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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### conductor

*n.* someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.

*synonym* : director, manager

(1) **conductor** directing a symphony, (2) oxide **conductor**  
Diamonds are employed as thermal **conductors** as well.

### orchestra

*n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

*synonym* : ensemble, symphony, band

(1) full **orchestra**, (2) **orchestra** conductor

The accomplished **orchestra** will give two more performances this week.

### unshakeable

*adj.* not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering

*synonym* : unwavering, firm, resolute

(1) **unshakeable** determination, (2) **unshakeable** trust

His **unshakeable** confidence inspired those around him to take bold risks.

## bond

*n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

*synonym* : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

## mutual

*adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

*synonym* : shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

## spin

*v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

*synonym* : rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

## 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.

## conduct

*v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

*synonym* : behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

## frank

*adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

*synonym* : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

## coercion

*n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority

*synonym*: pressure, force, compulsion

(1) **coercion** through force, (2) physical **coercion**

The government used **coercion** to force citizens to comply with pandemic restrictions.

## invariably

*adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception

*synonym*: consistently, always, uniformly

(1) **invariably** polite, (2) **invariably** correct

She **invariably** arrived at the office early each day.

## dictator

*n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

*synonym*: autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

## tyrannical

*adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

*synonym*: despotic, oppressive, authoritarian

(1) a **tyrannical** government, (2) a **tyrannical** parent

**Tyrannical** Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.

## 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.

## rehearse

*v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

*synonym* : practice, recite, drill

(1) **rehearse** an opera, (2) **rehearse** a speech

The actors needed to **rehearse** their lines before the performance.

## individual

*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

*synonym* : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

## democracy

*n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

*synonym* : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

**Democracy** often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

## rehearsal

*n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

*synonym* : practice, run-through, drill

(1) dress **rehearsal**, (2) music **rehearsal**

The theater company had its final **rehearsal** before opening night.

## cast-iron

*n.* a strong, heavy, and durable metal or alloy that is used in various industrial applications, such as machinery, piping, and construction

(1) **cast-iron** stove, (2) **cast-iron** gate

My grandma used to cook with a **cast-iron** skillet, giving her food a unique flavor.

## architecture

*n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

*synonym* : design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**  
The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

## immense

*adj.* extremely large or great  
*synonym* : enormous, giant, huge

(1) **immense** amount, (2) **immense** pressure  
He left his wife an **immense** fortune.

## silent

*adj.* without any or little sound  
*synonym* : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent  
The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

## gesture

*n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning  
*synonym* : motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**  
She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

## bark

*n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals  
*synonym* : skin, husk, crust

(1) trees with rough **bark**, (2) **bark** at the moon  
He removed the **bark** from the tree.

## instruction

*n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something  
*synonym* : education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**  
They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

## gentle

*adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild  
*synonym* : mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope  
Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

## scot

*n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

*synonym*: tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

## ensemble

*n.* a group of people who perform together, especially in music or theater; a coordinated or matching set of something

*synonym*: group, team, set

(1) **ensemble** performance, (2) cloud **ensemble**

She put together an **ensemble** of matching clothes for the party.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

## crucial

*adj.* extremely vital or necessary

*synonym*: essential, pivotal, vital

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

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

## overcompensate

*v.* to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection

*synonym*: overcorrect, overdo, make up for

(1) **overcompensate** for mistakes, (2) **overcompensate** for

lack of experience

After missing a deadline, he worked late into the night to **overcompensate** for his mistake.

## gesticulate

*v.* to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures

*synonym*: signal, indicate, gesture

(1) **gesticulate** to communicate with friends, (2) **gesticulate** with his hands

The speaker **gesticulated** wildly as they spoke, emphasizing their words.

## rabid

*adj.* characterized by extreme or fanatical enthusiasm or devotion; having or showing symptoms of rabies, a viral disease that affects the nervous system of mammals and can cause violent and aggressive behavior

*synonym*: fanatical, furious, zealous

(1) **rabid** anti-vaxxer, (2) **rabid** supporter

The fans became **rabid** when their team scored the winning goal.

## windmill

*n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity

*synonym*: wind turbine, aerogenerator

(1) **windmill** blades, (2) **windmill** energy

The countryside was dotted with picturesque **windmills**.

## 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.

- blur** *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision  
*synonym* : smudge, smear, fuzz  
(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**  
The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.
- useless** *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result  
*synonym* : ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless  
(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen  
The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.
- ridicule** *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way  
*synonym* : derision, mockery, satire  
(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense  
The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
- dismal** *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair  
*synonym* : gloomy, depressing, dreary  
(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance  
The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.
- insane** *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill  
*synonym* : crazy, mad, foolish  
(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme  
Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.



## podium

*n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

*synonym* : lectern, stand, dais

(1) win a **podium** position, (2) **podium** finisher

The speaker stood confidently on the **podium** while delivering their speech.

## engender

*v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to

*synonym* : beget, spawn, generate

(1) **engender** a crisis, (2) **engender** the trust

The discussion about war helps **engender** a sense of shared humanity.

## crescendo

*n.* a gradual increase in volume or intensity, often about a musical piece or performance; figuratively, a gradual buildup or intensification of a feeling, emotion, or action

*synonym* : escalation, apex, zenith

(1) **crescendo** of applause, (2) a rising **crescendo** of voices

The band's music reached a **crescendo** during the concert's final song.

## upsurge

*n.* a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency

*synonym* : surge, increase, rise

(1) population **upsurge**, (2) an **upsurge** of emotion

The country saw an **upsurge** in tourism after the new airport was built.

## volume

*n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

*synonym* : capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

## weep

*v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

*synonym* : cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy  
I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

## **futile**

*adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless  
*synonym* : useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest  
It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

## **veteran**

*n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

*synonym* : expert, pro, vet

(1) A 20-year **veteran** in the industry, (2) **veteran** teacher  
The **veteran** soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

## **tight**

*adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely  
*synonym* : closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget  
The national election was held amid **tight** security.

## **crush**

*v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

*synonym* : destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt  
The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

## **loose**

*adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

*synonym* : relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair  
The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

## **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.

## visceral

*adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

*synonym*: instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

## adventure

*n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

*synonym*: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

## dizzy

*adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

*synonym*: addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

## planet

*n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

*synonym*: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

## opportune

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

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark  
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## opera

*n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

*synonym* : musical, operetta, oratorio

(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance

She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful music.

## audit

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

*synonym* : review, examination, inspection

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

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

## rural

*adj.* of or relating to the countryside

*synonym* : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

## locate

*v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

*synonym* : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

## jaw

*n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

*synonym* : mouth, (verb) chitchat

(1) snatch victory from the **jaws** of defeat, (2) **jaw** muscle  
He dropped his **jaw** at the unexpected sight.

## amazing

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

*synonym* : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

## performer

*n.* a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer

*synonym* : artist, entertainer, actor

(1) circus **performer**, (2) professional **performer**

The talented **performer** captivated the audience with his impressive magic tricks.

## handful

*n.* a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage

*synonym* : small number, couple, few

(1) literal **handful**, (2) just a **handful** of participants

She only had a **handful** of pens left in her bag.

## emerge

*v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

*synonym* : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

## incarnation

*n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something

*synonym* : embodiment, personification, avatar

(1) former **incarnation**, (2) **incarnation** of stupidity

The novel is an **incarnation** of the author's experiences and imagination.

## regime

*n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

*synonym* : administration, establishment, government

(1) a puppet **regime**, (2) exercise **regime**

Totalitarian **regimes** are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

## **routinely**

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

*synonym*: habitually, regularly, customarily

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

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

## **aggress**

*v.* to attack or threaten with violence or offense

*synonym*: attack, assault, threaten

(1) **aggress** into an enemy's camp, (2) **aggress** on the neighboring countries

The dog barked and **aggressed** towards anyone who approached the gate.

## **communal**

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

*synonym*: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

**Communal** elections were held in several European countries.

## **temperature**

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

*synonym*: climate, warmth, degree

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

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

## **atmosphere**

*n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

*synonym*: air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

## illusion

*n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

*synonym*: delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest  
He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

## relation

*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

*synonym*: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

## devoid

*adj.* completely lacking or free from something

*synonym*: empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

## recover

*v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

*synonym*: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

## singe

*v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

*synonym*: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

## blossom

*n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

*synonym* : flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

## creative

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

*synonym* : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

## 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.

## intern

*v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

*synonym* : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

## cape

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

*synonym* : shawl, cloak, mantle

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

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



## 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.

## literally

*adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

*synonym*: actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

## clip

*n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

*synonym*: buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

## proof

*n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

*synonym*: testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

**Proof** is better than argument.

## utterly

*adv.* completely or absolutely

*synonym*: absolutely, completely, perfectly

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

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

## enchant

*v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

*synonym*: charm, captivate, bewitch

(1) **enchant** the audience, (2) **enchant** the crowd

The fairy's spell **enchanted** the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

## bound

*v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

*synonym* : jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase  
Canada **bounds** on the United States.

## notation

*n.* a system of symbols or signs used to represent information or communicate ideas; a written or printed mark or signs used to indicate musical notes, mathematical formulas, or linguistic elements

*synonym* : annotation, record, symbol

(1) numeric **notation**, (2) mathematical **notation**

The music sheet had a complex musical **notation** that was difficult to understand.

## bunch

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

*synonym* : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

## tune

*n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

*synonym* : melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

(1) the **tune** of a song, (2) **tune** a piano

The band played a beautiful **tune** on their instruments.

## magic

*n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

*synonym* : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

## spontaneously

*adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

*synonym* :

impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift occurs **spontaneously**

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

## improvise

v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

*synonym*: ad-lib, extemporize

(1) **improvise** a joke, (2) **improvise** an escape plan

We had to **improvise** a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.

## harmony

n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

*synonym*: balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

## attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

*synonym*: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

## 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.

## preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

*synonym*: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native

lands.

## elite

*adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

*synonym* : privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

## talented

*adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

*synonym* : gifted, able, skilled

(1) a very **talented** actor, (2) **talented** athlete

She is a **talented** musician, able to play several instruments.

## probable

*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

*synonym* : likely, possible, potential

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

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

## engage

*v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

*synonym* : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

## basis

*n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

*synonym* : foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

## broaden

*v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

*synonym* : expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

## bet

*v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

*synonym* : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

## acuity

*n.* the ability to perceive or discern with a high degree of accuracy and sensitivity; sharpness or keenness of senses, especially vision or hearing

*synonym* : sharpness, clarity, precision

(1) mental **acuity**, (2) hearing **acuity**

The optometrist tested my visual **acuity** by asking me to read various-sized letters on a chart.

## confidence

*n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

*synonym* : self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

## literature

*n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value

*synonym* : writing, prose, fiction

(1) popular **literature**, (2) review of the **literature**

The **literature** of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.

## confident

*adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

*synonym* : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark  
I'm not **confident** in our victory.

## assert

v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

*synonym*: maintain, state, declare

(1) **assert** a free society, (2) **assert** a claim for unjust enrichment

She **asserted** that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

## classic

*adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

*synonym*: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

## urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

*synonym*: push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

## 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.

## plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

*synonym*: dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his

heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

## tissue

*n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function

*synonym*: structure, texture, anatomy

(1) a facial **tissue**, (2) loss of muscle **tissue**

The researcher separated the nervous **tissue** for microscopic examinations.

## fiber

*n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

*synonym*: yarn, thread, wool

(1) carbon **fiber**, (2) synthetic **fiber**

We must consume dietary **fiber** to maintain good health.

## experiment

*n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

*synonym*: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

## time-honored

*adj.* something that has been respected, observed, or appreciated for a long time; honored or esteemed because of its long-standing tradition or popularity

*synonym*: traditional, venerable

(1) **time-honored** tradition, (2) **time-honored** practice

The restaurant is famous for its **time-honored** recipes that have been passed down for generations.

## compose

*v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

*synonym*: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

## alphabet

*n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

*synonym* : ABC's

(1) letters of an **alphabet**, (2) an **alphabet** of manual signs

He strove to memorize the Hebrew **alphabet**.

## session

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

*synonym* : conference, gathering

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

Parliament is now in **session**.

## enshrine

*v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect

*synonym* : ensconce, preserve, cherish

(1) **enshrine** memories, (2) **enshrine** tradition

The Constitution **enshrines** the rights and freedoms of citizens.

## theme

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

*synonym* : subject, topic, motif

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

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

## doubt

*n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

*synonym* : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

**Doubt** is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

## 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

## poke

*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

*synonym*: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

## pardon

*v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

*synonym*: forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**

The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

## expression

*n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood

*synonym*: statement, utterance, remark

(1) artistic **expression**, (2) **expression** of interest

His facial **expression** showed a mix of surprise and confusion.

## explicit

*adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

*synonym*: clear, unambiguous, unequivocal

(1) **explicit** content, (2) **explicit** instructions

The movie had an **explicit** sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

## reckon

*v.* to think or believe something

*synonym*: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

## cow

*n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

*synonym* : bovine, cattle, kine

(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**

The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.

## adventurous

*adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

*synonym* : daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers

He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

## octave

*n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

*synonym* : eighth, interval, range

(1) **octave** key, (2) **octave** range

The singer's range was impressive, covering three **octaves** with ease.

## vim

*n.* lively energy, vigor, or enthusiasm; a quality of spiritedness or determination; (of a computer) a highly configurable, powerful, console-based text editor that was built to enable efficient text editing

*synonym* : energy, vitality, liveliness

(1) boundless **vim**, (2) youthful **vim**

He tackled the project with great **vim** and energy.

## bloody

*adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

*synonym* : gory, gruesome, savage

(1) **bloody** massacre, (2) **bloody** diarrhea

The crime scene was **bloody** and gruesome.

## 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.

## debut

*n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor

*synonym*: introduction, launching, premiere

(1) **debut** on national TV, (2) **debut** performance

The **debut** album of the band was a success.

## choir

*n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

*synonym*: chorus, ensemble, club

(1) quintet **choir**, (2) **choir** performance

The gospel **choir** sang beautifully at the church service.

## initiate

*v.* to begin or start something; to teach the basics or fundamentals of something to somebody; to formally admit someone into a group or organization

*synonym*: commence, start, begin

(1) **initiate** a project, (2) **initiate** a discussion

The committee will **initiate** an investigation into the company's financial records.

## excite

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

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## perception

*n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

*synonym*: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

## cerebral

*adj.* relating to the brain or intellect; intellectual or studious rather than emotional or physical

*synonym* : brain, mental, intellectual

(1) **cerebral** palsy, (2) **cerebral** cortex

The patient experienced a **cerebral** hemorrhage and required surgery.

## palsy

*n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness

*synonym* : paralysis, tremor, twitch

(1) muscle **palsy**, (2) cerebral **palsy**

Some people with Parkinson's disease may experience tremors and **palsy** in their limbs.

## gorgeous

*adj.* wonderful and attractive

*synonym* : beautiful, stunning, attractive

(1) a **gorgeous** meal, (2) **gorgeous** sunset

She wore a **gorgeous** dress to the party, which everyone admired.

## existence

*n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing

*synonym* : fact, being, reality

(1) the biggest tree in **existence**, (2) the struggle for **existence**

He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the **existence** of heaven or hell.

## stretch

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

*synonym* : lengthen, prolong, extend

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

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

## hitherto

*adv.* until now or until the particular time

*synonym* : heretofore, previously, yet

(1) **hitherto** existing, (2) **hitherto** untouchable topic

This product can achieve even lower power consumption than **hitherto**.

## disabled

*adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

*synonym* : handicapped, impaired, incapacitated

(1) a **disabled** veteran, (2) a learning- **disabled** child

She was **disabled** in a car accident.

## incredible

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym* : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

## harness

*v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

*synonym* : rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

## disability

*n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

*synonym* : impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**

Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

## barrier

*n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make

progress or to achieve an objective

*synonym*: border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

## achievement

*n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

*synonym*: accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

## grim

*adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

*synonym*: fierce, harsh, gloomy

(1) **grim** reality, (2) a **grim-featured** man

The result presented a **grim** picture of inefficiency and corruption.

## convincing

*adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true

*synonym*: clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

## fashion

*n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

*synonym*: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

## massive

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

*synonym*: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

## 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.

## platform

*n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

*synonym*: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

## nation

*n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

*synonym*: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## extraordinary

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

*synonym*: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

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

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

## astonishing

*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

*synonym*: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains  
The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

## normally

*adv.* usually; under normal conditions

*synonym*: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much  
I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

## initial

*adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

*synonym*: basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter  
They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

## horror

*n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

*synonym*: fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look  
The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

## frightening

*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

*synonym*: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience  
The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

## awful

*adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

*synonym*: terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage  
I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

## pregnant

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

*synonym*: expectant



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

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

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym*: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## bang

*v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

*synonym*: crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

## bedlam

*n.* a state of chaos, confusion, and uproar; an uproarious or madly noisy scene or situation

*synonym*: chaos, pandemonium, mayhem

(1) chaotic **bedlam**, (2) noisy **bedlam**

The stadium erupted into **bedlam** when the home team scored the winning goal.

## rapt

*adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed

*synonym*: entranced, absorbed, spellbound

(1) **rapt** audience, (2) have a **rapt** expression

She was **rapt** in concentration as she listened to the lecture.

## left-handed

*adv.* using the left hand more skillfully or naturally; (adverb) in a way that is specific to or unique to left-handed individuals

*synonym*: sinister, southpaw, portside

(1) **left-handed** writer, (2) **left-handed** pitcher

She writes **left-handed** and finds it challenging to use a standard pen.

## pilot

*n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

*synonym* : aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

## cockpit

*n.* the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft

*synonym* : flight deck, control room, bridge

(1) navigator's **cockpit**, (2) **cockpit** ship

The pilot sat in the **cockpit** of the airplane.

## instrument

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

*synonym* : apparatus, tool, device

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

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

## paralysis

*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

*synonym* : immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

## firsthand

*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

*synonym* : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

## achieve

*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

*synonym* : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

## fairly

*adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner

*synonym* : moderately, reasonably, pretty

(1) **fairly** accurate, (2) have a **fairly** clear view

He deals **fairly** with his employees.

## implausible

*adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable

*synonym* : incredulous, far-fetched, unbelievable

(1) **implausible** theory, (2) **implausible** excuse

The detective found the suspect's story **implausible** and decided to investigate further.

## courtesy

*n.* polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people

*synonym* : civility, politeness, respect

(1) **courtesy** call, (2) fail to show **courtesy**

Different cultures have different ways of expressing **courtesy**.

## bulk

*n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something

*synonym* : majority, largeness, amount

(1) buy in **bulk**, (2) **bulk** data transfer

I received a parcel of great **bulk**.

## employ

*v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

*synonym* : hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ**

excessive force.

## castle

*n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat

*synonym* : fortress, palace, citadel

(1) the ruins of a **castle**, (2) **castle** moat

The medieval **castle** was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.

## reside

*v.* to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time

*synonym* : live, dwell, inhabit

(1) **reside** on the skin, (2) **reside** permanently

They **reside** in a beautiful old house in the countryside.

## decree

*n.* an official order that has the force of law

*synonym* : edict, mandate, order

(1) order by **decree**, (2) divorce **decree**

The dictator issued a **decree** limiting the freedom of the press.

## feasible

*adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved

*synonym* : achievable, possible, attainable

(1) economically **feasible**, (2) **feasible** assumption

It is not **feasible** and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.

## disconsolate

*adj.* deeply unhappy or dejected; without hope or comfort; unable to be consoled

*synonym* : unhappy, dejected, forlorn

(1) **disconsolate** mood, (2) look **disconsolate**

The widow remained **disconsolate** for months after her husband's death.

## remonstrate

*v.* to protest or object forcefully; to argue or reason against something; to express disapproval or disagreement

*synonym* : argue, protest, object

(1) **remonstrate** with a person, (2) **remonstrate** against a decision

He **remonstrated** with his friend for behaving inappropriately at the party.

## avail

*v.* to help or benefit; to use or take advantage of

*synonym* : help, benefit, serve

(1) **avail** you little, (2) **avail** ourselves of this opportunity

Their financing options are reasonable and easy to **avail**.

## symphony

*n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

*synonym* : orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

## sullen

*adj.* showing a gloomy, moody, or resentful disposition; silent and refusing to engage in conversation; characterized by a dark or dismal atmosphere or appearance

*synonym* : gloomy, morose, sulky

(1) **sullen** silence, (2) **sullen** teenager

After receiving bad news, she walked around with a **sullen** expression, refusing to talk to anyone.

## revolt

*n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

*synonym* : rebellion, uprising, insurgence

(1) **revolt** against existing ways of thinking, (2) **revolt** against the dictator

The people tried to **revolt** to oust the tyrant.

## tip

*n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

*synonym* : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

## reunite

*v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

*synonym* : reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

## extension

*n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

*synonym* : addition, augment, supplement

(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**

They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

## wither

*v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor

*synonym* : fade, wilt, shrivel

(1) **wither** corporate management, (2) **wither** in the heat

The flowers in the garden began to **wither** due to lack of water.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. g\_\_m reality *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
2. w\_\_p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
3. en\_\_\_\_ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
4. ta\_\_\_\_ed athlete *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
5. save the pl\_\_t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
6. wi\_\_\_\_r in the heat *v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor
7. s\_\_n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
8. ca\_\_\_\_on gate *n.* a strong, heavy, and durable metal or alloy that is used in various industrial applications, such as machinery, piping, and construction
9. physical co\_\_\_\_on *n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority

ANSWERS: 1. grim, 2. weep, 3. entirely, 4. talented, 5. planet, 6. wither, 7. spin, 8. cast-iron, 9. coercion

10. not no\_\_\_\_\_ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
11. im\_\_\_\_\_se an escape plan *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
12. wi\_\_\_\_\_ll blades *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
13. supplicate for pa\_\_\_\_n *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
14. b\_\_d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
15. au\_\_t the books *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
16. ro\_\_\_\_\_ly scheduled maintenance *adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected
17. imp\_\_\_\_\_le theory *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
18. moral pa\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

ANSWERS: 10. normally, 11. improvise, 12. windmill, 13. pardon, 14. bond, 15. audit, 16. routinely, 17. implausible, 18. paralysis



19. information ba\_\_\_\_r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
20. an aw\_\_l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
21. a seafaring na\_\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
22. us\_\_\_\_s in the kitchen *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
23. de\_\_\_e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
24. needs of pr\_\_\_\_nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
25. de\_\_t performance *n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor
26. na\_\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
27. youthful v\_m *n.* lively energy, vigor, or enthusiasm; a quality of spiritedness or determination; (of a computer) a highly configurable, powerful, console-based text editor that was built to enable efficient text editing
28. rem\_\_\_\_te against a decision *v.* to protest or object forcefully; to argue or reason against something; to express disapproval or disagreement
29. ru\_\_l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside

ANSWERS: 19. barrier, 20. awful, 21. nation, 22. useless, 23. define, 24. pregnant, 25. debut, 26. nation, 27. vim, 28. remonstrate, 29. rural

30. fu\_\_\_e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
31. hi\_\_\_\_\_ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
32. si\_\_e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
33. ges\_\_\_\_\_te with his hands *v.* to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures
34. complete no\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
35. re\_\_\_\_\_se a speech *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
36. a cr\_\_\_\_\_l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
37. go in\_\_\_e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
38. the atmospheric tem\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
39. go out of fa\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
40. have a r\_\_t expression *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
41. co\_\_\_\_\_or directing a symphony *n.* someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.

ANSWERS: 30. futile, 31. highlight, 32. singe, 33. gesticulate, 34. normally, 35. rehearse, 36. crucial, 37. insane, 38. temperature, 39. fashion, 40. rapt, 41. conductor

42. short video c\_\_p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
43. classic arc\_\_\_\_\_ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
44. en\_\_\_\_\_ne tradition *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
45. a g\_\_m-featured man *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
46. im\_\_\_\_\_e amount *adj.* extremely large or great
47. medical in\_\_\_n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
48. break a ha\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
49. muscle pa\_\_y *n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness
50. full or\_\_\_\_\_ra *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

ANSWERS: 42. clip, 43. architecture, 44. enshrine, 45. grim, 46. immense, 47. intern, 48. harmony, 49. palsy, 50. orchestra

51. re\_\_t against the dictator *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
52. personal na\_\_\_\_\_ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
53. c\_\_e cod *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
54. quintet ch\_\_r *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
55. el\_\_e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
56. am\_\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
57. si\_\_e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
58. a ti\_\_t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
59. principles of de\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
60. mathematical no\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a system of symbols or signs used to represent information or communicate ideas; a written or printed mark or signs used to indicate musical notes, mathematical formulas, or linguistic elements

ANSWERS: 51. revolt, 52. narrative, 53. cape, 54. choir, 55. elite, 56. amazing, 57. singe, 58. tight, 59. democracy, 60. notation

61. us\_\_\_\_s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
62. an in\_\_\_e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
63. m\_\_e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
64. a remarkable ach\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
65. ac\_\_\_\_e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
66. musical ins\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
67. en\_\_\_\_er a crisis *v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
68. b\_\_k data transfer *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
69. bo\_\_d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
70. arc\_\_\_\_\_ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
71. pay annual s\_\_t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

ANSWERS: 61. useless, 62. insane, 63. mere, 64. achievement, 65. achieve, 66. instrument, 67. engender, 68. bulk, 69. bound, 70. architecture, 71. scot

72. de\_\_\_e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
73. wi\_\_\_r corporate management *v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor
74. tim\_\_\_\_\_red tradition *adj.* something that has been respected, observed, or appreciated for a long time; honored or esteemed because of its long-standing tradition or popularity
75. a ha\_\_\_\_\_y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
76. a lo\_\_e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
77. extreme tem\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
78. co\_\_\_\_\_sy call *n.* polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people
79. ra\_\_d anti-vaxxer *adj.* characterized by extreme or fanatical enthusiasm or devotion; having or showing symptoms of rabies, a viral disease that affects the nervous system of mammals and can cause violent and aggressive behavior
80. ca\_\_\_e moat *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat

ANSWERS: 72. define, 73. wither, 74. time-honored, 75. harmony, 76. loose, 77. temperature, 78. courtesy, 79. rabid, 80. castle

81. dispel do\_\_ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
82. global b\_\_d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
83. ri\_\_\_\_le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
84. en\_\_\_\_ne memories *v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect
85. people in ru\_\_l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
86. cloud en\_\_\_\_le *n.* a group of people who perform together, especially in music or theater; a coordinated or matching set of something
87. a ma\_\_c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
88. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
89. pr\_\_\_\_le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 81. doubt, 82. bond, 83. ridicule, 84. enshrine, 85. rural, 86. ensemble, 87. magic, 88. extraordinary, 89. probable

90. make a fu\_\_\_e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
91. fail to show co\_\_\_\_sy *n.* polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people
92. re\_\_\_\_e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
93. hear customer's voices fi\_\_\_\_nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
94. ve\_\_\_\_n teacher *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
95. fri\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
96. ges\_\_\_\_te to communicate with friends *v.* to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures
97. barren of cr\_\_\_\_ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
98. just a ha\_\_\_\_l of participants *n.* a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage
99. exercise re\_\_\_\_e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
100. ob\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 90. futile, 91. courtesy, 92. reunite, 93. firsthand, 94. veteran, 95. frightening, 96. gesticulate, 97. creative, 98. handful, 99. regime, 100. obvious





111. a dis\_\_\_\_\_ty pension *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
112. military di\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
113. a test pi\_\_t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
114. have a fa\_\_\_y clear view *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
115. ut\_\_\_\_\_y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
116. at\_\_\_\_\_de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
117. vi\_\_\_\_\_al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
118. air de\_\_\_d of pollution *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
119. a geometric pr\_\_f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
120. cr\_\_h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
121. motion b\_\_r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

ANSWERS: 111. disability, 112. dictator, 113. pilot, 114. fairly, 115. utterly, 116. attitude, 117. visceral, 118. devoid, 119. proof, 120. crush, 121. blur

122. pl\_\_\_e into the water      *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
123. ha\_\_\_\_\_s a horse to a carriage      *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
124. co\_\_\_\_\_on through force      *n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
125. bl\_\_\_y diarrhea      *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
126. ind\_\_\_\_\_al freedom      *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
127. p\_\_e around the desk      *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
128. conduct fi\_\_\_\_\_nd research      *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
129. p\_\_e a fire      *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
130. die su\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
131. hand ge\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
132. fa\_\_\_y accurate      *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner

ANSWERS: 122. plunge, 123. harness, 124. coercion, 125. bloody, 126. individual, 127. poke, 128. firsthand, 129. poke, 130. suddenly, 131. gesture, 132. fairly

133. em\_\_\_y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
134. follow his ins\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
135. a sy\_\_\_\_\_ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
136. a sexual u\_\_e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
137. lo\_\_\_e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
138. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
139. a rising cr\_\_\_\_\_do of voices *n.* a gradual increase in volume or intensity, often about a musical piece or performance; figuratively, a gradual buildup or intensification of a feeling, emotion, or action
140. mu\_\_\_l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
141. fe\_\_\_\_\_le assumption *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
142. win a po\_\_\_m position *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
143. translate li\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

ANSWERS: 133. employ, 134. instruction, 135. symphony, 136. urge, 137. locate, 138. extraordinary, 139. crescendo, 140. mutual, 141. feasible, 142. podium, 143. literally

144. pr\_\_\_\_ve a country's heritage      *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
145. chaotic be\_\_\_\_m      *n.* a state of chaos, confusion, and uproar; an uproarious or madly noisy scene or situation
146. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage      *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
147. the morning se\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
148. noisy be\_\_\_\_m      *n.* a state of chaos, confusion, and uproar; an uproarious or madly noisy scene or situation
149. cost ba\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
150. di\_\_\_\_l performance      *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
151. st\_\_\_\_h along the coast      *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
152. hearing ac\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the ability to perceive or discern with a high degree of accuracy and sensitivity; sharpness or keenness of senses, especially vision or hearing

ANSWERS: 144. preserve, 145. bedlam, 146. improvisation, 147. session, 148. bedlam, 149. barrier, 150. dismal, 151. stretch, 152. acuity

153. inc\_\_\_\_\_le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
154. ac\_\_\_\_\_e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
155. ad\_\_\_\_\_re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
156. f\_g marigold *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
157. tie c\_\_p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
158. b\_\_k at the moon *n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
159. a private ind\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
160. en\_\_\_\_\_t the audience *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
161. the court se\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
162. an in\_\_\_\_\_l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
163. lead an adv\_\_\_\_\_us life *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

ANSWERS: 153. incredible, 154. achieve, 155. adventure, 156. fig, 157. clip, 158. bark, 159. individual, 160. enchant, 161. session, 162. initial, 163. adventurous

164. economically fe\_\_\_\_\_le *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
165. A 20-year ve\_\_\_\_\_n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
166. traditional S\_\_t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
167. artistic exp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
168. give the waiter a t\_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
169. a convivial atm\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
170. re\_\_\_\_\_se an opera *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
171. gastronomic ad\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
172. exp\_\_\_\_\_on of interest *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood

ANSWERS: 164. feasible, 165. veteran, 166. scot, 167. expression, 168. tip, 169. atmosphere, 170. rehearse, 171. adventure, 172. expression

173. red c\_\_e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
174. con\_\_\_\_\_ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
175. a very ta\_\_\_\_\_ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
176. bl\_\_\_\_\_m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
177. co\_\_\_\_\_e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
178. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
179. pi\_\_t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
180. a digital pl\_\_\_\_\_rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 173. cape, 174. convincing, 175. talented, 176. blossom, 177. compose, 178. confident, 179. pilot, 180. platform





192. justice of the su\_\_\_\_e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
193. documentary pr\_\_f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
194. popular lit\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
195. rem\_\_\_\_\_te with a person *v.* to protest or object forcefully; to argue or reason against something; to express disapproval or disagreement
196. 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
197. lef\_\_\_\_\_ed writer *adv.* using the left hand more skillfully or naturally; (adverb) in a way that is specific to or unique to left-handed individuals
198. order by de\_\_\_e *n.* an official order that has the force of law
199. ballad op\_\_a *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
200. cerebral pa\_\_y *n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness
201. en\_\_\_\_\_er the trust *v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
202. ex\_\_\_\_\_it instructions *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

ANSWERS: 192. supreme, 193. proof, 194. literature, 195. remonstrate, 196. decide, 197. left-handed, 198. decree, 199. opera, 200. palsy, 201. engender, 202. explicit

203. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
204. co\_\_\_\_\_al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
205. pl\_\_\_\_t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
206. fun\_\_\_\_\_al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
207. bl\_\_\_\_y massacre *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
208. at\_\_\_\_\_de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
209. make a fr\_\_k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
210. s\_\_n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
211. wi\_\_\_\_\_ll energy *n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
212. carbon dioxide in the atm\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
213. f\_g tree *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

ANSWERS: 203. opportune, 204. communal, 205. planet, 206. fundamental, 207. bloody, 208. attitude, 209. frank, 210. spin, 211. windmill, 212. atmosphere, 213. fig

214. re\_\_\_t against existing ways of thinking  
*n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
215. share of a mu\_\_\_l fund  
*adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
216. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
217. th\_\_e park  
*n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
218. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion  
*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
219. oc\_\_\_e range  
*n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
220. oc\_\_\_e key  
*n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
221. ag\_\_\_\_\_s into an enemy's camp  
*v.* to attack or threaten with violence or offense
222. ra\_\_d supporter  
*adj.* characterized by extreme or fanatical enthusiasm or devotion; having or showing symptoms of rabies, a viral disease that affects the nervous system of mammals and can cause violent and aggressive behavior
223. literal ha\_\_\_\_\_l  
*n.* a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage

ANSWERS: 214. revolt, 215. mutual, 216. opportune, 217. theme, 218. improvisation, 219. octave, 220. octave, 221. aggress, 222. rabid, 223. handful

224. central th\_\_e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
225. in a ge\_\_\_e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
226. b\_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
227. im\_\_\_\_\_se a joke *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
228. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
229. im\_\_\_\_\_e pressure *adj.* extremely large or great
230. u\_\_e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
231. su\_\_\_n teenager *adj.* showing a gloomy, moody, or resentful disposition; silent and refusing to engage in conversation; characterized by a dark or dismal atmosphere or appearance
232. the su\_\_\_\_\_e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
233. co\_\_\_\_\_t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
234. a beautiful sy\_\_\_\_\_ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 224. theme, 225. gentle, 226. bet, 227. improvise, 228. excite, 229. immense, 230. urge, 231. sullen, 232. supreme, 233. conduct, 234. symphony

235. tim\_\_\_\_\_red practice *adj.* something that has been respected, observed, or appreciated for a long time; honored or esteemed because of its long-standing tradition or popularity
236. earn el\_\_e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
237. ag\_\_\_\_\_s on the neighboring countries *v.* to attack or threaten with violence or offense
238. time ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
239. series of exp\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
240. historical co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
241. cr\_\_\_\_\_do of applause *n.* a gradual increase in volume or intensity, often about a musical piece or performance; figuratively, a gradual buildup or intensification of a feeling, emotion, or action
242. lo\_\_\_e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

ANSWERS: 235. time-honored, 236. elite, 237. aggress, 238. extension, 239. experiment, 240. context, 241. crescendo, 242. locate

243. imp\_\_\_\_\_le excuse *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
244. boundless v\_m *n.* lively energy, vigor, or enthusiasm; a quality of spiritedness or determination; (of a computer) a highly configurable, powerful, console-based text editor that was built to enable efficient text editing
245. student on a ti\_\_t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
246. m\_\_e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
247. pr\_\_\_\_\_le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
248. em\_\_\_e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
249. individual ins\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
250. new fa\_\_\_\_\_n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
251. numeric no\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a system of symbols or signs used to represent information or communicate ideas; a written or printed mark or signs used to indicate musical notes, mathematical formulas, or linguistic elements
252. en\_\_\_e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
253. put a ha\_\_\_\_\_s on my pet *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

ANSWERS: 243. implausible, 244. vim, 245. tight, 246. mere, 247. probable, 248. emerge, 249. instruction, 250. fashion, 251. notation, 252. engage, 253. harness

254. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
255. c\_w herd *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
256. she is ma\_\_c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
257. st\_\_\_\_h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
258. bo\_\_ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
259. uns\_\_\_\_le determination *adj.* not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering
260. ho\_\_\_r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
261. inv\_\_\_\_ly correct *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
262. pr\_\_\_\_ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
263. ce\_\_\_\_al cortex *adj.* relating to the brain or intellect; intellectual or studious rather than emotional or physical

ANSWERS: 254. decide, 255. cow, 256. magic, 257. stretch, 258. bound, 259. unshakeable, 260. horror, 261. invariably, 262. preserve, 263. cerebral



264. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
265. ove\_\_\_\_\_ate for mistakes *v.* to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection
266. re\_\_\_e permanently *v.* to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time
267. j\_w muscle *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
268. oxide co\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.
269. br\_\_\_\_\_n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
270. co\_\_\_\_\_t ship *n.* the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft
271. re\_\_\_\_\_e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
272. an arrival pl\_\_\_\_\_rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 264. amazing, 265. overcompensate, 266. reside, 267. jaw, 268. conductor, 269. broaden, 270. cockpit, 271. reunite, 272. platform

273. an up\_\_\_\_\_e of emotion *n.* a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency
274. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
275. hi\_\_\_\_\_to untouchable topic *adv.* until now or until the particular time
276. ca\_\_\_\_\_on stove *n.* a strong, heavy, and durable metal or alloy that is used in various industrial applications, such as machinery, piping, and construction
277. feel di\_\_y *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
278. w\_\_p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
279. ba\_\_s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
280. co\_\_\_\_\_e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
281. re\_\_\_n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
282. feel co\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
283. population up\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency

ANSWERS: 273. upsurge, 274. bunch, 275. hitherto, 276. cast-iron, 277. dizzy, 278. weep, 279. basis, 280. compose, 281. reckon, 282. confident, 283. upsurge

284. buy in b\_\_k *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
285. vi\_\_\_\_al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
286. review of the lit\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
287. pl\_\_\_e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
288. su\_\_\_n silence *adj.* showing a gloomy, moody, or resentful disposition; silent and refusing to engage in conversation; characterized by a dark or dismal atmosphere or appearance
289. au\_\_t accounts *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
290. divorce de\_\_\_e *n.* an official order that has the force of law
291. per\_\_\_\_\_on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 284. bulk, 285. visceral, 286. literature, 287. plunge, 288. sullen, 289. audit, 290. decree, 291. perception

292. optical il\_\_\_\_on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
293. si\_\_\_t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
294. inc\_\_\_\_\_on of stupidity *n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
295. music re\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
296. as\_\_\_t a claim for unjust enrichment *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
297. give si\_\_\_t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
298. public ri\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
299. hi\_\_\_\_\_ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
300. adv\_\_\_\_\_us pioneers *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
301. ge\_\_\_\_\_e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

ANSWERS: 292. illusion, 293. silent, 294. incarnation, 295. rehearsal, 296. assert, 297. silent, 298. ridicule, 299. highlight, 300. adventurous, 301. gesture

302. the ruins of a ca\_\_\_e *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
303. en\_\_\_\_t the crowd *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
304. em\_\_\_y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
305. legal co\_\_\_\_t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
306. ove\_\_\_\_\_ate for lack of experience *v.* to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection
307. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
308. su\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
309. ex\_\_\_\_it content *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
310. in\_\_\_\_te a discussion *v.* to begin or start something; to teach the basics or fundamentals of something to somebody; to formally admit someone into a group or organization
311. fr\_\_k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
312. circus pe\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer

ANSWERS: 302. castle, 303. enchant, 304. employ, 305. context, 306. overcompensate, 307. obvious, 308. suddenly, 309. explicit, 310. initiate, 311. frank, 312. performer

313. recover spo\_\_\_\_\_sly after five days  
*adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
314. remove lo\_\_e hair  
*adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
315. dis\_\_\_\_\_ate mood  
*adj.* deeply unhappy or dejected; without hope or comfort; unable to be consoled
316. keen per\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
317. cast fri\_\_\_\_\_ng eyes  
*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
318. ro\_\_\_\_\_ly check  
*adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected
319. this shift occurs spo\_\_\_\_\_sly  
*adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
320. a silence pr\_\_\_\_\_nt with suspense  
*adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
321. cr\_\_\_\_\_l information  
*adj.* extremely vital or necessary
322. de\_\_t on national TV  
*n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor
323. cr\_\_h coffee beans  
*v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
324. in\_\_\_\_\_l velocity  
*adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

ANSWERS: 313. spontaneously, 314. loose, 315. disconsolate, 316. perception, 317. frightening, 318. routinely, 319. spontaneously, 320. pregnant, 321. crucial, 322. debut, 323. crush, 324. initial

325. dress re\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
326. a di\_\_\_\_\_or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
327. a go\_\_\_\_\_us meal *adj.* wonderful and attractive
328. a tyr\_\_\_\_\_al parent *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
329. av\_\_l ourselves of this opportunity *v.* to help or benefit; to use or take advantage of
330. or\_\_\_\_\_ra conductor *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
331. a learning-di\_\_\_\_\_ed child *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
332. the struggle for ex\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
333. at inc\_\_\_\_\_le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
334. en\_\_\_\_\_le performance *n.* a group of people who perform together, especially in music or theater; a coordinated or matching set of something

ANSWERS: 325. rehearsal, 326. dictator, 327. gorgeous, 328. tyrannical, 329. avail, 330. orchestra, 331. disabled, 332. existence, 333. incredible, 334. ensemble

335. an al\_\_\_\_\_et of manual signs      *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
336. exp\_\_\_\_\_nt design      *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
337. make ast\_\_\_\_\_ng gains      *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
338. go\_\_\_\_\_us sunset      *adj.* wonderful and attractive
339. en\_\_\_e in environmental protection activities      *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
340. bite his tongue li\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
341. de\_\_\_d of life      *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
342. surgical ins\_\_\_\_\_nts      *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
343. as\_\_\_t a free society      *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
344. boost my con\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
345. b\_\_g his fist on a desk      *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

ANSWERS: 335. alphabet, 336. experiment, 337. astonishing, 338. gorgeous, 339. engage, 340. literally, 341. devoid, 342. instrument, 343. assert, 344. confidence, 345. bang



346. letters of an al\_\_\_\_et                    *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
347. do aw\_\_l damage                        *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
348. co\_\_\_\_al combination of funds                    *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
349. hard to re\_\_\_\_n                        *v.* to think or believe something
350. a bu\_\_h of trees                        *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
351. in\_\_\_\_n civilians                        *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
352. navigator's co\_\_\_\_t                        *n.* the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft
353. co\_\_\_\_t research                        *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
354. di\_\_\_\_l failure                        *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
355. carbon fi\_\_r                        *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
356. former inc\_\_\_\_on                        *n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something

ANSWERS: 346. alphabet, 347. awful, 348. communal, 349. reckon, 350. bunch, 351. intern, 352. cockpit, 353. conduct, 354. dismal, 355. fiber, 356. incarnation

357. t\_\_e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
358. no do\_\_t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
359. b\_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
360. snatch victory from the j\_ws of defeat *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
361. in\_\_\_\_te a project *v.* to begin or start something; to teach the basics or fundamentals of something to somebody; to formally admit someone into a group or organization
362. fun\_\_\_\_\_al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
363. br\_\_\_\_n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
364. re\_\_\_\_r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
365. he was en\_\_\_\_ly to blame *adv.* completely
366. ce\_\_\_\_al palsy *adj.* relating to the brain or intellect; intellectual or studious rather than emotional or physical

ANSWERS: 357. tune, 358. doubt, 359. bet, 360. jaw, 361. initiate, 362. fundamental, 363. broaden, 364. recover, 365. entirely, 366. cerebral

367. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
368. op\_\_a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
369. the biggest tree in ex\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
370. re\_\_\_e on the skin *v.* to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time
371. a tyr\_\_\_\_\_al government *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
372. po\_\_\_m finisher *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
373. a facial ti\_\_\_e *n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function
374. had a di\_\_y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
375. ma\_\_\_\_\_e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
376. ch\_\_r performance *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
377. uns\_\_\_\_\_le trust *adj.* not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering
378. cr\_\_\_\_\_ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 367. exclusive, 368. opera, 369. existence, 370. reside, 371. tyrannical, 372. podium, 373. tissue, 374. dizzy, 375. massive, 376. choir, 377. unshakeable, 378. creative

379. student ach\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
380. av\_\_l you little *v.* to help or benefit; to use or take advantage of
381. dairy c\_w *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
382. re\_\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
383. lef\_\_\_\_\_ed pitcher *adv.* using the left hand more skillfully or naturally; (adverb) in a way that is specific to or unique to left-handed individuals
384. re\_\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
385. ge\_\_\_e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
386. de\_\_\_\_\_cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
387. the t\_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
388. ut\_\_\_\_\_y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely

ANSWERS: 379. achievement, 380. avail, 381. cow, 382. relation, 383. left-handed, 384. relation, 385. gentle, 386. democracy, 387. tip, 388. utterly

389. con\_\_\_\_\_ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
390. ast\_\_\_\_\_ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
391. re\_\_\_\_\_r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
392. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
393. b\_\_r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
394. professional pe\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer
395. hi\_\_\_\_\_to existing *adv.* until now or until the particular time
396. telephone ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
397. apple bl\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 389. confidence, 390. astonishing, 391. recover, 392. exclusive, 393. blur, 394. performer, 395. hitherto, 396. extension, 397. blossom

398. a di\_\_\_\_ed veteran      *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
399. loss of muscle ti\_\_\_\_e      *n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function
400. a puppet re\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
401. r\_\_t audience      *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
402. inv\_\_\_\_ly polite      *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception

ANSWERS: 398. disabled, 399. tissue, 400. regime, 401. rapt, 402. invariably

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ in a beautiful old house in the countryside.
  - v. to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time
  
2. They are building an \_\_\_\_\_ to the house to add more bedrooms.
  - n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
  
3. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
  
4. When making arrests, police officers frequently \_\_\_\_\_ excessive force.
  - v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
  
5. The stories of war crimes filled her with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
  
6. The company \_\_\_\_\_ its product line to include more customer options.
  - v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
  
7. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.
  - n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 1. reside, 2. extension, 3. improvisation, 4. employ, 5. horror, 6. broadened, 7. planet

8. Many multinational companies are \_\_\_\_\_ in the reconstruction of that country.  
*v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
9. They needed further \_\_\_\_\_ to perform their duties efficiently.  
*n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
10. Full involvement means \_\_\_\_\_ and prompt responses.  
*adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
11. Skill and \_\_\_\_\_ are an unconquered army.  
*n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
12. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and \_\_\_\_\_ my dress.  
*v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
13. His \_\_\_\_\_ confidence inspired those around him to take bold risks.  
*adj.* not able to be shaken or moved; firm, steadfast, and determined; describing a person who is strong, resolute, and unwavering
14. She put together an \_\_\_\_\_ of matching clothes for the party.  
*n.* a group of people who perform together, especially in music or theater; a coordinated or matching set of something
15. The inspector discovered \_\_\_\_\_ bolts under the fuel rods.  
*adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

ANSWERS: 8. engaged, 9. instruction, 10. frank, 11. confidence, 12. singed, 13. unshakeable, 14. ensemble, 15. loose



16. The speaker \_\_\_\_\_ wildly as they spoke, emphasizing their words.  
*v.* to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.  
*adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
18. He strove to memorize the Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
19. He dropped his \_\_\_\_ at the unexpected sight.  
*n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
20. The fans became \_\_\_\_\_ when their team scored the winning goal.  
*adj.* characterized by extreme or fanatical enthusiasm or devotion; having or showing symptoms of rabies, a viral disease that affects the nervous system of mammals and can cause violent and aggressive behavior
21. He tackled the project with great \_\_\_\_ and energy.  
*n.* lively energy, vigor, or enthusiasm; a quality of spiritedness or determination; (of a computer) a highly configurable, powerful, console-based text editor that was built to enable efficient text editing
22. The news of her sudden death was \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who knew her.  
*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
23. Parliament is now in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

ANSWERS: 16. gesticulated, 17. supreme, 18. alphabet, 19. jaw, 20. rabid, 21. vim, 22. astonishing, 23. session

24. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more \_\_\_\_\_.

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

25. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.

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

26. They had formed a friendship \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

27. They \_\_\_\_\_ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

28. The condo offers \_\_\_\_\_ access to the beach.

*adj.* not divided or shared with others

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.

*n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value

30. The introduction \_\_\_\_\_ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

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

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

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 24. creative, 25. Communal, 26. bond, 27. poked, 28. exclusive, 29. literature, 30. highlighted, 31. obvious

32. We are \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to any form of terrorism.

*adv.* completely or absolutely

33. The dog barked and \_\_\_\_\_ towards anyone who approached the gate.

*v.* to attack or threaten with violence or offense

34. The fairy's spell \_\_\_\_\_ the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

*v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

35. The discussion about war helps \_\_\_\_\_ a sense of shared humanity.

*v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to

36. She was \_\_\_\_\_ in a car accident.

*adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

37. The cherry \_\_\_\_\_ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

*n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

38. 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

39. The navy \_\_\_\_\_ ships of defeated nations.

*v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 32. utterly, 33. aggressed, 34. enchanted, 35. engender, 36. disabled, 37. blossom, 38. decide, 39. interned

40. 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
41. The talented \_\_\_\_\_ captivated the audience with his impressive magic tricks.
- n.* a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer
42. The tornado is \_\_\_\_\_ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.
- v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
43. She is still \_\_\_\_\_ from a shot to her shoulder.
- v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
- n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
45. I received a parcel of great \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
46. Canada \_\_\_\_\_ on the United States.
- v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
47. The electrical cord \_\_\_\_\_ combusted.
- adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

ANSWERS: 40. context, 41. performer, 42. spinning, 43. recovering, 44. ridicule, 45. bulk, 46. bounds, 47. spontaneously

48. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
49. She loves going to the \_\_\_\_\_ house and hearing the beautiful music.
- n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
50. The band will \_\_\_\_\_ only for this show.
- v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
51. \_\_\_\_\_ Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.
- adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
52. They cooperated for their \_\_\_\_\_ benefit.
- adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
53. This evidence will form the \_\_\_\_\_ for our discussion.
- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
54. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ in our victory.
- adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
55. The car was completely \_\_\_\_\_ in the accident.
- v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

ANSWERS: 48. atmosphere, 49. opera, 50. reunite, 51. Tyrannical, 52. mutual, 53. basis, 54. confident, 55. crushed

56. The widow remained \_\_\_\_\_ for months after her husband's death.  
*adj.* deeply unhappy or dejected; without hope or comfort; unable to be consoled
57. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would \_\_\_\_\_ in sympathy if I saw that movie.  
*v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
58. To advance this discussion, we must \_\_\_\_\_ "success" rigorously.  
*v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
59. The countryside was dotted with picturesque \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a machine that uses wind power to generate mechanical energy or electricity
60. He \_\_\_\_\_ that corruption was rampant in the regime.  
*v.* to think or believe something
61. She had the \_\_\_\_\_ that work was fun.  
*n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
62. Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
63. The actors needed to \_\_\_\_\_ their lines before the performance.  
*v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
64. The \_\_\_\_\_ exercised great care in landing.  
*n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

ANSWERS: 56. disconsolate, 57. weep, 58. define, 59. windmills, 60. reckons, 61. attitude, 62. dizzy, 63. rehearse, 64. pilot

65. The \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

*n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

66. She was \_\_\_\_\_ in concentration as she listened to the lecture.

*adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed

67. Very few educational \_\_\_\_\_ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

*adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

68. Some herds have been observed to \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of kilometers.

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

69. She \_\_\_\_\_ that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

*v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

70. He left his wife an \_\_\_\_\_ fortune.

*adj.* extremely large or great

71. The robot can accurately \_\_\_\_\_ construction material.

*v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

72. Police will \_\_\_\_\_ random breath testing for drunk driving.

*v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

73. Many \_\_\_\_\_ areas are still impoverished.

*adj.* of or relating to the countryside

ANSWERS: 65. veteran, 66. rapt, 67. elites, 68. stretch, 69. asserted, 70. immense, 71. locate, 72. conduct, 73. rural

74. Some people with Parkinson's disease may experience tremors and \_\_\_\_\_ in their limbs.
- n.* a condition characterized by the loss or impairment of movement or sensation due to damage or disease affecting the nervous system; paralysis or weakness
75. My father tried to \_\_\_\_\_ mathematics into my head since childhood.
- v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
76. \_\_\_\_\_ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
77. I found her assertion pretty \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
78. Her excessive demands drove me \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
79. The revitalization of technology companies is \_\_\_\_\_ to the country's growth.
- adj.* extremely vital or necessary
80. I \_\_\_\_\_ that you know it.
- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
81. The structure is \_\_\_\_\_ of three main components.
- v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

ANSWERS: 74. palsy, 75. bang, 76. Democracy, 77. convincing, 78. insane, 79. crucial, 80. bet, 81. composed



82. The government used \_\_\_\_\_ to force citizens to comply with pandemic restrictions.
- n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
83. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
84. They \_\_\_\_\_ conduct fire drills to ensure everyone in the building knows what to do in an emergency.
- adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected
85. His facial \_\_\_\_\_ showed a mix of surprise and confusion.
- n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
86. This \_\_\_\_\_ has never been formally accepted.
- n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
87. The dictator issued a \_\_\_\_\_ limiting the freedom of the press.
- n.* an official order that has the force of law
88. He \_\_\_\_\_ with his friend for behaving inappropriately at the party.
- v.* to protest or object forcefully; to argue or reason against something; to express disapproval or disagreement
89. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a \_\_\_\_\_ of colors and shapes.
- n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

ANSWERS: 82. coercion, 83. nation, 84. routinely, 85. expression, 86. achievement, 87. decree, 88. remonstrated, 89. blur

90. His \_\_\_\_\_ showed highly positive results.  
*n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
91. After receiving bad news, she walked around with a \_\_\_\_\_ expression, refusing to talk to anyone.  
*adj.* showing a gloomy, moody, or resentful disposition; silent and refusing to engage in conversation; characterized by a dark or dismal atmosphere or appearance
92. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ take a vacation in the middle of summer.  
*adv.* usually; under normal conditions
93. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.  
*adj.* without any or little sound
94. She made a facial \_\_\_\_\_ to express disagreement.  
*n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
95. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
96. They took the \_\_\_\_\_ step toward reconciliation.  
*adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
97. He displayed the \_\_\_\_\_ symptoms of depression.  
*adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

ANSWERS: 90. experiments, 91. sullen, 92. normally, 93. silent, 94. gesture, 95. emerged, 96. initial, 97. classic

98. After missing a deadline, he worked late into the night to \_\_\_\_\_ for his mistake.
- v.* to take excessive or extreme measures to make up for a perceived deficiency or lack, often resulting in an overcorrection
99. The theater company had its final \_\_\_\_\_ before opening night.
- n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
100. He ate the dried \_\_\_\_\_ he had preserved.
- n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
101. He is a man admired for the depth of his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
102. Later, his claim was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ false.
- adv.* completely
103. She vacated the position when she got \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
104. It is not \_\_\_\_\_ and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.
- adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
105. He removed the \_\_\_\_\_ from the tree.
- n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals

ANSWERS: 98. overcompensate, 99. rehearsal, 100. figs, 101. perception, 102. entirely, 103. pregnant, 104. feasible, 105. bark

106. The \_\_\_\_\_ suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.  
*n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
107. The novel is an \_\_\_\_\_ of the author's experiences and imagination.  
*n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
108. He could no longer tell the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and reality.  
*n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
109. The movie had an \_\_\_\_\_ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.  
*adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
110. The manager tried to hear customers' voices \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
111. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
112. We had to \_\_\_\_\_ a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.  
*v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
113. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.  
*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
114. The people tried to \_\_\_\_\_ to oust the tyrant.  
*n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

ANSWERS: 106. scot-free, 107. incarnation, 108. illusion, 109. explicit, 110. firsthand, 111. bunch, 112. improvise, 113. suddenly, 114. revolt

115. The country saw an \_\_\_\_\_ in tourism after the new airport was built.  
*n.* a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency
116. He performed \_\_\_\_\_ tricks with sophisticated moves.  
*n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
117. The detective found the suspect's story \_\_\_\_\_ and decided to investigate further.  
*adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
118. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
119. Totalitarian \_\_\_\_\_ are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.  
*n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
120. The music sheet had a complex musical \_\_\_\_\_ that was difficult to understand.  
*n.* a system of symbols or signs used to represent information or communicate ideas; a written or printed mark or signs used to indicate musical notes, mathematical formulas, or linguistic elements
121. This product can achieve even lower power consumption than \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* until now or until the particular time

ANSWERS: 115. upsurge, 116. magic, 117. implausible, 118. adventures, 119. regimes, 120. notation, 121. hitherto

122. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.  
*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
123. The room was \_\_\_\_\_ of any furniture or decorations.  
*adj.* completely lacking or free from something
124. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ dress to the party, which everyone admired.  
*adj.* wonderful and attractive
125. The lobbyist \_\_\_\_\_ Congress not to approve the measure.  
*v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
126. We must consume dietary \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain good health.  
*n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
127. He \_\_\_\_\_ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.  
*adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
128. The governor decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.  
*v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
129. As an \_\_\_\_\_ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.  
*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 122. relations, 123. devoid, 124. gorgeous, 125. urged, 126. fiber, 127. literally, 128. pardon, 129. individual,

130. She \_\_\_\_\_ arrived at the office early each day.

*adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception

131. People have been exploring ways to \_\_\_\_\_ natural forces and resources since ancient times.

*v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

132. This container has a \_\_\_\_\_ of 10 cubic meters.

*n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

133. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

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

134. The singer's range was impressive, covering three \_\_\_\_\_ with ease.

*n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

135. 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

136. The \_\_\_\_\_ album of the band was a success.

*n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor

137. I will introduce some \_\_\_\_\_ on learning English in this class.

*n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

ANSWERS: 130. invariably, 131. harness, 132. volume, 133. opportune, 134. octaves, 135. narrative, 136. debut, 137. tips

138. The recent economic downturn has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ layoffs.

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

139. We worked in perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

140. Human behavior has \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.

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

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

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

142. After watching the horror movie, she had a \_\_\_\_\_ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

*adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

143. Her \_\_\_\_\_ manner relaxed everyone there.

*adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

144. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

145. The city is known for its impressive \_\_\_\_\_ and beautiful old buildings.

*n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

146. The news of the pandemic was a \_\_\_\_\_ reminder of the fragility of human health.

*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 138. massive, 139. harmony, 140. fundamental, 141. excited, 142. visceral, 143. gentle, 144. incredible, 145. architecture, 146. frightening



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

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

148. The old, rusty tools were now \_\_\_\_\_ and had to be thrown away.

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

149. The Constitution \_\_\_\_\_ the rights and freedoms of citizens.

*v.* to cherish or protect something as if it is sacred; to place something in a position of honor or respect

150. Their financing options are reasonable and easy to \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to help or benefit; to use or take advantage of

151. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ musician, able to play several instruments.

*adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

152. Our company will be \_\_\_\_\_ by an accountant next week.

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

153. The frequent performances of the \_\_\_\_\_ prove its popularity.

*n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

154. It seems \_\_\_\_\_ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 147. theme, 148. useless, 149. enshrines, 150. avail, 151. talented, 152. audited, 153. symphony, 154. probable

155. The restaurant is famous for its \_\_\_\_\_ recipes that have been passed down for generations.

*adj.* something that has been respected, observed, or appreciated for a long time; honored or esteemed because of its long-standing tradition or popularity

156. The gospel \_\_\_\_\_ sang beautifully at the church service.

*n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

157. The flowers in the garden began to \_\_\_\_\_ due to lack of water.

*v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor

158. The band played a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ on their instruments.

*n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

159. That style is no longer in \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

160. They worked hard to \_\_\_\_\_ the nature of their native lands.

*v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

161. Diamonds are employed as thermal \_\_\_\_\_ as well.

*n.* someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.

162. The band's music reached a \_\_\_\_\_ during the concert's final song.

*n.* a gradual increase in volume or intensity, often about a musical piece or performance; figuratively, a gradual buildup or intensification of a feeling, emotion, or action

ANSWERS: 155. time-honored, 156. choir, 157. wither, 158. tune, 159. fashion, 160. preserve, 161. conductors, 162. crescendo

163. Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
164. The pilot sat in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the airplane.
- n.* the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft
165. He lost the election by \_\_\_\_\_ votes.
- adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
166. The national election was held amid \_\_\_\_\_ security.
- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
167. Cities around the world set records for highest \_\_\_\_\_ this summer.
- n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
168. The researcher separated the nervous \_\_\_\_\_ for microscopic examinations.
- n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function
169. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
170. \_\_\_\_\_ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
171. The patient experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ hemorrhage and required surgery.
- adj.* relating to the brain or intellect; intellectual or studious rather than emotional or physical

ANSWERS: 163. disability, 164. cockpit, 165. mere, 166. tight, 167. temperatures, 168. tissue, 169. amazing, 170. Doubt, 171. cerebral

172. He fastens some sheets of paper with a \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

173. The result presented a \_\_\_\_\_ picture of inefficiency and corruption.

- adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

174. The committee will \_\_\_\_\_ an investigation into the company's financial records.

- v.* to begin or start something; to teach the basics or fundamentals of something to somebody; to formally admit someone into a group or organization

175. The speaker mounted the \_\_\_\_\_ and started to speak.

- n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

176. The superhero wore a flowing \_\_\_\_\_ as part of their costume.

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

177. The company's profits \_\_\_\_\_ after the recall of their new product.

- v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

178. She only had a \_\_\_\_\_ of pens left in her bag.

- n.* a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage

179. The optometrist tested my visual \_\_\_\_\_ by asking me to read various-sized letters on a chart.

- n.* the ability to perceive or discern with a high degree of accuracy and sensitivity; sharpness or keenness of senses, especially vision or hearing

ANSWERS: 172. clip, 173. grim, 174. initiate, 175. platform, 176. cape, 177. plunged, 178. handful, 179. acuity

180. The farmer milked the \_\_\_\_\_ every morning before breakfast.  
*n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
181. It was \_\_\_\_\_ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.  
*adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
182. He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven or hell.  
*n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
183. She writes \_\_\_\_\_ and finds it challenging to use a standard pen.  
*adv.* using the left hand more skillfully or naturally; (adverb) in a way that is specific to or unique to left-handed individuals
184. He narrated the \_\_\_\_\_ story of his adventure.  
*adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
185. Different cultures have different ways of expressing \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people
186. My grandma used to cook with a \_\_\_\_\_ skillet, giving her food a unique flavor.  
*n.* a strong, heavy, and durable metal or alloy that is used in various industrial applications, such as machinery, piping, and construction
187. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ spirit and is unafraid of risks.  
*adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

ANSWERS: 180. cows, 181. futile, 182. existence, 183. left-handed, 184. extraordinary, 185. courtesy, 186. cast-iron, 187. adventurous

188. The speaker stood confidently on the \_\_\_\_\_ while delivering their speech.  
*n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
189. I regretted making an \_\_\_\_\_ mistake in my final exam.  
*adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
190. The stadium erupted into \_\_\_\_\_ when the home team scored the winning goal.  
*n.* a state of chaos, confusion, and uproar; an uproarious or madly noisy scene or situation
191. He deals \_\_\_\_\_ with his employees.  
*adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
192. I will work hard to \_\_\_\_\_ my goals and realize my dreams.  
*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
193. The medieval \_\_\_\_\_ was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.  
*n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
194. The crime scene was \_\_\_\_\_ and gruesome.  
*adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
195. \_\_\_\_\_ is better than argument.  
*n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

ANSWERS: 188. podium, 189. awful, 190. bedlam, 191. fairly, 192. achieve, 193. castle, 194. bloody, 195. Proof

196. The accomplished \_\_\_\_\_ will give two more performances this week.

*n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

197. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

198. The weather was so \_\_\_\_\_ that we decided to stay indoors all day.

*adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

199. The police placed a \_\_\_\_\_ across the street to halt traffic.

*n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

200. Massive demonstrations lead to total \_\_\_\_\_ of transportation.

*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

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

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

ANSWERS: 196. orchestra, 197. dictator, 198. dismal, 199. barrier, 200. paralysis, 201. instrument