSWERS: 1. hire, 2. nowhere, 3. impediment, 4. typical, 5. lever, 6. radar, 7. comprise, 8. killing, 9. incendiary, 10. extensive

11. low al\_\_\_\_de *n.* the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level
12. fe\_\_\_\_l funding *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
13. g\_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
14. fairly ty\_\_\_\_l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
15. acquire te\_\_\_\_ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
16. 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
17. musical ins\_\_\_\_nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
18. cr\_\_e manners *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
19. vi\_\_\_\_l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
20. d\_d grenade *n.* any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate

ANSWERS: 11. altitude, 12. federal, 13. gay, 14. typical, 15. territory, 16. prop, 17. instrument, 18. crude, 19. visual, 20. dud



21. si\_\_\_t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
22. company mo\_\_\_o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
23. ess\_\_\_\_\_ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
24. ultimate gr\_\_\_l *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
25. en\_\_\_\_\_ed of the idea *adj.* deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for
26. 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
27. eq\_\_\_p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
28. somatic nar\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
29. toxic ch\_\_\_\_\_als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
30. pu\_\_\_y system *n.* a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects
31. high imp\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

ANSWERS: 21. silent, 22. motto, 23. essentially, 24. grail, 25. enamored, 26. photograph, 27. equip, 28. narcissist, 29. chemical, 30. pulley, 31. importance

32. close a\_\_y *n.* a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war
33. st\_\_\_e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
34. on a qu\_\_t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
35. holy gr\_\_l *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
36. a man of imp\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
37. de\_\_\_t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
38. we\_\_h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
39. time-saving ga\_\_\_\_t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
40. mo\_\_l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
41. a thrust be\_\_\_\_\_g *n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another
42. a reckless at\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

ANSWERS: 32. ally, 33. strike, 34. quest, 35. grail, 36. importance, 37. desert, 38. weigh, 39. gadget, 40. moral, 41. bearing, 42. attempt

43. ex\_\_\_\_\_te crafts *adj.* extremely beautiful and delicate
44. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
45. moral imp\_\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* very important or requiring attention or action
46. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
47. rag d\_\_l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
48. la\_\_\_h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
49. nuclear ph\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
50. central th\_\_e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
51. a remote re\_\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
52. energy-ef\_\_\_\_\_nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
53. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

ANSWERS: 43. exquisite, 44. progression, 45. imperative, 46. absolutely, 47. doll, 48. launch, 49. physics, 50. theme, 51. relative, 52. efficient, 53. extraordinary

54. pi\_\_\_\_\_nt the problem      *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
55. take the ga\_\_e of a situation      *n.* an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something
56. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear      *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
57. eq\_\_p our children with some special skills      *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
58. de\_\_\_t body odor      *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
59. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship      *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
60. imp\_\_\_\_\_ve need      *adj.* very important or requiring attention or action
61. mo\_\_\_g ceremony      *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
62. di\_\_\_\_\_e whereabouts      *v.* to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden
63. do\_\_\_\_\_wn building      *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
64. laws of ph\_\_\_\_\_s      *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
65. do\_\_\_\_\_wn traffic      *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city

ANSWERS: 54. pinpoint, 55. gauge, 56. obsess, 57. equip, 58. defeat, 59. grandchild, 60. imperative, 61. moving, 62. divulge, 63. downtown, 64. physics, 65. downtown

66. cr\_\_\_\_l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
67. g\_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
68. come out of no\_\_\_\_e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
69. a h\_\_y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
70. dull si\_\_t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
71. the speaker's dr\_\_e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
72. en\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
73. te\_\_\_\_ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
74. get inc\_\_\_\_ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
75. gy\_\_\_\_pe sensor *n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems
76. su\_\_\_\_n bed *n.* a darkening of the skin due to exposure to the sun, often as a result of deliberate sunbathing or outdoor activities with prolonged exposure to bright sunlight

ANSWERS: 66. crucial, 67. gay, 68. nowhere, 69. holy, 70. sight, 71. drone, 72. engineer, 73. territory, 74. incredibly, 75. gyroscope, 76. suntan

77. an unexpected si\_\_t                      *n.*    the ability to see; anything that is seen
78. re\_\_r to a map                              *v.*    to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
79. a mi\_\_\_\_ry leader                        *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
80. ob\_\_\_s over her weight                    *v.*    to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
81. a g\_\_m-free environment                *n.*    a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
82. do\_\_\_\_er through fear                    *v.*    to assert one's authority or control over others in an arrogant or overbearing manner; to tyrannize or exercise undue influence over others; to impose one's will forcefully and oppressively
83. au\_\_t the books                            *n.*    an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
84. ex\_\_\_e the crowd                            *v.*    to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
85. co\_\_\_\_se a large percentage            *v.*    to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

ANSWERS: 77. sight, 78. refer, 79. military, 80. obsess, 81. germ, 82. domineer, 83. audit, 84. excite, 85. comprise

86. make me in\_\_\_\_\_ted *v.* to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something
87. treat this dev\_\_\_\_\_ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
88. se\_\_\_\_\_ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
89. sl\_\_e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
90. disarm the b\_\_b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
91. ir\_\_y humor *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
92. before Ch\_\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
93. t\_\_l a bell at his death *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
94. the per\_\_\_\_\_ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
95. half-a\_\_e parcel *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

ANSWERS: 86. infatuate, 87. devastating, 88. secondly, 89. slide, 90. bomb, 91. irony, 92. Christ, 93. toll, 94. percentage, 95. acre

96. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
97. show ge\_\_\_\_\_e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
98. ind\_\_\_\_\_al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
99. au\_\_t accounts *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
100. em\_\_\_\_\_te for better opportunities *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
101. tr\_\_\_h excavator *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
102. use of nu\_\_\_\_\_r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
103. sq\_\_\_\_\_on leader *n.* a military unit consisting of a headquarters and several units or subunits, typically composed of two or more flights of aircraft
104. ha\_\_\_\_\_ff his wrists *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

ANSWERS: 96. statistics, 97. genuine, 98. industrial, 99. audit, 100. emigrate, 101.



trench, 102. nuclear, 103. squadron, 104. handcuff

105. blank ca\_\_\_s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
106. inc\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
107. bri\_\_\_\_\_ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
108. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
109. al\_\_\_\_\_te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
110. beginning of the ind\_\_\_\_\_al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
111. plastic d\_\_l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
112. pi\_\_\_e a cucumber *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
113. su\_\_\_\_\_t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
114. mo\_\_\_n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
115. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
116. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 105. canvas, 106. incredibly, 107. brilliantly, 108. bunch, 109. alternate, 110. industrial, 111. doll, 112. pickle, 113. suspect, 114. modern, 115. complexity, 116. excite

117. inc\_\_\_\_\_le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
118. have an up\_\_t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
119. 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
120. es\_\_\_t for VIPs *n.* a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination
121. rise nearly hun\_\_\_\_\_ld *adj.* a hundred times as great or as much
122. f\_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
123. te\_\_\_r group *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
124. su\_\_\_\_\_e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
125. military st\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
126. strong and co\_\_\_\_\_ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 117. incredible, 118. upset, 119. photograph, 120. escort, 121. hundredfold, 122. fir, 123. terror, 124. suicide, 125. strategy, 126. committed

127. become increasingly com\_\_\_\_\_ed     *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
128. a ge\_\_\_\_\_e article     *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
129. e\_o defense mechanisms     *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
130. pi\_\_\_\_\_e barrel     *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
131. ef\_\_\_\_\_nt operation     *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
132. an a\_\_\_e of forest     *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
133. a ba\_\_\_l of beer     *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
134. provide ac\_\_\_\_\_te information     *adj.* correct and exact in all details
135. the ac\_\_\_\_\_cy of his compass     *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

ANSWERS: 127. complicated, 128. genuine, 129. ego, 130. pickle, 131. efficient, 132. acre, 133. barrel, 134. accurate, 135. accuracy

136. di\_\_\_e the cake into two pieces      *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
137. remain sta\_\_\_\_\_ry      *adj.* not moving or not capable of being changed
138. re\_\_\_\_\_ve factors      *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
139. the at\_\_\_\_\_t to rescue the hostages      *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
140. ice cream c\_\_\_e      *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
141. de\_\_\_\_\_p a skill      *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
142. improve hun\_\_\_\_\_ld      *adj.* a hundred times as great or as much
143. coo\_\_\_\_\_te a special project      *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
144. pe\_\_\_\_\_on building      *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

ANSWERS: 136. divide, 137. stationary, 138. relative, 139. attempt, 140. cone, 141. develop, 142. hundredfold, 143. coordinate, 144. pentagon

145. ascend to he\_\_\_n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
146. have a speech imp\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something
147. a handy ga\_\_\_t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
148. s\_\_t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
149. sc\_\_\_\_\_e of AIDS *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
150. pressure ga\_\_e *n.* an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something
151. bring a sc\_\_\_\_\_e under control *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
152. di\_\_\_\_\_e information *v.* to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden

ANSWERS: 145. heaven, 146. impediment, 147. gadget, 148. suit, 149. scourge, 150. gauge, 151. scourge, 152. divulge

153. wa\_\_\_\_e aircraft *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
154. a fa\_\_\_\_us monster *adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
155. sw\_\_r a blue streak *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
156. tracking de\_\_\_e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
157. ro\_\_\_\_\_ly scheduled maintenance *adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected
158. a gray mu\_\_\_\_he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
159. a pr\_\_\_\_\_on instrument *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
160. 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
161. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
162. pr\_\_\_\_us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
163. a bu\_\_h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
164. the e\_a of the Renaissance *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

ANSWERS: 153. warfare, 154. fabulous, 155. swear, 156. device, 157. routinely, 158. mustache, 159. precision, 160. prop, 161. progression, 162. precious, 163. bunch, 164. era

165. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
166. a\_\_y with a company *n.* a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war
167. common in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
168. the meridian al\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level
169. every al\_\_\_\_\_te year *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
170. sh\_\_\_\_d of mystery *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
171. the court se\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
172. en\_\_\_\_\_ed of bygone days *adj.* deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for
173. vi\_\_\_\_\_y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
174. dawn of a new e\_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
175. bri\_\_\_\_\_ly lit *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

ANSWERS: 165. complexity, 166. ally, 167. invention, 168. altitude, 169. alternate, 170. shroud, 171. session, 172. enamored, 173. victory, 174. era, 175. brilliantly



176. la\_\_\_h a big attack      *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
177. ca\_\_\_\_\_e customers' hearts      *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
178. a military be\_\_\_\_\_g      *n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another
179. fe\_\_\_\_\_l regulations      *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
180. ro\_\_\_\_\_ly check      *adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected
181. d\_d investment      *n.* any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate
182. ma\_\_a from heaven      *n.* a sweet-tasting and nutritious substance that, according to the Bible, was provided by God to the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness; any unexpected or miraculous source of sustenance or benefit

ANSWERS: 176. launch, 177. capture, 178. bearing, 179. federal, 180. routinely, 181. dud, 182. manna

183. big mu\_\_\_\_\_he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
184. de\_\_\_\_\_yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
185. a ch\_\_\_\_\_al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
186. a coo\_\_\_\_\_te clause *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
187. soy sa\_\_e *n.* a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
188. es\_\_\_\_\_al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
189. pre-mo\_\_\_\_n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
190. nu\_\_\_\_\_r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
191. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
192. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
193. deep-sea tr\_\_\_\_h *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

ANSWERS: 183. mustache, 184. destroy, 185. chemical, 186. coordinate, 187. sauce, 188. essential, 189. modern, 190. nuclear, 191. obvious, 192. extraordinary, 193. trench

194. artist's si\_\_\_\_\_re      *n.* a person's name, often handwritten, written in a distinctive way as a form of identification or authorization; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is a hallmark or identifying mark of something or someone
195. bomber sq\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a military unit consisting of a headquarters and several units or subunits, typically composed of two or more flights of aircraft
196. 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
197. a com\_\_\_\_\_ed process      *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
198. oil on ca\_\_\_\_s      *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
199. give si\_\_\_\_t consent      *adj.* without any or little sound
200. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld development      *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
201. sl\_\_e a card across the table      *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
202. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m      *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
203. dr\_\_e flight      *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 194. signature, 195. squadron, 196. crack, 197. complicated, 198. canvas, 199. silent, 200. grandchild, 201. slide, 202. germ, 203. drone

204. in a co\_\_\_\_\_ed relationship      *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
205. pl\_\_\_\_\_as window      *n.* a transparent plastic material that is often used as a substitute for glass in various applications, such as airplane windows and aquariums
206. do\_\_\_\_\_er in a situation      *v.* to assert one's authority or control over others in an arrogant or overbearing manner; to tyrannize or exercise undue influence over others; to impose one's will forcefully and oppressively
207. a man of ex\_\_\_\_\_te sensitivity      *adj.* extremely beautiful and delicate
208. promise an o\_\_h      *n.* a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty
209. meet with opp\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
210. \$30 a ba\_\_\_l      *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
211. equilateral pe\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

ANSWERS: 204. committed, 205. plexiglas, 206. domineer, 207. exquisite, 208. oath, 209. opposition, 210. barrel, 211. pentagon

212. f\_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
213. the morning se\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
214. si\_\_\_\_\_re dish *n.* a person's name, often handwritten, written in a distinctive way as a form of identification or authorization; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is a hallmark or identifying mark of something or someone
215. atomic b\_\_bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
216. the per\_\_\_\_\_ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
217. teaching of Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
218. ina\_\_\_\_\_te figures *adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard
219. price of pr\_\_\_\_\_us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
220. se\_\_\_\_\_ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 212. fir, 213. session, 214. signature, 215. bomb, 216. perspective, 217. Christ, 218. inaccurate, 219. precious, 220. secondly

221. price of cr\_\_e oil *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
222. ra\_\_r air traffic control *n.* a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen
223. a gear change le\_\_r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
224. national e\_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
225. a mi\_\_\_\_\_nt reformer *n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
226. a per\_\_\_\_\_ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
227. su\_\_\_\_\_t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
228. h\_\_e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
229. pe\_\_\_\_\_er fence *n.* the outer boundary of an area or the length of this boundary; the distance around the edge of something
230. sw\_\_r an oath *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
231. relationship with a nar\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
232. inc\_\_\_\_\_ry speech *adj.* intended to cause fires, arson, or combustible materials; capable of causing a fire

ANSWERS: 221. crude, 222. radar, 223. lever, 224. ego, 225. militant, 226. perspective, 227. suspect, 228. hire, 229. perimeter, 230. swear, 231. narcissist, 232. incendiary

233. as\_\_\_e an important role      *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
234. de\_\_\_\_y the ecosystem      *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
235. re\_\_r to a book      *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
236. get up\_\_t      *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
237. become ess\_\_\_\_\_ly same      *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
238. te\_\_\_r attack      *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
239. as\_\_\_e a lousy attitude to his boss      *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
240. profit-ki\_\_\_\_g      *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

ANSWERS: 233. assume, 234. destroy, 235. refer, 236. upset, 237. essentially, 238. terror, 239. assume, 240. killing

241. an an\_\_\_g watch *adj.* relating to or using signals or information represented by a continuous physical quantity such as spatial position, voltage, etc.
242. a flavorful sa\_\_e *n.* a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
243. ma\_\_a in the desert *n.* a sweet-tasting and nutritious substance that, according to the Bible, was provided by God to the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness; any unexpected or miraculous source of sustenance or benefit
244. bitter ir\_\_y *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
245. f\_\_m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
246. cruise mi\_\_\_\_\_e attack *n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism
247. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 241. analog, 242. sauce, 243. manna, 244. irony, 245. firm, 246. missile, 247. statistics



248. surgical ins\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
249. airborne pre\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
250. cal\_\_\_\_\_on of loss and gain *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
251. make a cal\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
252. ac\_\_\_\_\_te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
253. inertial navigation gy\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems
254. sh\_\_\_\_d of suspicion *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
255. a h\_\_y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
256. develop a st\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
257. digitization of an\_\_\_\_g sounds *adj.* relating to or using signals or information represented by a continuous physical quantity such as spatial position, voltage, etc.

ANSWERS: 248. instrument, 249. precaution, 250. calculation, 251. calculation, 252. accurate, 253. gyroscope, 254. shroud, 255. holy, 256. strategy, 257. analog

258. a t\_\_l road *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
259. es\_\_\_\_\_al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
260. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
261. mi\_\_\_\_\_nt nations *n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
262. a cr\_\_\_\_\_l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
263. deep su\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a darkening of the skin due to exposure to the sun, often as a result of deliberate sunbathing or outdoor activities with prolonged exposure to bright sunlight
264. vi\_\_\_\_\_y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
265. break free from ha\_\_\_\_\_fs *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
266. pos\_\_\_\_\_pt message *n.* (also denoted as "P.S. ") an additional remark or note added at the end of a letter or other document after the main body has been completed; something that is added as an afterthought or supplemental information

ANSWERS: 258. toll, 259. essential, 260. engineer, 261. militant, 262. crucial, 263. suntan, 264. victory, 265. handcuff, 266. postscript

267. movable pu\_\_\_y *n.* a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects
268. commit su\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
269. pl\_\_\_\_\_as partition *n.* a transparent plastic material that is often used as a substitute for glass in various applications, such as airplane windows and aquariums
270. ina\_\_\_\_\_te measurement *adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard
271. 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
272. de\_\_\_\_\_p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
273. bom\_\_\_\_\_er aircraft *n.* a person who operates the bombsights and releases bombs from a bomber aircraft
274. de\_\_\_t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
275. oasis in the de\_\_\_t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

ANSWERS: 267. pulley, 268. suicide, 269. plexiglas, 270. inaccurate, 271. crack, 272. develop, 273. bombardier, 274. defeat, 275. desert

276. get r\_d of the rats                    *v.*    to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
277. s\_\_t at law                            *n.*    a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
278. a high per\_\_\_\_\_ge                *n.*    the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
279. opp\_\_\_\_\_on campaign            *n.*    the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
280. pi\_\_\_\_\_nt signs of manipulation    *v.*    to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
281. bom\_\_\_\_\_er role                    *n.*    a person who operates the bombsights and releases bombs from a bomber aircraft
282. o\_\_h of allegiance                    *n.*    a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty
283. su\_\_\_r a setback                      *v.*    to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
284. sta\_\_\_\_\_ry bike                      *adj.* not moving or not capable of being changed

ANSWERS: 276. rid, 277. suit, 278. percentage, 279. opposition, 280. pinpoint, 281. bombardier, 282. oath, 283. suffer, 284. stationary

285. ha\_\_\_e a precious object      *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
286. ob\_\_\_\_s reasons      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
287. mo\_\_l burden      *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
288. personal es\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination
289. the in\_\_\_\_\_on of new techniques      *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
290. su\_\_\_r bad grades      *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
291. ca\_\_\_\_e a glimpse      *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
292. r\_d the body of waste products      *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
293. speak with pr\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
294. traffic c\_\_e      *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end

ANSWERS: 285. handle, 286. obvious, 287. moral, 288. escort, 289. invention, 290. suffer, 291. capture, 292. rid, 293. precision, 294. cone

295. short pos\_\_\_\_\_pt *n.* (also denoted as "P.S. ") an additional remark or note added at the end of a letter or other document after the main body has been completed; something that is added as an afterthought or supplemental information
296. a fa\_\_\_\_\_us price *adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
297. degree of ac\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
298. th\_\_e park *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
299. st\_\_\_e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
300. have dev\_\_\_\_\_ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
301. di\_\_\_e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
302. he\_\_\_n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
303. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
304. field of vi\_\_\_l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 295. postscript, 296. fabulous, 297. accuracy, 298. theme, 299. strike, 300. devastating, 301. divide, 302. heaven, 303. absolutely, 304. visual

305. electronic de\_\_\_e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
306. accounting f\_\_\_m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
307. in\_\_\_\_\_te the audience *v.* to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something
308. em\_\_\_\_\_te to a new country *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
309. at inc\_\_\_\_\_le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
310. spiritual wa\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
311. the qu\_\_t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
312. ha\_\_\_ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
313. take extra pre\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
314. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve experience *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
315. mi\_\_\_\_\_e defense *n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism

ANSWERS: 305. device, 306. firm, 307. infatuate, 308. emigrate, 309. incredible, 310. warfare, 311. quest, 312. handle, 313. precaution, 314. extensive, 315. missile

316. we\_\_h heavily on stock prices      *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
317. a mi\_\_\_\_ry operation      *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
318. mo\_\_\_g experience      *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
319. the mo\_\_o for safe traffic      *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 316. weigh, 317. military, 318. moving, 319. motto



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
2. The official transcript contains \_\_\_\_\_ academic records.  
*adj.* correct and exact in all details
3. The farm covers over 200 \_\_\_\_\_ of land.  
*n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
4. She was constantly trying to boost her \_\_\_\_ by talking about her accomplishments.  
*n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
5. This operation requires both patience and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
6. The combined \_\_\_\_\_ was responsible for protecting the airspace of the country.  
*n.* a military unit consisting of a headquarters and several units or subunits, typically composed of two or more flights of aircraft
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. bunch, 2. accurate, 3. acres, 4. ego, 5. precision, 6. squadron, 7. prop

8. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.
- v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
9. I spent the day at the beach and got a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a darkening of the skin due to exposure to the sun, often as a result of deliberate sunbathing or outdoor activities with prolonged exposure to bright sunlight
10. The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern \_\_\_\_\_ tactics.
- n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
11. He studied the \_\_\_\_\_ of radiation.
- n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
12. The arsonist used an \_\_\_\_\_ device to start the fire.
- adj.* intended to cause fires, arson, or combustible materials; capable of causing a fire
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the spacecraft helps to stabilize its orientation during the mission.
- n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems
14. He tends to \_\_\_\_\_ over his subordinates, making it difficult for them to express their ideas.
- v.* to assert one's authority or control over others in an arrogant or overbearing manner; to tyrannize or exercise undue influence over others; to impose one's will forcefully and oppressively

ANSWERS: 8. defeat, 9. suntan, 10. warfare, 11. physics, 12. incendiary, 13. gyroscope, 14. domineer

15. The military launched a ballistic \_\_\_\_\_ at the enemy's stronghold.  
*n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism
16. He decided to take a walk \_\_\_\_\_ area to explore the city.  
*adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
17. The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
18. He took an \_\_\_\_\_ to uphold the law as a police officer.  
*n.* a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty
19. Our company will be \_\_\_\_\_ by an accountant next week.  
*n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
20. The police officer put \_\_\_\_\_ on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.  
*n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
21. \_\_\_\_\_ vehicles in traffic jams produce a tremendous amount of pollution.  
*adj.* not moving or not capable of being changed

ANSWERS: 15. missile, 16. downtown, 17. pentagon, 18. oath, 19. audited, 20. handcuffs, 21. Stationary

22. Many people \_\_\_\_\_ from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.  
*v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.  
*adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
24. Thank you for inviting such a \_\_\_\_\_ party tonight.  
*adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
25. The construction company \_\_\_\_\_ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.  
*v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
26. We cannot afford to squander \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
27. A \_\_\_\_\_ was being dug alongside the road by workers.  
*n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
28. The lawyer confirmed that the \_\_\_\_\_ on the contract was genuine.  
*n.* a person's name, often handwritten, written in a distinctive way as a form of identification or authorization; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is a hallmark or identifying mark of something or someone
29. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; \_\_\_\_\_ we will go over the schedule.  
*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 22. emigrated, 23. military, 24. fabulous, 25. equipped, 26. precious, 27. trench, 28. signature, 29. secondly,

30. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

31. He played the piano \_\_\_\_\_ at the concert.

*adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

32. The firm has grown into a large \_\_\_\_\_ manufacturing.

*adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;

33. We all should learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ stress.

*v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

34. Please \_\_\_\_\_ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

*v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

35. I wrote a \_\_\_\_\_ at the bottom of the invitation, informing guests to bring their drinks.

*n.* (also denoted as "P.S. ") an additional remark or note added at the end of a letter or other document after the main body has been completed; something that is added as an afterthought or supplemental information

36. The \_\_\_\_\_ shield protected the workers from flying debris.

*n.* a transparent plastic material that is often used as a substitute for glass in various applications, such as airplane windows and aquariums

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

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

ANSWERS: 30. obvious, 31. brilliantly, 32. chemical, 33. handle, 34. refer, 35. postscript, 36. plexiglass, 37. scourge

38. The third \_\_\_\_\_ was far more successful.

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

39. He narrated the \_\_\_\_\_ story of his adventure.

*adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

40. The guard patrolled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the building.

*n.* the outer boundary of an area or the length of this boundary; the distance around the edge of something

41. One rotten apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

42. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.

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

43. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

44. He was awfully \_\_\_\_\_ by the news.

*adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

45. The incident attracted \_\_\_\_\_ media coverage throughout the world.

*adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range

46. The cleaning lady comes on \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesdays.

*adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly

ANSWERS: 38. attempt, 39. extraordinary, 40. perimeter, 41. barrel, 42. modern, 43. incredible, 44. upset, 45. extensive, 46. alternate

47. The \_\_\_\_\_ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
48. He felt like \_\_\_\_\_ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.
- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
49. The older man \_\_\_\_\_ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
50. He has been \_\_\_\_\_ with her since he met her.
- v.* to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something
51. They gathered to hear the \_\_\_\_\_ teachings of the guru.
- adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
52. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
53. The \_\_\_\_\_ government announced new regulations to protect the environment.
- adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
54. \_\_\_\_\_ cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.
- n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end

ANSWERS: 47. opposition, 48. heaven, 49. suffers, 50. infatuated, 51. holy, 52. relatives, 53. federal, 54. Cone-shaped

55. The pasta dish was served with a rich tomato \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
56. He heard a \_\_\_\_\_ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
- n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
57. The cops \_\_\_\_\_ him of being the killer.
- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
58. The building makes a remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ impact.
- adj.* relating to seeing or sight
59. An \_\_\_\_\_ of bodyguards surrounded the celebrity to keep fans safe.
- n.* a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination
60. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of \_\_\_\_\_ weapons.
- adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
61. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
62. The company is set to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product line next month.
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 55. sauce, 56. drone, 57. suspected, 58. visual, 59. escort, 60. nuclear, 61. engineer, 62. launch



63. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

64. He thinks she is a high \_\_\_\_\_ because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

*n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

65. \_\_\_\_\_ a society is an organism.

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

66. His \_\_\_\_\_ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

*adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

67. This electronic \_\_\_\_\_ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

*n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

68. The smell of fresh \_\_\_ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

*n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

69. The \_\_\_ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

*adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree

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

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

ANSWERS: 63. motto, 64. narcissist, 65. Essentially, 66. moving, 67. instrument, 68. fir, 69. gay, 70. sights

71. I always carry a backup \_\_\_\_\_ in case my phone runs out of battery.  
*n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
72. He promised not to \_\_\_\_\_ confidential information to anyone.  
*v.* to reveal or make known something that was previously secret or confidential; to disclose information that was previously concealed or hidden
73. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.  
*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
74. We can hear an \_\_\_\_\_ piano melody from his room.  
*adj.* extremely beautiful and delicate
75. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.  
*n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
76. I \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't mean to break your vase.  
*v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
77. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ 123321 by eleven?  
*v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
78. The development team reported two \_\_\_\_\_ increases in performance.  
*adj.* a hundred times as great or as much
79. To assure \_\_\_\_\_ I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.  
*n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

ANSWERS: 71. device, 72. divulge, 73. assumes, 74. exquisite, 75. irony, 76. swear, 77. divide, 78. hundredfold, 79. accuracy,

80. They \_\_\_\_\_ conduct fire drills to ensure everyone in the building knows what to do in an emergency.

*adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected

81. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

82. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

83. Our company is strongly \_\_\_\_\_ to meeting customers' needs.

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

84. The search for the \_\_\_\_\_ is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.

*n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

85. I found the kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

*n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

86. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

87. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 80. routinely, 81. develop, 82. strategy, 83. committed, 84. grail, 85. gadget, 86. era, 87. strike

88. His \_\_\_\_\_ jokes made her angry.

*adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

89. The bomb blast spread \_\_\_\_\_ among the people.

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

90. The construction worker used a fixed \_\_\_\_\_ to lift the heavy equipment to the top floor.

*n.* a wheel or set of wheels with a grooved rim around which a cord or rope runs, used to change the direction or point of application of a force, especially to lift heavy objects

91. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

92. Our country is a traditional \_\_\_\_\_ of England.

*n.* a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war

93. The building was \_\_\_\_\_ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

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

94. The use of cluster \_\_\_\_\_ is strictly prohibited by international law.

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

95. The plane flew at a high \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid turbulence.

*n.* the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level

ANSWERS: 88. crude, 89. terror, 90. pulley, 91. excited, 92. ally, 93. destroyed, 94. bombs, 95. altitude

96. Is this painting \_\_\_\_\_ or forged?

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

97. The language barrier was an \_\_\_\_\_ to their communication.

*n.* a hindrance or obstruction in doing something

98. Parliament is now in \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

99. Six \_\_\_\_\_ are awaiting trial or verdict.

*n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

100. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

101. The \_\_\_\_\_ of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.

*n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

102. The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ has become an icon.

*n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

103. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 96. genuine, 97. impediment, 98. session, 99. suits, 100. importance, 101. killing, 102. mustache, 103. germ

104. 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

105. The new product turned out to be a \_\_\_\_ and could have sold better in the market.

- n.* any product, project, or person that doesn't perform or live up to expectations; a rejected or useless item, especially an explosive device that fails to detonate

106. There is no \_\_\_\_ car park nearby.

- n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

107. Mercury thermometers are a type of \_\_\_\_\_ sensor.

- adj.* relating to or using signals or information represented by a continuous physical quantity such as spatial position, voltage, etc.

108. The \_\_\_\_ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

- adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

109. This region is predominantly \_\_\_\_\_.

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

110. The \_\_\_\_\_ must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

- n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 104. capture, 105. dud, 106. toll, 107. analog, 108. firm, 109. desert, 110. pickle

111. He had been \_\_\_\_\_ with her since the first time he saw her.

*adj.* deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for

112. 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

113. He did \_\_\_\_\_ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

*adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

114. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ 1 pound 3 oz.

*v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

115. The new washing machine is much more \_\_\_\_\_ than the old one.

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

116. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the consumption tax in the United States?

*n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

117. This typhoon was the most \_\_\_\_\_ in years.

*adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage

118. They incorporated the conquered \_\_\_\_\_ into their nation.

*n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state

ANSWERS: 111. enamored, 112. crack, 113. complicated, 114. weighs, 115. efficient, 116. percentage, 117. devastating, 118. territory

119. The revitalization of technology companies is \_\_\_\_\_ to the country's growth.

*adj.* extremely vital or necessary

120. The \_\_\_\_\_ group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

*n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

121. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

122. As a \_\_\_\_\_ the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.

*n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness

123. In an economically prosperous country, most male \_\_\_\_\_ is due to child support problems.

*n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally

124. The antique \_\_\_\_\_ was worth thousands of dollars.

*n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

125. This initiative will be a \_\_\_\_\_ for increasing company sales.

*n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

126. The error in the \_\_\_\_\_ was attributable to rounding.

*n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

127. His father's death changed his whole \_\_\_\_\_ on life.

*n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 119. crucial, 120. militant, 121. grandchild, 122. precaution, 123. suicide, 124. doll, 125. lever, 126. calculation, 127. perspective



128. This radar quickly \_\_\_\_\_ the position of the enemy.  
*v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
129. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.  
*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
130. The company has made great strides in its \_\_\_\_\_ toward sustainability.  
*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
131. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.  
*n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
132. I've been thinking all day and getting \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
133. We must \_\_\_\_ ourselves of pollution.  
*v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
134. It is \_\_\_\_\_ for politicians to be effective communicators.  
*adj.* very important or requiring attention or action
135. The protective \_\_\_\_\_ covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.  
*n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

ANSWERS: 128. pinpoints, 129. complexity, 130. progression, 131. statistics, 132. nowhere, 133. rid, 134. imperative, 135. shroud

136. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.

*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

137. In the desert, the travelers survived by eating \_\_\_\_\_ a miraculous food on the ground.

*n.* a sweet-tasting and nutritious substance that, according to the Bible, was provided by God to the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness; any unexpected or miraculous source of sustenance or benefit

138. The information in the report was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ so it had to be corrected before it was published.

*adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard

139. This artwork is \_\_\_\_\_ of her work.

*adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

140. That adventurer traveled in \_\_\_\_\_ of buried treasure.

*n.* a long or challenging search for something

141. The enemy's \_\_\_\_\_ dropped the bombs on the target.

*n.* a person who operates the bombsights and releases bombs from a bomber aircraft

142. We are optimistic about our final \_\_\_\_\_.

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

143. \_\_\_\_\_ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

*adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry

ANSWERS: 136. obsessed, 137. manna, 138. inaccurate, 139. typical, 140. quest, 141. bombardier, 142. victory, 143. Industrial

144. Several cities are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ high unemployment rates.

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

145. \_\_\_\_\_ systems cannot spot the submarine.

*n.* a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen

146. Life is a vast \_\_\_\_\_ you should put as much paint on it as possible.

*n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

147. Trial and error is an \_\_\_\_\_ part of education.

*adj.* indispensable; fundamental

148. 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

149. The team \_\_\_\_\_ players from different countries.

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

150. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.

*adj.* without any or little sound

151. If necessary, you can \_\_\_\_\_ the front seats forward.

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

152. Ethics deals with \_\_\_\_\_ conduct.

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

ANSWERS: 144. incredibly, 145. Radar, 146. canvas;, 147. essential, 148. photograph, 149. comprises, 150. silent, 151. slide, 152. moral

153. We should always be prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ talented recruits.

*v.* to give somebody a job

154. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ a schedule for the investigation.

*v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

155. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

*n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

156. The pilot had to adjust the plane's \_\_\_\_\_ to stay on course.

*n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

157. We use various precision \_\_\_\_\_ in the manufacturing process of machinery.

*n.* an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something

158. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

159. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

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

160. I am \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to his idea because of morality.

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 153. hire, 154. coordinate, 155. theme, 156. bearing, 157. gauges, 158. invention, 159. Christmas, 160. absolutely

ANSWERS: