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Session 1: Word List

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

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

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

campfire

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

synonym : bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

childhood

n. the state or time of being a child

synonym : youth, infancy, adolescence

(1) since **childhood**, (2) **childhood** development

He had fond memories of his **childhood** spent playing in the park with his friends.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**
She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym: blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

wondrous

adj. inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive

synonym: amazing, fantastic, miraculous

(1) **wondrous** sight, (2) **wondrous** adventure

The **wondrous** beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.

asleep

adj. in a state of sleep

synonym: sleeping, fallen, at rest

(1) **asleep** at the wheel, (2) dead **asleep**

He lay down and fell **asleep** immediately.

unison

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

synonym: harmony, accord, unanimity

(1) singing in **unison**, (2) clap the hands in **unison**

They saluted in **unison** to the captain.

lifetime

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

synonym: lifespan, duration

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

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

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**.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

perfection

n. the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete

synonym : flawlessness, excellence, completion

(1) absolute **perfection**, (2) **perfection** of beauty

The little girl practiced her ballet routine until she achieved **perfection**.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym : deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym : decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

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.

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
synonym: sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**
The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

syllable

n. a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

(1) **syllable** structure, (2) single **syllable**
Emphasize the second **syllable** when pronouncing it.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**
I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

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.

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.

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.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym : control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

purity

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

synonym : sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

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

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

suppose

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

synonym : guess, assume, presume

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

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

magician

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

synonym : illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) **magician's** hat, (2) street **magician**

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym : catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

minuscule

adj. extremely small; tiny

synonym : tiny, insignificant, microscopic

(1) **minuscule** amount, (2) **minuscule** letters

This ore emits **minuscule** quantities of radiation

professional

adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

synonym : skilled, competent, accomplished

(1) **professional** athlete, (2) certified **professional** secretary

He has a **professional** demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

passion

n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

synonym : fervor, zeal, ardor

(1) **passion** hobby, (2) **passion** drive

Her **passion** for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

motto

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

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

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

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

juggle

v. to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act

synonym : juggle, balance, handle

(1) **juggle** a job and motherhood, (2) **juggle** with facts

It can be difficult to **juggle** work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report
I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

repeatedly

adv. again and again; many times

synonym: frequently, over and over, constantly

(1) use cell phone **repeatedly**, (2) **repeatedly** nod

He claims that his legitimate requests were **repeatedly** ignored.

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym: attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

dexterity

n. skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems

synonym: skillfulness, agility, expertise

(1) **dexterity** with the pen, (2) manual **dexterity**

The surgeon's **dexterity** was impressive during the delicate surgery.

coordination

n. the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively

synonym: cooperation, teamwork, collaboration

(1) data **coordination**, (2) loss of muscle **coordination**

Synchronized swimming needs close **coordination** between six performers.

admire

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

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

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

with attitude

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

fluid

n. a substance that can flow and is not solid

synonym: liquid, aqua, sap

(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets

She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

befriend

v. to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

synonym: support, advise, patronize

(1) **befriend** a young boy, (2) **befriend** other members

I'm willing to **befriend** the weak and the poor.

troupe

n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production

synonym: company, ensemble, group

(1) **troupe** rehearsal, (2) circus **troupe**

The theater **troupe** is performing Hamlet this weekend.

oblong

n. an elongated shape that is roughly rectangular or oval in shape

synonym: rectangle, elongated, extended

(1) **oblong** shape, (2) **oblong** box

The **oblong** table was perfect for hosting a large dinner party.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

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

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

lathe

n. a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding

synonym: turning machine, spinner, rotary tool

(1) **lathe** operator, (2) engine **lathe**

The metal **lathe** was an essential piece of machinery in the fabrication workshop.

progression

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

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

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

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

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

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

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

frown

v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

synonym: scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**

Thinking always made him **frown**.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

alignment

n. an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other

synonym: conjunction, arrangement, coalition

(1) **alignment** in an organization, (2) be in **alignment**

In the last century, Britain formed a strong **alignment** with Egypt.

tenacity

n. the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

synonym : persistence, determination, perseverance

(1) **tenacity** of purpose, (2) show **tenacity**

Her **tenacity** in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

circus

n. a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment

synonym : fair, carnival, spectacle

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

The kids were excited to go to the **circus** and see the clowns and animals perform.

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.

high-wire

n. a tightly stretched wire or rope, typically elevated at a considerable height, often used by acrobats or tightrope walkers to perform daring feats; (adjective) referring to situations, actions, or performances that are fraught with risk or danger

synonym : tightrope, wire, cable

(1) **high-wire** act, (2) **high-wire** flip

The circus performer's most thrilling act was her **high-wire**

walk across the entire length of the tent.

parallel

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

synonym : aligned, side-by-side, similar

(1) a **parallel** case, (2) **parallel** processing

He walked a road **parallel** to the railroad.

pliers

n. a tool consisting of two metal arms joined at a pivot, used for gripping, bending, or cutting objects

synonym : tongs, pincers, nippers

(1) needle-nose **pliers**, (2) locking **pliers**

John used **pliers** to fix the loose wire on the lamp.

hanger

n. a device or object used for hanging or supporting something, often used for hanging clothes; a loop-shaped object used to hang clothes in a closet

synonym : hook, peg, rack

(1) clothes **hanger**, (2) coat **hanger**

I hung the coat on a **hanger** in the closet.

tightrope

n. a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure

synonym : rope walk, high wire, funambulism

(1) **tightrope** performer, (2) **tightrope** act

The **tightrope** walker balanced precariously above the crowd.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym : absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

wobble

v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

synonym : sway, rock, totter

(1) **wobble** a few steps, (2) **wobble** chair

The table **wobbled** a little when I put my drink on it.

crossing

n. the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

synonym : intersection, junction

(1) **crossing** bridge, (2) a **crossing-keeper**

The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway **crossing**.

slipper

n. a comfortable, lightweight shoe typically worn indoors, often made of soft material and lacking fastenings like laces or buckles

synonym : slip-on, mule, loafer

(1) cotton **slipper**, (2) house **slipper**

She wore fuzzy **slippers** to warm her feet on the cold tile floor.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to

do or believe something without fully understanding why
synonym : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

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

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

meantime

n. the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

synonym : interim, meanwhile, lag

(1) **meantime** report, (2) for the **meantime**

In the **meantime**, while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym : please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

invention

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

synonym : creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

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

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

permission

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

synonym : approval, consent, authorization

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

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

harbor

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

synonym : port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

develop

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

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

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

certitude

n. a state of complete confidence or certainty; the quality of being assured or convinced beyond doubt

synonym : confidence, assurance, conviction

(1) **certitude** belief, (2) **certitude** theory

I have no **certitude** about what the future holds.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

nonetheless

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

synonym : nevertheless, regardless, still

(1) we are **nonetheless** confident, (2) love him

nonetheless

They each choose **nonetheless** to battle.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

density

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

synonym : tightness, viscosity

(1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**

Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?

infinity

n. the state or quality of having no end or limit;
(mathematics) a number greater than any natural number

synonym : endlessness, boundlessness, continuity

(1) the **infinity** of the universe, (2) negative **infinity**

That investor saw an **infinity** of possibilities in this company.

murmur

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

synonym : burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting

He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage
The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

squall

n. a sudden, brief, and intense windstorm characterized by strong gusts, often accompanied by rain, snow, or hail; a loud cry or yell expressing anger or distress

synonym: storm, gale, gust

(1) **squall** of wind, (2) heavy **squall**

We had to take cover from the sudden **squall** that hit during our fishing trip.

chill

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

synonym: coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**

His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

lift

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

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

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

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

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

pole

n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

synonym : rod, staff, shaft

(1) a fishing **pole**, (2) the plus **pole**

The North **Pole** is the northernmost point on Earth.

beam

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

synonym : ray, ray of light, shaft of light

(1) **beam** of light, (2) a structural **beam** of a building

The sun's **beam** shone through the window and illuminated the room.

cable

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

synonym : wire, cord, rope

(1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

anchor

n. a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability

synonym : mainstay, ballast, backbone

(1) **anchor** bolt, (2) **anchor** weight

The ship dropped **anchor** in the bay.

flank

n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

synonym : side, edge, rim

(1) **flank** pain, (2) attack the left **flank**
The **flank** of the mountain was difficult to climb.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

unburdened

adj. not weighed down by burden or worry; free from responsibility or obligation; unencumbered

synonym: relieved, free

(1) **unburdened** by guilt, (2) **unburdened** soul

She felt **unburdened** after letting go of all her negative emotions.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym : building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

straight

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

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

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

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

sag

v. to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something

synonym : droop, slump, bend

(1) **sag** my jaw, (2) **sag** with fatigue

The old mattress **sagged** in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.

sway

v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

synonym : swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

vibrate

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

synonym : oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

roll

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

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

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

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

home.

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.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

swallow

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

synonym : consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

howl

v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

synonym : wail, scream, shriek

(1) **howl** at the moon, (2) **howl** of anger

The wolves began to **howl** in the distance as the sunset.

assail

v. to attack violently or to criticize harshly and aggressively; to make a concerted effort to overcome or defeat

synonym : attack, assault, pounce

(1) **assail** with questions, (2) **assail** an opponent with criticism

The army will **assail** the enemy's camp under the cover of darkness.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

decisive

adj. making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue

synonym : final, conclusive, unambiguous

(1) a **decisive** ballot, (2) **decisive** action

The **decisive** victory in the war ended years of conflict.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym : substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

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.

dictionary

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

synonym : lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

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

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

gigantic

adj. extremely large

synonym : huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym : beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity

Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym : white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

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**.

comic

adj. funny and making you laugh

synonym : amusing, funny, humorous

(1) **comic** books, (2) a **comic** hat

The novel is **comic** and tragic.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

invite

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

synonym : ask, request, summon

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

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

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym : fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym : canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

dive

v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

synonym : dip, leap, plunge

(1) **dive** into anime communities, (2) **dive** off a cliff

The sperm whale can **dive** to 1,000 meters.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym : nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

mayor

n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government

synonym : governor, leader, chief executive

(1) a deputy **mayor**, (2) **mayor's** race

The incumbent **mayor** announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

tension

n. a state of mental or emotional strain or excitement; the state of being stretched tight

synonym : stress, strain, anxiety

(1) **tension** headache, (2) a high- **tension** wire

The **tension** in the room was palpable as the team waited for their leader to speak.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym : clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym : pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

magnificent

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

synonym : splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain

The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

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.

azure

adj. a bright blue color resembling the sky; characterized by a vivid blue color

synonym : blue, cerulean, sky-blue

(1) **azure** coastline, (2) **azure** color

The sky was a beautiful shade of **azure** blue on a clear summer day.

flop

v. to fall or lie down heavily and clumsily; (noun) a complete failure

synonym : fail, collapse, drop

(1) a huge **flop**, (2) **flop** business

The company's stock prices **flop** after the poor earnings report.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

grab

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

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

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

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

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.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

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

immediately

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

reflex

n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

synonym : reaction, response, instinct

(1) **reflex** test, (2) knee **reflex**

My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the **reflex** hammer.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

bow

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

synonym : bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave

She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.

salute

v. to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way

synonym : greet, acknowledge, acclaim

(1) **salute** to the flag, (2) **salute** him in military fashion

The soldiers stood at attention to **salute** their commanding officer.

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.

dislodge

v. to forcibly remove or loosen something from a particular position or place; to cause something to become detached or dislodged

synonym : remove, displace, unseat

(1) **dislodge** debris, (2) **dislodge** a stuck object

I had to **dislodge** a small rock from the wheel of my car to keep driving safely.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

arrival

n. the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

synonym : reaching, appearance, coming

(1) **arrival** and departure gate, (2) **arrival** at a conclusion

Weather forecasters are predicting the **arrival** of a heatwave.

exhausted

adj. extremely tired

synonym : drowsy, depleted, fatigued

(1) the **exhausted** food sources, (2) **exhausted** parents

The **exhausted** runner fell to the ground and gasped.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym: beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

differ

v. to be not like someone or something in some way

synonym: vary, diverge, disagree

(1) **differ** from the majority, (2) **differ** according to species

The two products **differed** in their quality and price.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement

synonym: victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit

The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

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.

daunt

v. to intimidate or discourage someone, often by making them feel afraid or uncertain; to lessen someone's courage, enthusiasm, or spirit

synonym : intimidate, discourage, frighten

(1) **daunt** the enemy, (2) **daunt** his courage

The idea of skydiving can be **daunting** to some people.

inspiration

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

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

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

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

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym : exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

glue

n. a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

synonym: adhesive, paste, gum

(1) **glue** stick, (2) epoxy **glue**

The carpenter applied **glue** to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.

perspective

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

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. special de_____ry | <i>n.</i> the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth |
| 2. estimate pr_____e costs | <i>adj.</i> sharply exact or accurate or delimited |
| 3. es_____al amino acid | <i>adj.</i> indispensable; fundamental |
| 4. pro_____on of disease | <i>n.</i> the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward |
| 5. Je___h culture | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism |
| 6. a per_____ve view | <i>n.</i> a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something |
| 7. Doppler sh__t | <i>n.</i> a slight transition in position, direction, or trend |
| 8. high pu___y | <i>n.</i> the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature |
| 9. l__t sagging skin | <i>v.</i> to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position |
| 10. a co__c hat | <i>adj.</i> funny and making you laugh |
| 11. unb_____ed by guilt | <i>adj.</i> not weighed down by burden or worry; free from responsibility or obligation; unencumbered |

ANSWERS: 1. delivery, 2. precise, 3. essential, 4. progression, 5. Jewish, 6. perspective, 7. shift, 8. purity, 9. lift, 10. comic, 11. unburdened

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| 12. pa____n drive | <i>n.</i> | intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction |
| 13. di___r according to species | <i>v.</i> | to be not like someone or something in some way |
| 14. en_____ge a sense of affinity | <i>v.</i> | to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do |
| 15. a piece of ch__k | <i>n.</i> | a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards |
| 16. su_____e beforehand | <i>v.</i> | to think that something is likely to be actual or possible |
| 17. dispel do__ts | <i>n.</i> | a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is |
| 18. as___l an opponent with criticism | <i>v.</i> | to attack violently or to criticize harshly and aggressively; to make a concerted effort to overcome or defeat |
| 19. ac_____e a new company | <i>v.</i> | to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself |
| 20. ci___s tent | <i>n.</i> | a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment |

ANSWERS: 12. passion, 13. differ, 14. encourage, 15. chalk, 16. suppose, 17. doubt, 18. assail, 19. acquire, 20. circus

21. the ch__l of autumn *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
22. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
23. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
24. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
25. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
26. an easy de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
27. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
28. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
29. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
30. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
31. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
32. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

ANSWERS: 21. chill, 22. terrifying, 23. silent, 24. ridiculous, 25. quarter, 26. delivery, 27. hire, 28. disaster, 29. genius, 30. develop, 31. chalk, 32. tower

33. ge____e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
34. wo___e a few steps *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
35. development of the ne____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
36. we are non_____ss confident *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
37. b__m of light *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
38. d__e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
39. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
40. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
41. ju___e with facts *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
42. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
43. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 33. gesture, 34. wobble, 35. nervous, 36. nonetheless, 37. beam, 38. dive, 39. manipulate, 40. immediately, 41. juggle, 42. inspiration, 43. creative

44. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
45. s__y back and forth *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
46. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
47. ca__e television *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
48. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
49. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
50. clap the hands in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
51. di___r from the majority *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
52. a mag_____nt plan *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

ANSWERS: 44. giant, 45. sway, 46. straight, 47. cable, 48. mass, 49. shrink, 50. unison, 51. differ, 52. magnificent

53. a mag_____nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
54. a worried fr__n *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
55. the ex_____ed food sources *adj.* extremely tired
56. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
57. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
58. round of ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
59. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
60. ac_____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
61. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
62. mi_____le amount *adj.* extremely small; tiny
63. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
64. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 53. magnificent, 54. frown, 55. exhausted, 56. precise, 57. pave, 58. applause, 59. giant, 60. acquire, 61. inspiration, 62. minuscule, 63. crazy, 64. symbol

65. ce_____de theory *n.* a state of complete confidence or certainty; the quality of being assured or convinced beyond doubt
66. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
67. online dic_____ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
68. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
69. de_____ve action *adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
70. loss of muscle coo_____ion *n.* the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively
71. mi_____le letters *adj.* extremely small; tiny
72. an_____r weight *n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
73. rep_____ly nod *adv.* again and again; many times
74. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

ANSWERS: 65. certitude, 66. inspire, 67. dictionary, 68. roll, 69. decisive, 70. coordination, 71. minuscule, 72. anchor, 73. repeatedly, 74. clap

75. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
76. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
77. single sy_____le *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
78. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
79. fl__k pain *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
80. cr_____ng bridge *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
81. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
82. di_____ge a stuck object *v.* to forcibly remove or loosen something from a particular position or place; to cause something to become detached or dislodged
83. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

ANSWERS: 75. perspective, 76. reject, 77. syllable, 78. cheat, 79. flank, 80. crossing, 81. lift, 82. dislodge, 83. importance

92. coaxial ca__e *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
93. fe_____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
94. gi_____ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
95. ob____g box *n.* an elongated shape that is roughly rectangular or oval in shape
96. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
97. show te_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
98. Je____h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
99. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
100. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
101. me_____me report *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

ANSWERS: 92. cable, 93. festival, 94. gigantic, 95. oblong, 96. odds, 97. tenacity, 98. Jewish, 99. essential, 100. empower, 101. meantime

102. sa____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
103. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
104. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
105. for the me____me *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
106. plenty of fl__ds *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
107. negative in____ty *n.* the state or quality of having no end or limit; (mathematics) a number greater than any natural number
108. di____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
109. a high-te____n wire *n.* a state of mental or emotional strain or excitement; the state of being stretched tight
110. locking pl____s *n.* a tool consisting of two metal arms joined at a pivot, used for gripping, bending, or cutting objects
111. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
112. pro____nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

ANSWERS: 102. satisfy, 103. obvious, 104. flame, 105. meantime, 106. fluid, 107. infinity, 108. dissolve, 109. tension, 110. pliers, 111. suppose, 112. professional

113. a cr____ng-keeper *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
114. ar____l and departure gate *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
115. needle-nose pl____s *n.* a tool consisting of two metal arms joined at a pivot, used for gripping, bending, or cutting objects
116. ap____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
117. roast marshmallows around the
ca____re *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
118. manual de____ty *n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems
119. ju____e a job and motherhood *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
120. ti____pe performer *n.* a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure
121. epoxy g__e *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

ANSWERS: 113. crossing, 114. arrival, 115. pliers, 116. applaud, 117. campfire, 118. dexterity, 119. juggle, 120. tightrope, 121. glue

122. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
123. di_____ge debris *v.* to forcibly remove or loosen something from a particular position or place; to cause something to become detached or dislodged
124. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
125. mu____r at low wages *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
126. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
127. wo_____us adventure *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
128. a fishing p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
129. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
130. pu____e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 122. manipulate, 123. dislodge, 124. replace, 125. murmur, 126. universe, 127. wondrous, 128. pole, 129. universe, 130. pursue

131. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
132. get ne____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
133. a st____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
134. co____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
135. cotton sl____r *n.* a comfortable, lightweight shoe typically worn indoors, often made of soft material and lacking fastenings like laces or buckles
136. population de____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
137. a beautiful sy____ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
138. f__p business *v.* to fall or lie down heavily and clumsily; (noun) a complete failure
139. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
140. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 131. shift, 132. nervous, 133. straight, 134. convinced, 135. slipper, 136. density, 137. symphony, 138. flop, 139. pursue, 140. magic

141. singing in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
142. a sheltered ha___r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
143. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
144. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
145. a pa_____el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
146. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
147. gr__e the left shoulder *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
148. absolute per_____on *n.* the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete
149. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 141. unison, 142. harbor, 143. empower, 144. bang, 145. parallel, 146. motto, 147. graze, 148. perfection, 149. incredible

150. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
151. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
152. unb_____ed soul *adj.* not weighed down by burden or worry; free from responsibility or obligation; unencumbered
153. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
154. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
155. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
156. s_g with fatigue *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
157. pa_____el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
158. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
159. vi_____e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
160. hi_____re flip *n.* a tightly stretched wire or rope, typically elevated at a considerable height, often used by acrobats or tightrope walkers to perform daring feats; (adjective) referring to situations, actions, or performances that are fraught with risk or danger

ANSWERS: 150. shrink, 151. valley, 152. unburdened, 153. doubt, 154. convinced, 155. terrifying, 156. sag, 157. parallel, 158. motto, 159. vibrate, 160. high-wire

161. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
162. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
163. a structural b__m of a building *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
164. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
165. an ar____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
166. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
167. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
168. de_____ty with the pen *n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems
169. fl__d assets *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
170. ca____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

ANSWERS: 161. mass, 162. odds, 163. beam, 164. genius, 165. artistic, 166. valley, 167. fin, 168. dexterity, 169. fluid, 170. campfire

171. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
172. sq___l of wind *n.* a sudden, brief, and intense windstorm characterized by strong gusts, often accompanied by rain, snow, or hail; a loud cry or yell expressing anger or distress
173. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
174. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
175. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
176. engine la__e *n.* a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding
177. certified pro_____nal secretary *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
178. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

ANSWERS: 171. intuition, 172. squall, 173. encourage, 174. constantly, 175. faith, 176. lathe, 177. professional, 178. scream

179. sa___e to the flag *v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
180. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
181. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
182. h__l of anger *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
183. be_____nd other members *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
184. irregular heart rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
185. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
186. use cell phone rep_____ly *adv.* again and again; many times
187. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
188. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time

ANSWERS: 179. salute, 180. tight, 181. importance, 182. howl, 183. befriend, 184. rhythm, 185. amazing, 186. repeatedly, 187. progression, 188. constantly

189. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
190. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
191. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
192. knee re___x *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
193. a tremor of de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
194. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
195. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
196. cultural and ar_____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
197. sa___e him in military fashion *v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
198. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
199. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
200. la__e operator *n.* a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding

ANSWERS: 189. bang, 190. tight, 191. ridiculous, 192. reflex, 193. delight, 194. improvisation, 195. immediately, 196. artistic, 197. salute, 198. pave, 199. quarter, 200. lathe

201. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
202. al_____nt in an organization *n.* an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other
203. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
204. feel a slight ch__l *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
205. s_g my jaw *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
206. the degree of pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
207. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
208. since ch_____od *n.* the state or time of being a child
209. tr____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement
210. te_____n headache *n.* a state of mental or emotional strain or excitement; the state of being stretched tight
211. simmering fl__e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
212. a sw_____w tail *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

ANSWERS: 201. flee, 202. alignment, 203. silent, 204. chill, 205. sag, 206. purity, 207. cheat, 208. childhood, 209. triumph, 210. tension, 211. flame, 212. swallow

213. g__b an opportunity	<i>v.</i>	to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
214. m__e incident	<i>adj.</i>	used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
215. the in_____on of new techniques	<i>n.</i>	the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
216. az__e coastline	<i>adj.</i>	a bright blue color resembling the sky; characterized by a vivid blue color
217. m__e acquaintance	<i>adj.</i>	used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
218. ch_____od development	<i>n.</i>	the state or time of being a child
219. tr_____h of democracy	<i>n.</i>	a great victory or achievement
220. sto_____ing performance	<i>n.</i>	the act or art of narrating or writing stories
221. a huge f__p	<i>v.</i>	to fall or lie down heavily and clumsily; (noun) a complete failure
222. ce_____de belief	<i>n.</i>	a state of complete confidence or certainty; the quality of being assured or convinced beyond doubt
223. in_____e him to write a novel	<i>v.</i>	to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
224. per_____on for permanent residence	<i>n.</i>	consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

ANSWERS: 213. grab, 214. mere, 215. invention, 216. azure, 217. mere, 218. childhood, 219. triumph, 220. storytelling, 221. flop, 222. certitude, 223. inspire, 224. permission

225. a deputy ma__r *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
226. officially di____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
227. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
228. sl____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
229. ob____g shape *n.* an elongated shape that is roughly rectangular or oval in shape
230. tr____e rehearsal *n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
231. a de____ve ballot *adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
232. the ba____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
233. as____p at the wheel *adj.* in a state of sleep
234. a sy____ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
235. in____e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
236. d__e into anime communities *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

ANSWERS: 225. mayor, 226. dissolve, 227. enormous, 228. slightly, 229. oblong, 230. troupe, 231. decisive, 232. balance, 233. asleep, 234. symphony, 235. invite, 236. dive

237. be____nd a young boy *v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need
238. az__e color *adj.* a bright blue color resembling the sky; characterized by a vivid blue color
239. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
240. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
241. sa____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
242. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
243. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
244. me____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
245. hand ge____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
246. te____ty of purpose *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
247. people with fr__n faces *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

ANSWERS: 237. befriend, 238. azure, 239. obvious, 240. improvisation, 241. satisfy, 242. roll, 243. storytelling, 244. mention, 245. gesture, 246. tenacity, 247. frown

248. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
249. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
250. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
251. da__t his courage *v.* to intimidate or discourage someone, often by making them feel afraid or uncertain; to lessen someone's courage, enthusiasm, or spirit
252. awe-in_____ng sight *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
253. ti_____pe act *n.* a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure
254. in_____ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
255. a b_w wave *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

ANSWERS: 248. tower, 249. intuition, 250. clap, 251. daunt, 252. inspiring, 253. tightrope, 254. inspiring, 255. bow

256. earn ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
257. da__t the enemy *v.* to intimidate or discourage someone, often by making them feel afraid or uncertain; to lessen someone's courage, enthusiasm, or spirit
258. street ma____an *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
259. per____on of beauty *n.* the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete
260. heavy sq____l *n.* a sudden, brief, and intense windstorm characterized by strong gusts, often accompanied by rain, snow, or hail; a loud cry or yell expressing anger or distress
261. house sl____r *n.* a comfortable, lightweight shoe typically worn indoors, often made of soft material and lacking fastenings like laces or buckles
262. attack the left fl__k *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

ANSWERS: 256. applause, 257. daunt, 258. magician, 259. perfection, 260. squall, 261. slipper, 262. flank

263. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
264. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
265. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
266. ex_____ed parents *adj.* extremely tired
267. wo_____us sight *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
268. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
269. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
270. 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
271. data coo_____ion *n.* the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively
272. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
273. be in al_____nt *n.* an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other

ANSWERS: 263. reject, 264. explode, 265. fin, 266. exhausted, 267. wondrous, 268. amazing, 269. admire, 270. rehearse, 271. coordination, 272. invite, 273. alignment

274. co__c books *adj.* funny and making you laugh
275. g__e stick *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
276. sw_____w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
277. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
278. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
279. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
280. wo___e chair *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
281. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
282. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
283. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
284. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

ANSWERS: 274. comic, 275. glue, 276. swallow, 277. slightly, 278. invention, 279. admire, 280. wobble, 281. graze, 282. creative, 283. hire, 284. disaster

285. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
286. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
287. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
288. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
289. clothes ha___r *n.* a device or object used for hanging or supporting something, often used for hanging clothes; a loop-shaped object used to hang clothes in a closet
290. ha___r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
291. grant per_____on *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
292. circus tr___e *n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
293. ma_____an's hat *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

ANSWERS: 285. grab, 286. magic, 287. crazy, 288. sight, 289. hanger, 290. harbor, 291. permission, 292. troupe, 293. magician

294. an___r bolt *n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
295. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
296. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
297. as___l with questions *v.* to attack violently or to criticize harshly and aggressively; to make a concerted effort to overcome or defeat
298. gi_____ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
299. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
300. 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
301. sy_____le structure *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
302. vi_____e at a regular frequency *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
303. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 294. anchor, 295. faith, 296. mention, 297. assail, 298. gigantic, 299. enormous, 300. rehearse, 301. syllable, 302. vibrate, 303. develop

304. in samba rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
305. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
306. international film fe_____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
307. dic_____ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
308. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
309. pa_____n hobby *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
310. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
311. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
312. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
313. the plus p___e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

ANSWERS: 304. rhythm, 305. symbol, 306. festival, 307. dictionary, 308. balance, 309. passion, 310. explode, 311. replace, 312. lifetime, 313. pole

314. ci___s performer *n.* a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
315. the in____ty of the universe *n.* the state or quality of having no end or limit; (mathematics) a number greater than any natural number
316. ma__r's race *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
317. b_w and greet *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
318. with de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
319. ap____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
320. ar____l at a conclusion *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
321. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
322. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
323. dead as___p *adj.* in a state of sleep
324. li____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

ANSWERS: 314. circus, 315. infinity, 316. mayor, 317. bow, 318. delight, 319. applaud, 320. arrival, 321. scream, 322. sight, 323. asleep, 324. lifetime

325. mu___r a greeting

v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

326. love him non_____ss

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

ANSWERS: 325. murmur, 326. nonetheless

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was diagnosed with a _____ buildup in her lungs.
n. a substance that can flow and is not solid

2. 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

3. 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

4. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

5. She kept _____ for an ambulance.
v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

6. The ship dropped _____ in the bay.
n. a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability

7. The company's stock prices _____ after the poor earnings report.
v. to fall or lie down heavily and clumsily; (noun) a complete failure

ANSWERS: 1. fluid, 2. magic, 3. rehearse, 4. sights, 5. screaming, 6. anchor, 7. flop

8. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

9. She _____ to the audience after her performance.

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

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

adv. now or without delay

11. I hung the coat on a _____ in the closet.

n. a device or object used for hanging or supporting something, often used for hanging clothes; a loop-shaped object used to hang clothes in a closet

12. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

13. That investor saw an _____ of possibilities in this company.

n. the state or quality of having no end or limit; (mathematics) a number greater than any natural number

14. During the flight, the wings of the plane _____.

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

15. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 8. crazy, 9. bowed, 10. immediately, 11. hanger, 12. mentioned, 13. infinity, 14. vibrate, 15. inspired

16. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

17. What are the _____ that he will survive?

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

18. The _____ of the mountain was difficult to climb.

n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

19. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

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

20. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

21. The _____ runner fell to the ground and gasped.

adj. extremely tired

22. Synchronized swimming needs close _____ between six performers.

n. the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively

23. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

ANSWERS: 16. acquire, 17. odds, 18. flank, 19. Doubt, 20. universe, 21. exhausted, 22. coordination, 23. precise

24. 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
25. He lay down and fell _____ immediately.
- adj.* in a state of sleep
26. She intends to _____ a political career.
- v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
27. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.
- v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
28. He moved his body _____ to the left.
- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
29. Did this response _____ your request?
- v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
30. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
31. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.
- n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
32. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 24. improvisation, 25. asleep, 26. pursue, 27. graze, 28. slightly, 29. satisfy, 30. grab, 31. gesture, 32. fins

33. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

34. The wolves began to _____ in the distance as the sunset.

v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

35. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

36. Do you know the _____ of the population in Hong Kong?

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

37. The children were delighted with the _____ clever tricks.

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

38. I had to _____ a small rock from the wheel of my car to keep driving safely.

v. to forcibly remove or loosen something from a particular position or place; to cause something to become detached or dislodged

39. I need to purchase a new English _____.

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

40. This shirt will _____ in the wash.

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

ANSWERS: 33. giant, 34. howl, 35. delight, 36. density, 37. magician's, 38. dislodge, 39. dictionary, 40. shrink

41. He has a _____ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.
adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
42. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
43. The metal _____ was an essential piece of machinery in the fabrication workshop.
n. a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding
44. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.
v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
45. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
46. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
47. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
48. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 41. professional, 42. valley, 43. lathe, 44. applaud, 45. tower, 46. empowered, 47. develop, 48. creative

49. This system uses submarine _____ to exchange information between continents.
- n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
50. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
51. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.
- n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
52. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
53. He kept his robust _____ in his company.
- n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
54. Weather forecasters are predicting the _____ of a heatwave.
- n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
55. He claims that his legitimate requests were _____ ignored.
- adv.* again and again; many times
56. The sun's _____ shone through the window and illuminated the room.
- n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

ANSWERS: 49. cables, 50. obvious, 51. delivery, 52. invention, 53. faith, 54. arrival, 55. repeatedly, 56. beam

57. The kids were excited to go to the _____ and see the clowns and animals perform.

- n.* a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment

58. We sat around the _____ and told stories late into the night.

- n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

59. I _____ my anger and kept quiet.

- v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

60. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

- adj.* very frightening or intimidating

61. The national election was held amid _____ security.

- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

62. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.

- n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

63. John used _____ to fix the loose wire on the lamp.

- n.* a tool consisting of two metal arms joined at a pivot, used for gripping, bending, or cutting objects

ANSWERS: 57. circus, 58. campfire, 59. swallowed, 60. terrifying, 61. tight, 62. festival, 63. pliers

64. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.

v. to take the place of something

65. He walked a road _____ to the railroad.

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

66. We had to take cover from the sudden _____ that hit during our fishing trip.

n. a sudden, brief, and intense windstorm characterized by strong gusts, often accompanied by rain, snow, or hail; a loud cry or yell expressing anger or distress

67. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

68. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

69. She wore fuzzy _____ to warm her feet on the cold tile floor.

n. a comfortable, lightweight shoe typically worn indoors, often made of soft material and lacking fastenings like laces or buckles

70. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

71. I asked my boss for _____ to leave early for a doctor's appointment.

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

ANSWERS: 64. replace, 65. parallel, 66. squall, 67. artistic, 68. balance, 69. slippers, 70. mass, 71. permission

72. The _____ walker balanced precariously above the crowd.
n. a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure
73. The _____ table was perfect for hosting a large dinner party.
n. an elongated shape that is roughly rectangular or oval in shape
74. The _____ in the room was palpable as the team waited for their leader to speak.
n. a state of mental or emotional strain or excitement; the state of being stretched tight
75. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
76. The soldiers stood at attention to _____ their commanding officer.
v. to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
77. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.
v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
78. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
79. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.
adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

ANSWERS: 72. tightrope, 73. oblong, 74. tension, 75. paved, 76. salute, 77. manipulate, 78. suppose, 79. nervous

80. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

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

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

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

82. He lost the election by _____ votes.

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

83. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

84. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

85. The _____ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

86. The circus performer's most thrilling act was her _____ walk across the entire length of the tent.

n. a tightly stretched wire or rope, typically elevated at a considerable height, often used by acrobats or tightrope walkers to perform daring feats; (adjective) referring to situations, actions, or performances that are fraught with risk or danger

ANSWERS: 80. perspective, 81. invite, 82. mere, 83. encouraged, 84. straight, 85. magnificent, 86. high-wire

87. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
88. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
89. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
90. This ore emits _____ quantities of radiation
adj. extremely small; tiny
91. She felt _____ after letting go of all her negative emotions.
adj. not weighed down by burden or worry; free from responsibility or obligation; unencumbered
92. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
93. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.
n. a great victory or achievement
94. The table _____ a little when I put my drink on it.
v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
95. The idea of skydiving can be _____ to some people.
v. to intimidate or discourage someone, often by making them feel afraid or uncertain; to lessen someone's courage, enthusiasm, or spirit

ANSWERS: 87. importance, 88. lifetime, 89. Jewish, 90. minuscule, 91. unburdened, 92. disaster, 93. triumph, 94. wobbled, 95. daunting

96. The sperm whale can _____ to 1,000 meters.

- v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

97. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

- adj. extremely large or great

98. It can be difficult to _____ work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.

- v. to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act

99. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

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

100. The _____ victory in the war ended years of conflict.

- adj. making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue

101. I have no _____ about what the future holds.

- n. a state of complete confidence or certainty; the quality of being assured or convinced beyond doubt

102. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

- v. to give somebody a job

103. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

- adj. unbelievable; enormous

104. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.

- v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

ANSWERS: 96. dive, 97. enormous, 98. juggle, 99. rolled, 100. decisive, 101. certitude, 102. hire, 103. incredible, 104. flee

105. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

106. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

- adj.* indispensable; fundamental

107. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

- adv.* all the time

108. In the last century, Britain formed a strong _____ with Egypt.

- n.* an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other

109. They saluted in _____ to the captain.

- n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

110. He had fond memories of his _____ spent playing in the park with his friends.

- n.* the state or time of being a child

111. My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the _____ hammer.

- n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

112. We _____ along with the singer's song.

- v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

ANSWERS: 105. exploded, 106. essential, 107. constantly, 108. alignment, 109. unison, 110. childhood, 111. reflex, 112. clapped

113. Her _____ in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.

- n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

114. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.

- v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

115. The novel is _____ and tragic.

- adj.* funny and making you laugh

116. The North _____ is the northernmost point on Earth.

- n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

117. The army will _____ the enemy's camp under the cover of darkness.

- v.* to attack violently or to criticize harshly and aggressively; to make a concerted effort to overcome or defeat

118. I'm willing to _____ the weak and the poor.

- v.* to become a friend of someone, especially when in need

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

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

120. The two products _____ in their quality and price.

- v.* to be not like someone or something in some way

ANSWERS: 113. tenacity, 114. cheated, 115. comic, 116. Pole, 117. assail, 118. befriend, 119. inspiration, 120. differed

121. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
- v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
122. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
123. The old mattress _____ in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.
- v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
124. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.
- n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
125. The little girl practiced her ballet routine until she achieved _____.
- n.* the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete
126. Her _____ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.
- n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
127. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
128. The surgeon's _____ was impressive during the delicate surgery.
- n.* skill and speed in performing physical tasks, especially with the hands; mental skill or adroitness in dealing with situations or problems

ANSWERS: 121. lifted, 122. motto, 123. sagged, 124. rhythm, 125. perfection, 126. passion, 127. quarter, 128. dexterity

129. His swear words cast a _____ on the party.

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

130. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

131. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

132. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

133. The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway _____.

n. the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

134. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

135. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

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

136. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

137. The politician tried to _____ public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

ANSWERS: 129. chill, 130. inspiring, 131. ridiculous, 132. flame, 133. crossing, 134. rejected, 135. progression, 136. silent, 137. sway

138. The _____ beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.

adj. inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive

139. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

140. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.

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

141. 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

142. 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

143. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

144. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

145. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

146. In the _____ while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

n. the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

ANSWERS: 138. wondrous, 139. symbol, 140. purity, 141. bang, 142. symphony, 143. dissolved, 144. shift, 145. amazing, 146. meantime,

147. Emphasize the second _____ when pronouncing it.

- n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

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

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

149. Thinking always made him _____.

- v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

150. The _____ burst from the audience.

- n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

151. The carpenter applied _____ to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.

- n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

152. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.

- n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

153. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a _____ appetite.

- adj.* extremely large

154. He always _____ at the ill-treatment.

- v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath

ANSWERS: 147. syllable, 148. admire, 149. frown, 150. applause, 151. glue, 152. harbor, 153. gigantic, 154. murmurs

155. They each choose _____ to battle.

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

156. The incumbent _____ announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government

157. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

158. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

159. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

160. The theater _____ is performing Hamlet this weekend.

n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production

161. The kids used colored _____ to create a mural on the pavement.

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

162. The sky was a beautiful shade of _____ blue on a clear summer day.

adj. a bright blue color resembling the sky; characterized by a vivid blue color

ANSWERS: 155. nonetheless, 156. mayor, 157. genius, 158. convinced, 159. intuitions, 160. troupe, 161. chalk, 162. azure

163. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 163. storytelling