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Session 1: Word List

paradise

n. a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth

synonym: heaven, Eden, utopia

(1) **paradise** island, (2) **paradise** for criminals

Hawaii is often referred to as an everlasting summer

paradise.

virgin

n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

synonym: virtuous, vestal, beginner

(1) **virgin** material, (2) enter **virgin** territory

Within a few years, no **virgin** forests will remain.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form

high in the atmosphere.

union

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

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

Muslim

n. a follower of the religion of Islam

synonym: Islamic, believer

(1) predominantly **Muslim** country, (2) **Muslim** culture

The **Muslim** community in the city is small but growing.

disconcert

v. to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain

synonym: unsettle, perturb, discomfit

(1) **disconcert** his plans, (2) **disconcert** the enthusiast

His sudden departure **disconcerted** the team.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

toilsome

adj. involving hard work or labor; physically or mentally difficult or exhausting; requiring great effort or endurance

synonym : arduous, laborious, difficult

(1) **toilsome** task, (2) **toilsome** journey

The hike up the mountain was **toilsome**, requiring a lot of physical effort and endurance.

undertake

v. to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility

synonym : assume, take on, embark

(1) **undertake** an enterprise, (2) **undertake** routine duties

Young people in this country should **undertake** military duties.

wearisome

adj. causing fatigue, tiredness, or weariness; boring, monotonous, or tiresome; tending to make one feel weary or exhausted

synonym : tedious, tiresome, monotonous

(1) **wearisome** routine, (2) **wearisome** chores

The never-ending meetings were **wearisome**, making everyone tired and bored.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

jumble

v. to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or

confusing arrangement of things

synonym: mix, scramble, mess up

(1) **jumble** in some herbs and spices, (2) **jumble** together different colors

The children **jumbled** up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.

curl

v. to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

synonym: coil, curve, spiral

(1) **curl** around street corners, (2) a **curl** of smoke

The cat **curled** into a ball and went to sleep.

popcorn

n. a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack

synonym: popped corn, puffed corn, corn kernels

(1) a **popcorn** vendor, (2) **popcorn** kernels

We popped some **popcorn** and settled in to watch a movie.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym: excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym : cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym : expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

snippet

n. a small piece or brief extract of something

synonym : fragment, excerpt, brief

(1) **snippet** of wisdom, (2) code **snippet**

The journalist saved a **snippet** of the interview for later reference.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym : feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished

career as a consultant

favored

adj. preferred or supported over anyone or anything else
synonym : famous, popular, preferred

(1) **favored** by good weather, (2) **favored** candidates
He is **favored** with a privileged position because of his abilities.

fundamentalist

n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

synonym : extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**
He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

gear

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

synonym : equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever
She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

biography

n. the story of a person's life written by someone else

synonym : bio, memoir, life history

(1) **biography** of an actor, (2) medical **biography**
This is a well-recorded **biography**.

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**.

Arabic

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

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

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

wield

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

synonym: exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence

They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym: lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**

I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

verse

n. a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme

synonym : poetry, rhyme, stanza

(1) cited **verse**, (2) **verse** play

The poet recited a **verse** from her latest collection.

transliterate

v. to write or spell out words or text in a different script or alphabet while retaining the pronunciation and meaning of the original words

synonym : transcribe, transliterate, rewrite

(1) **transliterate** script, (2) **transliterate** names

I need to **transliterate** this text from Cyrillic to Latin script.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym : break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

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.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

outsider

n. a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

synonym : stranger, foreigner, alien

(1) **outsider** perspective, (2) **outsider** artist

Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an **outsider** at times.

agnostic

n. a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

synonym : skeptic, doubter, unbeliever

(1) **agnostic** world-view, (2) **agnostic** position

Her scientific background led her to be **agnostic** about the existence of a higher power.

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.

hubris

n. excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin

synonym : arrogance, conceit, pride

(1) political **hubris**, (2) **hubris** in business

The athlete's **hubris** resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym: fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

temptation

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

synonym: allure, attraction, enticement

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

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

skip

v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

synonym: bounce, spring, neglect

(1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast

We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.

mystical

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

synonym: occult, esoteric, enigmatic

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

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

chapter

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

synonym: section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

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.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym: all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

terrain

n. the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

synonym: land, geography, topography

(1) **terrain** map, (2) permafrost **terrain**

The mountainous **terrain** was rough and rocky.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

renew

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

synonym: renovate, restore, revitalize

(1) **renew** a contract, (2) **renew** its corporate image

I have to **renew** my passport by the middle of September.

reprise

n. a repetition or recurrence of something, particularly in music or performance, often referring to a repeated section or the return of a musical theme; a recurrence or restatement of an action, event, or situation

synonym : repeat, recurrence, renewal

(1) musical **reprise**, (2) theatrical **reprise**

The artist released a new album that included a **reprise** of some of his earlier songs.

bible

n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

synonym : authoritative book, holy book, doctrine

(1) a passage from the **Bible**, (2) believe **Bible** prophecy
Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology **bible**.

fig

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

(1) **fig** marigold, (2) **fig** tree

He ate the dried **figs** he had preserved.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym : absolutely, completely, perfectly

(1) **utterly** changed, (2) **utterly** ignorant

We are **utterly** opposed to any form of terrorism.

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym : expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over
He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym: existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**
The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

camel

n. a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions

(1) **camel** hair, (2) ride a **camel**
A **camel** has a hump on its back.

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**.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym: ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home
I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

rhythmic

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

synonym: measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace
The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

cadence

n. the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

synonym: rhythm, flow, beat

(1) **cadence** of footsteps, (2) regular **cadence**
The singer's voice had a beautiful **cadence**, and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.

recite

v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

synonym: repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article
He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**
The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

poem

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

synonym: ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead
A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

synonym: grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance
They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

- lord** *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
synonym : master, noble, peer
(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle
The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.
- pray** *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
synonym : implore, supplicate, entreat
(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain
She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.
- combine** *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend
(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,
(2) **combine** augmented reality
Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.
- incantation** *n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
synonym : spell, charm, enchantment
(1) **incantation** spell, (2) magic **incantation**
The witch performed an **incantation** to summon a demon from the depths of hell.
- hypnotic** *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
synonym : soothing, soporific, slumberous
(1) mild **hypnotic**, (2) **hypnotic** effect
His voice had a **hypnotic** quality for me.
- beg** *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym : plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym : explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym : lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

Arthurian

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

synonym: rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

promenade

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

synonym: stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

patience

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

synonym: forbearance, endurance, tolerance

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

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

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

degree

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

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

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

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

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym : understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

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

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

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

unmatched

adj. without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed

synonym : unrivaled, incomparable, peerless

(1) **unmatched** quality, (2) **unmatched** performance

The team's **unmatched** talent led them to victory in the championship game.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

masculine

adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

synonym : male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;
(verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym : integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

infamous

adj. having a reputation for being very bad or wicked

synonym : notorious, disreputable, scandalous

(1) an **infamous** crime, (2) acquire an **infamous** reputation

The **infamous** criminal was finally brought to justice.

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.

unbelief

n. a lack or absence of belief, typically in regard to religion or certain doctrines or ideas; skepticism or doubt

synonym : disbelief, skepticism, doubt

(1) strong **unbelief**, (2) moment of **unbelief**

His **unbelief** in supernatural phenomena led to conflicts with his religious family.

specific

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

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

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

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

anticipate

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

synonym : forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

conquest

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

synonym : subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

sanctuary

n. a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse

synonym : refuge, safety, haven

(1) an animal **sanctuary**, (2) violate a **sanctuary**

The church offered **sanctuary** to refugees fleeing from war-torn countries.

mecca

n. a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam

synonym : cynosure, center

(1) tourist **mecca**, (2) **mecca** for surfers

The building has become a **mecca** for fans of the movie.

forbidden

adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

synonym : prohibited, banned, illegal

(1) **forbidden** words, (2) **forbidden** love

Taking photographs inside the museum is **forbidden**.

permission

n. consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

synonym : approval, consent, authorization

(1) grant **permission**, (2) **permission** for permanent residence

I asked my boss for **permission** to leave early for a doctor's appointment.

hedge

n. a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions

synonym : border, fence, barrier

(1) snip at a **hedge**, (2) **hedge** fund firm

The best way to **hedge** financial risks is to diversify your portfolio.

qualify

v. to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege

synonym : permit, authorize, allow

(1) **qualify** as a candidate, (2) **qualify** for membership

The top three teams in this tournament **qualify** for the Olympics.

grace

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

synonym : charm, poise, elegance

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

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

pact

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

synonym : agreement, treaty, covenant

(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**

The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.

merciful

adj. having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency

synonym : compassionate, kind, lenient

(1) **merciful** gesture, (2) **merciful** punishment

The **merciful** judge decided to give the defendant a lighter sentence.

forgiveness

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

synonym : pardon, amnesty, compassion

(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**
He gained debt **forgiveness**.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym: foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

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.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym: adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

inflexible

adj. not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding

synonym: rigid, unyielding, unadaptable

(1) **inflexible** rule, (2) take an **inflexible** stance

His **inflexible** schedule did not allow for any changes.

definite

adj. clearly defined or determined; having no doubt or uncertainty; precise or exact

synonym: clear, certain, precise

(1) **definite** answer, (2) **definite** plan

My boss provided me with **definite** instructions on how to complete the project.

ambiguous

adj. open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

synonym : unclear, uncertain, equivocal

(1) **ambiguous** situation, (2) clarify **ambiguous** points

The instructions provided were **ambiguous** and confused the team.

perverse

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

synonym : stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude

His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym : uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

discord

n. lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

synonym : disharmony, disagreement, strife

(1) in **discord** with my friend, (2) **discord** between team members

Political **discord** has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.

subtle

adj. not readily apparent or visible

synonym : slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison
A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

old-fashioned

adj. of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
synonym: antiquated, ancient, outdated

(1) an **old-fashioned** person, (2) **old-fashioned** in appearance

My father is **old-fashioned** in his thinking.

orient

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

synonym: position, align, adjust

(1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient**
She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym: deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void
The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

maid

n. a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work

synonym: servant, housekeeper, domestic

(1) **maid** service, (2) a waiting **maid**

The live-in **maid** came in to clean the room every day.

swelling

n. an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury

synonym: bulge, bump, inflammation

(1) **swelling** of the ankle, (2) hard **swelling** on the body
After intensive icing by the trainer, the **swelling** went down.

breast

n. either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth

synonym: bosom, chest, bust

(1) **breast** cancer, (2) the mountain's **breast**

He grilled the **breast** meat of a chicken.

bosom

n. a woman's breasts or chest

synonym : breast, bust, chest

(1) a generous **bosom**, (2) a **bosom** friend

He carried a knife in his **bosom**.

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.

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

synonym : sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

angel

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

synonym : messenger, spirit, celestial being

(1) **angel** investors, (2) fallen **angel**

As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy **angel** standing at the foot of her bed.

eternal

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

synonym : endless, everlasting, undying

(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling

In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain **eternal** life.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym : renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the

1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

appealing

adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

synonym : attractive, alluring, captivating

(1) **appealing** design, (2) an **appealing** offer

The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very **appealing** to readers

prospect

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

synonym : hope, possibility, expectation

(1) **prospect** for gold, (2) job **prospects**

The **prospect** of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym : professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym : equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

strum

v. to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so

synonym : pluck, pick, play

(1) **strum** a ukulele, (2) **strum** chords

He loved to **strum** his guitar while singing his favorite songs.

harp

n. a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers

synonym : lyre, psaltery, clavichord

(1) **harp** strings, (2) Japanese **harp**

She began to play a beautiful melody on her **harp**.

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.

fecundity

n. the ability to produce an abundance of offspring or creative works; fertility; productivity

synonym : fertility, fruitfulness, productivity

(1) **fecundity** rate, (2) high **fecundity**

The **fecundity** of the soil in this area is ideal for growing crops.

Session 2: Spelling

1. su___e changes *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
2. to_____me task *adj.* involving hard work or labor; physically or mentally difficult or exhausting; requiring great effort or endurance
3. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
4. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
5. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
6. tra_____ate script *v.* to write or spell out words or text in a different script or alphabet while retaining the pronunciation and meaning of the original words
7. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
8. show pa_____ce *n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry

ANSWERS: 1. subtle, 2. toilsome, 3. lord, 4. union, 5. analyze, 6. transliterate, 7. environment, 8. patience

9. fo_____en love *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
10. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
11. noted sc_____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
12. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
13. te_____n map *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
14. un_____ed performance *adj.* without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed
15. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
16. ou_____er artist *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
17. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

ANSWERS: 9. forbidden, 10. grasp, 11. scholar, 12. frame, 13. terrain, 14. unmatched, 15. stream, 16. outsider, 17. degree

18. br___t cancer *n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
19. 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
20. many tem_____ons *n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire
21. a rh____ic stroking *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
22. the Ar_____an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
23. wear ma_____ne attire *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
24. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
25. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
26. avoid am_____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
27. fl_____le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

ANSWERS: 18. breast, 19. killing, 20. temptation, 21. rhythmic, 22. Arthurian, 23. masculine, 24. precise, 25. specific, 26. ambiguity, 27. flexible

28. strong un_____ef *n.* a lack or absence of belief, typically in regard to religion or certain doctrines or ideas; skepticism or doubt
29. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
30. pr_____de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
31. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
32. an in_____us crime *adj.* having a reputation for being very bad or wicked
33. online dic_____ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
34. a nonaggression p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
35. he__e fund firm *n.* a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
36. per_____on for permanent residence *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

ANSWERS: 28. unbelief, 29. grasp, 30. promenade, 31. beg, 32. infamous, 33. dictionary, 34. pact, 35. hedge, 36. permission

37. re__w its corporate image *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption
38. high pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
39. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
40. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
41. 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
42. s__p across the country *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
43. an__l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
44. ch_____r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
45. wi__d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

ANSWERS: 37. renew, 38. purity, 39. quotation, 40. frame, 41. refer, 42. skip, 43. angel, 44. chapter, 45. wield

46. a bo__m friend *n.* a woman's breasts or chest
47. my____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
48. hu___s in business *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
49. old_____ned in appearance *adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
50. st__m a ukulele *v.* to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so
51. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
52. bi_____hy of an actor *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
53. ca_____e of footsteps *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
54. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
55. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

ANSWERS: 46. bosom, 47. mystical, 48. hubris, 49. old-fashioned, 50. strum, 51. wander, 52. biography, 53. cadence, 54. gear, 55. split

56. theatrical re_____e *n.* a repetition or recurrence of something, particularly in music or performance, often referring to a repeated section or the return of a musical theme; a recurrence or restatement of an action, event, or situation
57. inf_____le rule *adj.* not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding
58. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
59. a h__y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
60. am_____us situation *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
61. a generous bo__m *n.* a woman's breasts or chest
62. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
63. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
64. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
65. ca__l hair *n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions
66. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

ANSWERS: 56. reprise, 57. inflexible, 58. specific, 59. holy, 60. ambiguous, 61. bosom, 62. highlight, 63. recreate, 64. stream, 65. camel, 66. analyze

67. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
68. fallen an__l *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
69. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
70. beg for for_____ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
71. de_____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
72. withstand tem_____on *n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire
73. inc_____on spell *n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
74. Ar____c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 67. quote, 68. angel, 69. advantage, 70. forgiveness, 71. declare, 72. temptation, 73. incantation, 74. Arabic

75. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
76. pa_____se for criminals *n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
77. the hope of et_____l life *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
78. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
79. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
80. justice of the su_____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
81. de____t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
82. ju____e together different colors *v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things
83. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
84. an introductory ch_____r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
85. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 75. overnight, 76. paradise, 77. eternal, 78. phrase, 79. pray, 80. supreme, 81. desert, 82. jumble, 83. historic, 84. chapter, 85. context

86. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
87. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
88. man_____ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
89. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
90. pe_____se idea *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
91. clarify am_____us points *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
92. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
93. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
94. m__d service *n.* a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work
95. grant per_____on *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

ANSWERS: 86. honor, 87. define, 88. manifestation, 89. degree, 90. perverse, 91. ambiguous, 92. instance, 93. essentially, 94. maid, 95. permission

96. the degree of pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
97. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
98. ut_____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
99. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
100. st__m chords *v.* to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so
101. job pr_____cts *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
102. ou_____er perspective *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
103. de_____te answer *adj.* clearly defined or determined; having no doubt or uncertainty; precise or exact

ANSWERS: 96. purity, 97. exclusive, 98. utterly, 99. hero, 100. strum, 101. prospect, 102. outsider, 103. definite

104. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
105. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
106. sports g__r *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
107. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
108. free from am_____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
109. in a rh_____ic pace *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
110. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
111. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
112. moment of un_____ef *n.* a lack or absence of belief, typically in regard to religion or certain doctrines or ideas; skepticism or doubt
113. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
114. Ar_____an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

ANSWERS: 104. quote, 105. combine, 106. gear, 107. writ, 108. ambiguity, 109. rhythmic, 110. humming, 111. translate, 112. unbelief, 113. reward, 114. Arthurian

115. je____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
116. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
117. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
118. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
119. fun_____ist church *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
120. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
121. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
122. the mountain's br___t *n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
123. or___t my thinking *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
124. hy_____ic effect *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

ANSWERS: 115. jealousy, 116. intention, 117. advantage, 118. interpretation, 119. fundamentalist, 120. chant, 121. handle, 122. breast, 123. orient, 124. hypnotic

125. to_____me journey *adj.* involving hard work or labor; physically or mentally difficult or exhausting; requiring great effort or endurance
126. aviation p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
127. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
128. 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
129. a fl_____le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
130. mild hy_____ic *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
131. predominantly Mu___m country *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
132. code sn_____t *n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
133. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
134. ant_____te a black future *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

ANSWERS: 125. toilsome, 126. pact, 127. shadow, 128. refer, 129. flexible, 130. hypnotic, 131. Muslim, 132. snippet, 133. resist, 134. anticipate

135. burn with je____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
136. fo_____en words *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
137. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
138. fa_____d candidates *adj.* preferred or supported over anyone or anything else
139. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
140. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
141. political fun_____ist *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
142. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
143. ju___e in some herbs and spices *v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things

ANSWERS: 135. jealousy, 136. forbidden, 137. poem, 138. favored, 139. overnight, 140. equivalent, 141. fundamentalist, 142. union, 143. jumble

144. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
145. s__p breakfast *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
146. tourist me__a *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
147. a passage from the Bi__e *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
148. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
149. sw_____ng of the ankle *n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
150. make a co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
151. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
152. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
153. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

ANSWERS: 144. decide, 145. skip, 146. mecca, 147. bible, 148. mere, 149. swelling, 150. conquest, 151. insist, 152. highlight, 153. interpretation

154. sn_____t of wisdom *n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
155. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
156. acquire an in_____us reputation *adj.* having a reputation for being very bad or wicked
157. his majestic pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
158. me__a for surfers *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
159. a su___e poison *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
160. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
161. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
162. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
163. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
164. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
165. the exotic flavor of the Or___t *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

ANSWERS: 154. snippet, 155. grace, 156. infamous, 157. presence, 158. mecca, 159. subtle, 160. utterly, 161. reward, 162. fundamental, 163. lord, 164. environment, 165. orient

166. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
167. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
168. ma_____ne beauty *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
169. wa____r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
170. Mu____m culture *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
171. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
172. oasis in the de____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
173. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
174. hard sw_____ng on the body *n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
175. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
176. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
177. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

ANSWERS: 166. recreate, 167. confuse, 168. masculine, 169. wander, 170. Muslim, 171. beg, 172. desert, 173. mere, 174. swelling, 175. opposition, 176. split, 177. grace

178. evening pr_____de *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
179. c__l around street corners *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
180. vi___n material *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
181. enter vi___n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
182. high fe_____ty *n.* the ability to produce an abundance of offspring or creative works; fertility; productivity
183. an animal sa_____ry *n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
184. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
185. pa_____se island *n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
186. re___e a charm *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
187. a h__y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

ANSWERS: 178. promenade, 179. curl, 180. virgin, 181. virgin, 182. fecundity, 183. sanctuary, 184. opposition, 185. paradise, 186. recite, 187. holy

188. ant_____te your kind cooperation *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
189. imperial co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
190. ha____ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
191. pr_____ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
192. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
193. h__p strings *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
194. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
195. in di_____d with my friend *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
196. we_____me chores *adj.* causing fatigue, tiredness, or weariness; boring, monotonous, or tiresome; tending to make one feel weary or exhausted

ANSWERS: 188. anticipate, 189. conquest, 190. handle, 191. prospect, 192. fundamental, 193. harp, 194. equivalent, 195. discord, 196. wearisome

197. me_____ul gesture *adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency
198. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
199. permafrost te_____n *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
200. et_____l quarreling *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
201. st_____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
202. un_____ke an enterprise *v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility
203. po_____n kernels *n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack
204. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
205. the evidence of the pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

ANSWERS: 197. merciful, 198. awareness, 199. terrain, 200. eternal, 201. steward, 202. undertake, 203. popcorn, 204. decide, 205. presence

206. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
207. fa_____d by good weather *adj.* preferred or supported over anyone or anything else
208. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
209. ap_____ng design *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
210. st_____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
211. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
212. a po_____n vendor *n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack
213. un_____ed quality *adj.* without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed
214. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
215. 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

ANSWERS: 206. narrative, 207. favored, 208. intention, 209. appealing, 210. steward, 211. essentially, 212. popcorn, 213. unmatched, 214. tongue, 215. prop

216. re___r an assessment *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
217. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
218. native to___e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
219. Ar___c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
220. pe_____se attitude *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
221. dis_____rt the enthusiast *v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain
222. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
223. 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
224. di_____d between team members *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

ANSWERS: 216. render, 217. translate, 218. tongue, 219. Arabic, 220. perverse, 221. disconcert, 222. instance, 223. killing, 224. discord

225. the su____e commander	<i>adj.</i> highest in rank, level, or importance
226. ride a ca__l	<i>n.</i> a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions
227. legal co____t	<i>n.</i> the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
228. cited ve__e	<i>n.</i> a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme
229. wi__d a bad influence	<i>v.</i> to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
230. an unexpected si__t	<i>n.</i> the ability to see; anything that is seen
231. political hu____s	<i>n.</i> excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
232. ex____ve clubs	<i>adj.</i> not divided or shared with others
233. he was en____ly to blame	<i>adv.</i> completely
234. my____al intuition	<i>adj.</i> relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
235. we____me routine	<i>adj.</i> causing fatigue, tiredness, or weariness; boring, monotonous, or tiresome; tending to make one feel weary or exhausted
236. in__t on a clear answer	<i>v.</i> to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 225. supreme, 226. camel, 227. context, 228. verse, 229. wield, 230. sight, 231. hubris, 232. exclusive, 233. entirely, 234. mystical, 235. wearisome, 236. insist

237. raise public aw_____ss	<i>n.</i> the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
238. re__w a contract	<i>v.</i> to begin or resume something again after an interruption
239. violate a sa_____ry	<i>n.</i> a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
240. man_____ion of psychological stress	<i>n.</i> a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
241. en_____ly satisfied with the meal	<i>adv.</i> completely
242. f_g tree	<i>n.</i> a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
243. re___e a long list of the article	<i>v.</i> to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
244. hu_____g bird	<i>adj.</i> producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
245. dull si__t	<i>n.</i> the ability to see; anything that is seen
246. snip at a he__e	<i>n.</i> a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
247. p__y devoutly	<i>v.</i> to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
248. de___e a word	<i>v.</i> to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
249. dic_____ry definition	<i>n.</i> a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

ANSWERS: 237. awareness, 238. renew, 239. sanctuary, 240. manifestation, 241. entirely, 242. fig, 243. recite, 244. humming, 245. sight, 246. hedge, 247. pray, 248. define, 249. dictionary

250. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
251. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
252. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
253. tra_____ate names *v.* to write or spell out words or text in a different script or alphabet while retaining the pronunciation and meaning of the original words
254. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
255. medical bi_____hy *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
256. qu_____y as a candidate *v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege
257. de_____te plan *adj.* clearly defined or determined; having no doubt or uncertainty; precise or exact
258. believe Bi__e prophecy *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
259. test my pa_____ce *n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry

ANSWERS: 250. poem, 251. constantly, 252. phrase, 253. transliterate, 254. combine, 255. biography, 256. qualify, 257. definite, 258. bible, 259. patience

260. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
261. re___t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
262. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
263. me_____ul punishment *adj.* having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency
264. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
265. re___r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
266. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
267. 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
268. musical re_____e *n.* a repetition or recurrence of something, particularly in music or performance, often referring to a repeated section or the return of a musical theme; a recurrence or restatement of an action, event, or situation

ANSWERS: 260. writ, 261. resist, 262. narrative, 263. merciful, 264. hero, 265. render, 266. precise, 267. prop, 268. reprise

269. de_____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
270. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
271. take an inf_____le stance *adj.* not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding
272. an old_____ned person *adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
273. ag_____ic position *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
274. ag_____ic world-view *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
275. fe_____ty rate *n.* the ability to produce an abundance of offspring or creative works; fertility; productivity
276. a c__l of smoke *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
277. sc_____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
278. dis_____rt his plans *v.* to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain

ANSWERS: 269. declare, 270. honor, 271. inflexible, 272. old-fashioned, 273. agnostic, 274. agnostic, 275. fecundity, 276. curl, 277. scholar, 278. disconcert

279. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
280. an ap_____ng offer *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
281. qu_____y for membership *v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege
282. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
283. f_g marigold *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
284. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
285. un_____ke routine duties *v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility
286. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
287. regular ca_____e *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
288. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 279. quotation, 280. appealing, 281. qualify, 282. constantly, 283. fig, 284. historic, 285. undertake, 286. chant, 287. cadence, 288. shadow

289. ve__e play *n.* a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme
290. Japanese h__p *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
291. magic inc_____on *n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
292. a waiting m__d *n.* a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work
293. for_____ss of liabilities *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
294. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 289. verse, 290. harp, 291. incantation, 292. maid, 293. forgiveness, 294. confuse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
 - n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
2. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.
 - adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
3. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.
 - adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
4. He could _____ all of Shakespeare's works.
 - v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
5. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful _____ for tourists and locals alike.
 - n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
6. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
 - adv.* completely
7. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
 - v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

ANSWERS: 1. poem, 2. flexible, 3. holy, 4. recite, 5. promenade, 6. entirely, 7. highlighted

8. The _____ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.
- n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
9. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.
- n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
10. We popped some _____ and settled in to watch a movie.
- n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack
11. Within a few years, no _____ forests will remain.
- n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
12. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
- n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
13. Healing a broken heart requires _____ as it takes time to heal.
- n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
14. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.
- n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

ANSWERS: 8. ambiguity, 9. gear, 10. popcorn, 11. virgin, 12. shadow, 13. patience, 14. purity

15. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

16. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

17. My father is _____ in his thinking.

adj. of or relating to a time in the past; not modern

18. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

19. His voice had a _____ quality for me.

adj. inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

20. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

21. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

22. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

ANSWERS: 15. quotation, 16. insisted, 17. old-fashioned, 18. supreme, 19. hypnotic, 20. begged, 21. precise, 22. streams

23. 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

24. The top three teams in this tournament _____ for the Olympics.

- v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege

25. We are _____ opposed to any form of terrorism.

- adv.* completely or absolutely

26. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

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

27. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

- n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

28. The journalist saved a _____ of the interview for later reference.

- n.* a small piece or brief extract of something

29. Her allure lies in her _____ rather than feminine beauty.

- adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

30. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain _____ life.

- adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever

ANSWERS: 23. refer, 24. qualify, 25. utterly, 26. sights, 27. steward, 28. snippet, 29. masculine, 30. eternal

31. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
32. His sudden departure _____ the team.
v. to cause confusion, uncertainty, or embarrassment in someone; to make someone feel uneasy or uncertain
33. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
34. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
35. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy _____ standing at the foot of her bed.
n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
36. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
37. The athlete's _____ resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.
n. excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin

ANSWERS: 31. hero, 32. disconcerted, 33. specific, 34. writ, 35. angel, 36. analyze, 37. hubris

38. The hike up the mountain was _____ requiring a lot of physical effort and endurance.
adj. involving hard work or labor; physically or mentally difficult or exhausting; requiring great effort or endurance
39. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
40. She began to play a beautiful melody on her _____.
n. a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
41. My boss provided me with _____ instructions on how to complete the project.
adj. clearly defined or determined; having no doubt or uncertainty; precise or exact
42. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.
n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
43. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
44. He ate the dried _____ he had preserved.
n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
45. The mountainous _____ was rough and rocky.
n. the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

ANSWERS: 38. toilsome, 39. chant, 40. harp, 41. definite, 42. tongue, 43. constantly, 44. figs, 45. terrain

46. The _____ community in the city is small but growing.

n. a follower of the religion of Islam

47. His _____ schedule did not allow for any changes.

adj. not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding

48. The _____ of the soil in this area is ideal for growing crops.

n. the ability to produce an abundance of offspring or creative works; fertility; productivity

49. The team's _____ talent led them to victory in the championship game.

adj. without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed

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

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

51. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

52. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

53. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

54. His _____ in supernatural phenomena led to conflicts with his religious family.

n. a lack or absence of belief, typically in regard to religion or certain doctrines or ideas; skepticism or doubt

ANSWERS: 46. Muslim, 47. inflexible, 48. fecundity, 49. unmatched, 50. mystical, 51. humming, 52. instances, 53. environment, 54. unbelief

55. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
56. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.
n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
57. He is _____ with a privileged position because of his abilities.
adj. preferred or supported over anyone or anything else
58. The never-ending meetings were _____ making everyone tired and bored.
adj. causing fatigue, tiredness, or weariness; boring, monotonous, or tiresome; tending to make one feel weary or exhausted
59. I have to _____ my passport by the middle of September.
v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption
60. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.
n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
61. The _____ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.
n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
62. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
n. something you want to do and are going to do

ANSWERS: 55. equivalent, 56. grace, 57. favored, 58. wearisome, 59. renew, 60. scholar, 61. prospect, 62. intentions

63. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
64. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.
v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
65. The artist released a new album that included a _____ of some of his earlier songs.
n. a repetition or recurrence of something, particularly in music or performance, often referring to a repeated section or the return of a musical theme; a recurrence or restatement of an action, event, or situation
66. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
67. After intensive icing by the trainer, the _____ went down.
n. an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
68. The poet recited a _____ from her latest collection.
n. a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme
69. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.
adj. not divided or shared with others
70. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 63. recreated, 64. quoted, 65. reprise, 66. advantages, 67. swelling, 68. verse, 69. exclusive, 70. fundamental

71. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

72. This region is predominantly _____.

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

73. We _____ the topic because it was too complicated.

v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

74. He loved to _____ his guitar while singing his favorite songs.

v. to play a stringed instrument, typically a guitar or banjo by sweeping or plucking the strings with one's fingers; to sound or produce a musical note or chord by doing so

75. The witch performed an _____ to summon a demon from the depths of hell.

n. a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state

76. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

77. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

78. The _____ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

ANSWERS: 71. phrase, 72. desert, 73. skipped, 74. strum, 75. incantation, 76. presence, 77. grasp, 78. Arthurian

79. He carried a knife in his _____.

n. a woman's breasts or chest

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

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

81. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

82. Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an _____ at times.

n. a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

83. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

84. He grilled the _____ meat of a chicken.

n. either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth

85. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

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

86. He is a religious _____ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

ANSWERS: 79. bosom, 80. Arabic, 81. context, 82. outsider, 83. awareness, 84. breast, 85. opposition, 86. fundamentalist

87. A famous artist painted the room in a _____ pink hue.

adj. not readily apparent or visible

88. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

89. 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

90. Young people in this country should _____ military duties.

v. to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility

91. I claim on my _____ that it is true.

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

92. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

93. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

94. The _____ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

95. I need to _____ this text from Cyrillic to Latin script.

v. to write or spell out words or text in a different script or alphabet while retaining the pronunciation and meaning of the original words

ANSWERS: 87. subtle, 88. combine, 89. prop, 90. undertake, 91. honor, 92. frame, 93. rewards, 94. rhythmic, 95. transliterate

96. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

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

97. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

98. The live-in _____ came in to clean the room every day.

n. a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work

99. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

100. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

101. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

102. He gained debt _____.

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

103. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

104. Hawaii is often referred to as an everlasting summer _____.

n. a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth

ANSWERS: 96. handle, 97. anticipate, 98. maid, 99. prayed, 100. declared, 101. confused, 102. forgiveness, 103. narrative, 104. paradise

105. The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very _____ to readers

adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

106. The instructions provided were _____ and confused the team.

adj. open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

107. A _____ has a hump on its back.

n. a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions

108. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

109. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

110. His _____ of literary works are often unique.

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

111. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

112. I need to purchase a new English _____.

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

ANSWERS: 105. appealing, 106. ambiguous, 107. camel, 108. overnight, 109. manifestation, 110. interpretations, 111. resist, 112. dictionary

113. I asked my boss for _____ to leave early for a doctor's appointment.
n. consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
114. The two countries made a _____ to reduce their carbon emissions.
n. a formal agreement between two or more parties
115. The building has become a _____ for fans of the movie.
n. a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
116. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
117. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.
v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
118. He lost the election by _____ votes.
adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
119. The singer's voice had a beautiful _____ and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.
n. the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
120. The _____ judge decided to give the defendant a lighter sentence.
adj. having or showing compassion, kindness, or forgiveness towards those who may be deserving of punishment or harm; characterized by leniency or clemency

ANSWERS: 113. permission, 114. pact, 115. mecca, 116. decide, 117. wander, 118. mere, 119. cadence, 120. merciful

121. 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

122. This is a well-recorded _____.

- n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else

123. The best way to _____ financial risks is to diversify your portfolio.

- n.* a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions

124. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.

- n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

125. Taking photographs inside the museum is _____.

- adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

126. The cat _____ into a ball and went to sleep.

- v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

127. Her scientific background led her to be _____ about the existence of a higher power.

- n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

128. The _____ criminal was finally brought to justice.

- adj.* having a reputation for being very bad or wicked

ANSWERS: 121. killing, 122. biography, 123. hedge, 124. lord, 125. forbidden, 126. curled, 127. agnostic, 128. infamous

129. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

130. She took a moment to _____ herself in the unfamiliar city.

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

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

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

132. Political _____ has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.

n. lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

133. They _____ enormous power and influence.

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

134. He continued to grow his empire through _____.

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

135. The church offered _____ to refugees fleeing from war-torn countries.

n. a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse

136. His _____ sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

ANSWERS: 129. jealousy, 130. orient, 131. degree, 132. discord, 133. wielded, 134. conquest, 135. sanctuary, 136. perverse

137. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.

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

138. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.

- v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

139. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

- v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

140. _____ the text from Italian into English.

- v.* to convert or change words into another language

141. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

142. Researchers often succumb to the _____ of accolades and commit research misconduct.

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

143. The children _____ up the puzzle pieces and had to start over.

- v.* to mix or mingle various items, objects, or ideas together in a disordered or confused way, often resulting in a messy or chaotic situation; to create a disorderly or confusing arrangement of things

ANSWERS: 137. union, 138. render, 139. split, 140. Translate, 141. define, 142. temptation, 143. jumbled

144. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

145. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

146. The final _____ provides a summary of the discussion.

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

147. Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology _____.

n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

ANSWERS: 144. Essentially, 145. historic, 146. chapter, 147. bible