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Session 1: Word List

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**.

dishonest

adj. capable of being corrupted, not honest

synonym: fraudulent, deceitful, untrustworthy

(1) **dishonest** politicians, (2) promote **dishonest** behavior

Often in drama, **dishonest** personalities gain popularity.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym: comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym: anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

platform

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

synonym: stage, podium, forum

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

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

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

sheer

adj. complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent

synonym : absolute, pure, utter

(1) **sheer** cliff, (2) **sheer** fabric

The **sheer** beauty of the sunset left us in awe.

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym : massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

assume

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

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

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

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

parliament

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

synonym : congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**

He was a member of **parliament**.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym : argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic

in politics.

chamber

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

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

extraordinary

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

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

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

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

brass

n. a metal alloy of copper and zinc; a yellowish color; a group of wind instruments made of brass

synonym: metal, alloy, copper

(1) **brass** section, (2) **brass** instruments

The **brass** band was performing at the parade.

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.

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym: incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym: courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

phrase

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

synonym: expression, idiom, term

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

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

metal

n. a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes

synonym: alloy, metalloid

(1) **metal** fabrication, (2) precious **metal**

The construction worker used a **metal** saw to cut through the stubborn sheet metal.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

statistics

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

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

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

achieve

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

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **congress**, (2) peace **congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym : essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

magistrate

n. a civil officer or judge who is authorized to administer the law, particularly in a local or lower court

synonym : judge, administrator, official

(1) chief **magistrate**, (2) **magistrate** court

The local **magistrate** is well-respected in the community for his commitment to justice.

protector

n. a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender

synonym : guardian, defender, custodian

(1) environmental **protector**, (2) wildlife **protector**

The bodyguard acted as a **protector** for the celebrity.

catchy

adj. pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention

synonym : captivating, haunting, memorable

(1) **catchy** nickname, (2) a **catchy** title for a movie

This track starts with a **catchy** guitar riff.

monarchy

n. a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

synonym : kingdom, realm, empire

(1) **monarchy** system, (2) abolish **monarchy**

The **monarchy** government had been in power for centuries.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
synonym: crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme
Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

bore

v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

synonym: bear, tire, weary

(1) **bore** diameter, (2) **bore** him with his stories
The lecture on quantum physics **bored** me to tears.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term
The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

delay

v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

synonym: block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project
We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

synonym: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**
The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym : spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym : upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

successor

n. a person or thing that comes after or takes the place of another, often in a position of leadership, authority, or inheritance

synonym : heir, replacement, inheritor

(1) musical **successor**, (2) political **successor**

The new CEO's **successor** has already been named.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym : modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

meager

adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

synonym : scanty, sparse, insufficient

(1) **meager** salary, (2) **meager** resources

The refugee family had to survive on a **meager** amount of food and water daily.

pathetic

adj. arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability

synonym : pitiful, miserable, sad

(1) **pathetic** attempt, (2) **pathetic** display

The team's performance was **pathetic** and left the coach

feeling disappointed.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

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**.

preside

v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

synonym: chair, lead, control

(1) **preside** at the piano, (2) **preside** over ceremony

The **president** will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

foreman

n. a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court

synonym: supervisor, manager, overseer

(1) **foreman** position, (2) **foreman** duties

The **foreman** on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.

jury

n. a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task

synonym: panel, tribunal, adjudicators

(1) **jury** verdict, (2) **jury** duty

The judge instructed the **jury** on the law and the evidence

presented in the trial.

grandeur

n. the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring

synonym: splendor, majesty, greatness

(1) natural **grandeur**, (2) lost in **grandeur**

The castle's **grandeur** was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.

overseer

n. a person who supervises or directs the work of others; a guardian or keeper of something

synonym: supervisor, manager, superintendent

(1) **overseer** of a plantation, (2) production **overseer**

The **overseer** of the construction project was responsible for ensuring everything was done on time and within budget.

occasional

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

synonym: infrequent, sporadic, irregular

(1) **occasional** visitor, (2) **occasional** assistance

She only visited her grandparents on **occasional** weekends.

colonial

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

synonym: imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style

The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development

project.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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.

treaty

n. a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities

synonym: agreement, pact, accord

(1) **treaty** negotiation, (2) global climate **treaty**

The two countries signed a **treaty** to establish peaceful relations.

dignitary

n. a person who holds a high rank or position, often with significant influence or authority; an important or influential figure, particularly in a specific field or area

synonym: official, statesman, leader

(1) local **dignitary**, (2) visiting **dignitary**

The national **dignitary** arrived at the airport surrounded by security guards.

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym: cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**

Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

decent

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
synonym : respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education

He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

civilization

n. a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

synonym : society, culture, community

(1) **civilization** decline, (2) lost **civilization**

The rise and fall of **civilizations** can be studied through history and archaeology.

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

annex

v. to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building

synonym : add, take over, (noun) appendix

(1) **annex** notes, (2) hotel **annex**

The government **annexed** the territory from the neighboring country.

bloody

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

synonym : gory, gruesome, savage

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

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

intercourse

n. communication between individuals; the sexual activity between individuals, especially the insertion of a man's penis into a woman's vagina

synonym : copulation, intimacy, communication

(1) diplomatic **intercourse**, (2) extramarital **intercourse**

That meeting markedly improved commercial **intercourse** between the two countries.

majesty

n. regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness

synonym : grandeur, royalty, eminence

(1) morning **majesty**, (2) **majesty** of nature

The king's **majesty** was apparent in his elegant attire and powerful presence.

hazard

n. something dangerous and likely to cause damage

synonym : peril, danger, threat

(1) occupational **hazard**, (2) potential health **hazards**

Lost mobile phones lead to another potential **hazard** regarding privacy.

singularity

n. (of black holes) a point or region in space-time where the gravitational field is infinite, and matter and energy are infinitely dense; the state, fact, quality, or condition of being one of a kind

synonym : black hole, individualism, uniqueness

(1) black hole **singularity**, (2) the **singularity** of the Divine

Scientists have predicted that the universe will end in a **singularity**, where all matter will collapse into an infinitely dense point.

weirdo

n. a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
synonym: freak, oddball, geek

(1) treated as a **weirdo**, (2) a total **weirdo**

The CEO was once a **weirdo**, wandering barefoot around the university.

formal

adj. following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
synonym: ceremonial, official, traditional

(1) a **formal** festival, (2) **formal** request

The event required **formal** attire, so he wore a suit and tie.

endorse

v. to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something

synonym: approve, support, advocate

(1) **endorse** candidate, (2) **endorse** a check

The celebrity **endorsed** the new product on social media.

temporary

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long
synonym: provisional, short-term, interim

(1) a **temporary** permit, (2) **temporary** housing

He managed to get **temporary** jobs during the recession.

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.

nuclear

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

synonym: atomic

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

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

warhead

n. the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation

synonym : payload, explosive

(1) **warhead** missile, (2) nuclear **warhead**

The missile launch was successful, and the **warhead** hit its intended target.

dispose

v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

synonym : get rid of, arrange, set

(1) **dispose** battleships for a battle, (2) **dispose** of a used product

Generally speaking, the child is innately **disposed** to learn a language.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

fleet

n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

synonym : armada, flotilla, (adjective) speedy

(1) **fleet** of foot, (2) a **fleet** horse

We destroyed a **fleet** of 70 enemy ships.

drone

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

synonym : hum, whirr, idler

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

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

endow

v. to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution

synonym: finance, subsidize, support

(1) **endow** him with the power, (2) **endow** the scholarship

Some people believe that human is **endowed** with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.

Session 2: Spelling

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8. pa_____ic attempt *adj.* arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability
9. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

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| 16. domiciliary c__es | <i>n.</i> a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground |
| 17. gov_____nt funding | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
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ANSWERS: 10. cave, 11. delay, 12. weirdo, 13. majesty, 14. nation, 15. magistrate, 16. cave, 17. government, 18. fleet, 19. bravery, 20. president, 21. magistrate

22. di_____st politicians *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
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29. a ca_____y title for a movie *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
30. mon_____al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

ANSWERS: 22. dishonest, 23. bore, 24. dispose, 25. overseer, 26. Senate, 27. absolutely, 28. debate, 29. catchy, 30. monumental

31. br__s section *n.* a metal alloy of copper and zinc; a yellowish color; a group of wind instruments made of brass
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37. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
38. 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
39. me___r resources *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
40. lost in gr_____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
41. potential health ha___ds *n.* something dangerous and likely to cause damage

ANSWERS: 31. brass, 32. decent, 33. nation, 34. humble, 35. independence, 36. congress, 37. invention, 38. tower, 39. meager, 40. grandeur, 41. hazard

42. fo___l request *adj.* following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
43. occupational ha___d *n.* something dangerous and likely to cause damage
44. 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
45. br___e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
46. junior se____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
47. im____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
48. yearn for the de___t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
49. official sta____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
50. el___t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
51. in____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
52. morning ma____y *n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
53. environmental pr____or *n.* a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender

ANSWERS: 42. formal, 43. hazard, 44. tower, 45. brave, 46. senator, 47. imprison, 48. decent, 49. statistics, 50. elect, 51. interact, 52. majesty, 53. protector

54. diplomatic int_____se *n.* communication between individuals; the sexual activity between individuals, especially the insertion of a man's penis into a woman's vagina
55. hotel an__x *v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building
56. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
57. global climate tr___y *n.* a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities
58. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
59. visiting di_____ry *n.* a person who holds a high rank or position, often with significant influence or authority; an important or influential figure, particularly in a specific field or area
60. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
61. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
62. pa_____ic display *adj.* arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability

ANSWERS: 54. intercourse, 55. annex, 56. define, 57. treaty, 58. humble, 59. dignitary, 60. principle, 61. representative, 62. pathetic

63. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
64. musical su____or *n.* a person or thing that comes after or takes the place of another, often in a position of leadership, authority, or inheritance
65. en__w him with the power *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
66. me___r salary *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
67. en__w the scholarship *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
68. an__x notes *v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building
69. civ____ion decline *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
70. sta____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
71. city co____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

ANSWERS: 63. debate, 64. successor, 65. endow, 66. meager, 67. endow, 68. annex, 69. civilization, 70. statistics, 71. council

72. me__l fabrication *n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes
73. natural gr____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
74. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
75. fo_____n duties *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
76. bo_____m relief *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
77. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
78. en_____e a check *v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
79. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

ANSWERS: 72. metal, 73. grandeur, 74. politician, 75. foreman, 76. boredom, 77. fellow, 78. endorse, 79. bold

80. precious me__l *n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes
81. lost civ_____ion *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
82. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
83. pr_____e over ceremony *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
84. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
85. co_____al style *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
86. sh__r cliff *adj.* complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent

ANSWERS: 80. metal, 81. civilization, 82. congress, 83. preside, 84. economy, 85. colonial, 86. sheer

87. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
88. sh__r fabric *adj.* complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent
89. tr___y negotiation *n.* a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities
90. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
91. ca___y nickname *adj.* pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention
92. a fl__t horse *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
93. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
94. go in___e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
95. an in___e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
96. b__e him with his stories *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

ANSWERS: 87. extraordinary, 88. sheer, 89. treaty, 90. assume, 91. catchy, 92. fleet, 93. regardless, 94. insane, 95. insane, 96. bore

97. event of a hung par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
98. nuclear wa_____d *n.* the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation
99. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
100. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
101. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
102. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
103. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
104. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
105. ch___f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
106. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
107. local di_____ry *n.* a person who holds a high rank or position, often with significant influence or authority; an important or influential figure, particularly in a specific field or area

ANSWERS: 97. parliament, 98. warhead, 99. Senate, 100. assume, 101. extraordinary, 102. chamber, 103. ridiculous, 104. invention, 105. chief, 106. phrase, 107. dignitary

108. bl___y massacre *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
109. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
110. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
111. wa_____d missile *n.* the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation
112. a fo___l festival *adj.* following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
113. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
114. oppressive co_____al rule *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
115. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
116. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 108. bloody, 109. editorial, 110. phrase, 111. warhead, 112. formal, 113. council, 114. colonial, 115. ridiculous, 116. platform

117. promote di_____st behavior *adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest
118. use of nu_____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
119. chronic bo_____m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
120. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
121. 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
122. occ_____al visitor *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
123. disband par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
124. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
125. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
126. dr___e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 117. dishonest, 118. nuclear, 119. boredom, 120. define, 121. dictionary, 122. occasional, 123. parliament, 124. politician, 125. absolutely, 126. drone

127. j__y duty *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
128. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
129. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
130. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
131. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
132. en_____e candidate *v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
133. de__y a flight three hours *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
134. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
135. di_____e of a used product *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
136. mon_____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

ANSWERS: 127. jury, 128. bold, 129. platform, 130. fellow, 131. slightly, 132. endorse, 133. delay, 134. interact, 135. dispose, 136. monumental

137. im_____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
138. political su_____or *n.* a person or thing that comes after or takes the place of another, often in a position of leadership, authority, or inheritance
139. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
140. br_____y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger
141. 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
142. br__s instruments *n.* a metal alloy of copper and zinc; a yellowish color; a group of wind instruments made of brass
143. abolish mo_____hy *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
144. se_____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
145. a total we___o *n.* a person who looks strange and behaves strangely
146. j__y verdict *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task

ANSWERS: 137. imprison, 138. successor, 139. regardless, 140. bravery, 141. dictionary, 142. brass, 143. monarchy, 144. senator, 145. weirdo, 146. jury

147. nu____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
148. production ov____er *n.* a person who supervises or directs the work of others; a guardian or keeper of something
149. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
150. a gas ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
151. vice-pr____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
152. sl____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
153. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
154. wildlife pr____or *n.* a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender
155. occ____al assistance *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
156. ac____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 147. nuclear, 148. overseer, 149. achieve, 150. chamber, 151. president, 152. slightly, 153. elect, 154. protector, 155. occasional, 156. achieve

157. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
158. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
159. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
160. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
161. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
162. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
163. mo_____hy system *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
164. fo_____n position *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court

ANSWERS: 157. brave, 158. representative, 159. economy, 160. republican, 161. drone, 162. independence, 163. monarchy, 164. foreman

165. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
166. te_____ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
167. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
168. the sin_____ty of the Divine *n.* (of black holes) a point or region in space-time where the gravitational field is infinite, and matter and energy are infinitely dense; the state, fact, quality, or condition of being one of a kind

ANSWERS: 165. republican, 166. temporary, 167. government, 168. singularity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The city has a rich _____ history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.
adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
2. The crime scene was _____ and gruesome.
adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
3. 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
4. We destroyed a _____ of 70 enemy ships.
n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
5. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.
adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
6. Generally speaking, the child is innately _____ to learn a language.
v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
7. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 1. colonial, 2. bloody, 3. tower, 4. fleet, 5. chief, 6. disposed, 7. statistics

8. The team's performance was _____ and left the coach feeling disappointed.
adj. arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability
9. The refugee family had to survive on a _____ amount of food and water daily.
adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
10. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
11. We bought a Spanish _____ book.
n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together
12. The missile launch was successful, and the _____ hit its intended target.
n. the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation
13. He was a member of _____.
n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
14. The king's _____ was apparent in his elegant attire and powerful presence.
n. regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
15. His _____ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.
n. courage in the face of danger
16. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 8. pathetic, 9. meager, 10. government, 11. phrase, 12. warhead, 13. parliament, 14. majesty, 15. bravery, 16. invention

17. This track starts with a _____ guitar riff.

adj. pleasing and easy to remember; likely to attract attention

18. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

19. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

20. The rise and fall of _____ can be studied through history and archaeology.

n. a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

21. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

22. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

23. The _____ of the construction project was responsible for ensuring everything was done on time and within budget.

n. a person who supervises or directs the work of others; a guardian or keeper of something

ANSWERS: 17. catchy, 18. republican, 19. politician, 20. civilizations, 21. Congress, 22. editorial, 23. overseer

24. Often in drama, _____ personalities gain popularity.

adj. capable of being corrupted, not honest

25. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

26. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

27. The judge instructed the _____ on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.

n. a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task

28. She only visited her grandparents on _____ weekends.

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

29. The nobler, the more _____.

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

30. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

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

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

32. The construction worker used a _____ saw to cut through the stubborn sheet metal.

n. a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 24. dishonest, 25. elected, 26. council, 27. jury, 28. occasional, 29. humble, 30. absolutely, 31. chambers, 32. metal

33. 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

34. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

35. The hawkish _____ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

- n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

36. Some people believe that human is _____ with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.

- v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution

37. The national _____ arrived at the airport surrounded by security guards.

- n.* a person who holds a high rank or position, often with significant influence or authority; an important or influential figure, particularly in a specific field or area

38. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

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

39. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

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

40. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.

- n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

ANSWERS: 33. dictionary, 34. principle, 35. senator, 36. endowed, 37. dignitary, 38. achieve, 39. assumes, 40. independence

41. He managed to get _____ jobs during the recession.
adj. not lasting or be used for a very long
42. The _____ government had been in power for centuries.
n. a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
43. The event required _____ attire, so he wore a suit and tie.
adj. following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
44. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
45. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off _____.
n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
46. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
47. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
48. Lost mobile phones lead to another potential _____ regarding privacy.
n. something dangerous and likely to cause damage

ANSWERS: 41. temporary, 42. monarchy, 43. formal, 44. Senate, 45. boredom, 46. drone, 47. platform, 48. hazard

49. The government _____ the territory from the neighboring country.
v. to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building
50. The _____ will preside over the meeting tomorrow.
v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
51. Bats reside in sheltered _____.
n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
52. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.
adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
53. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
v. to communicate or react with somebody
54. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
55. He earned a _____ salary at his job.
adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
56. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.
adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
57. The celebrity _____ the new product on social media.
v. to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something

ANSWERS: 49. annexed, 50. president, 51. caves, 52. fellow, 53. interact, 54. define, 55. decent, 56. regardless, 57. endorsed

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

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

59. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

60. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's _____ contributions to physics.

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

61. The local _____ is well-respected in the community for his commitment to justice.

n. a civil officer or judge who is authorized to administer the law, particularly in a local or lower court

62. The new CEO's _____ has already been named.

n. a person or thing that comes after or takes the place of another, often in a position of leadership, authority, or inheritance

63. The _____ band was performing at the parade.

n. a metal alloy of copper and zinc; a yellowish color; a group of wind instruments made of brass

64. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

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

65. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 58. ridiculous, 59. brave, 60. monumental, 61. magistrate, 62. successor, 63. brass, 64. nation, 65. economy

66. The media _____ had special passes.

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

67. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.

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

68. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

69. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

70. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

71. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

72. The bodyguard acted as a _____ for the celebrity.

n. a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender

73. He was _____ for embezzlement.

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

ANSWERS: 66. representatives, 67. nuclear, 68. delayed, 69. debate, 70. slightly, 71. bold, 72. protector, 73. imprisoned

74. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

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

75. The lecture on quantum physics _____ me to tears.

v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

76. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

77. The _____ beauty of the sunset left us in awe.

adj. complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent

78. The two countries signed a _____ to establish peaceful relations.

n. a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities

79. The CEO was once a _____ wandering barefoot around the university.

n. a person who looks strange and behaves strangely

80. The castle's _____ was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.

n. the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring

ANSWERS: 74. extraordinary, 75. bored, 76. president, 77. sheer, 78. treaty, 79. weirdo, 80. grandeur

81. Scientists have predicted that the universe will end in a _____ where all matter will collapse into an infinitely dense point.
- n.* (of black holes) a point or region in space-time where the gravitational field is infinite, and matter and energy are infinitely dense; the state, fact, quality, or condition of being one of a kind
82. Her excessive demands drove me _____.
- adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
83. That meeting markedly improved commercial _____ between the two countries.
- n.* communication between individuals; the sexual activity between individuals, especially the insertion of a man's penis into a woman's vagina
84. The _____ on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.
- n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court

ANSWERS: 81. singularity, 82. insane, 83. intercourse, 84. foreman