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Session 1: Word List

theme

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

synonym: subject, topic, motif

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

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

tense

adj. unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid

synonym: tight, stretched, strained

(1) **tense** atmosphere, (2) have a **tense** face

This story makes me **tense**.

resist

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

synonym: fight, defy, revolt

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

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

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym: immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

greatly

adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

synonym : enormously, broadly, grandly

(1) **greatly** affect the situation, (2) **greatly** support that player

They **greatly** admired our actions.

thorough

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

synonym : complete, comprehensive, meticulous

(1) **thorough** investigation, (2) provide **thorough** analysis

A **thorough** brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

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.

stray

v. to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be

synonym : deviate, err, depart

(1) **stray** beyond the confines, (2) **stray** from a rule

Tourists often get lost and **stray** into a restricted area.

crayon

n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

synonym : chalk, pastel, (verb) draw

(1) **crayon** drawing, (2) **crayon** her coloring books

The teacher handed out several different colored **crayons** to each student.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym: barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

inflict

v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

synonym: impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow

The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

singe

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

synonym: sear, char, burn

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

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

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym: equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

monologue

n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

synonym: soliloquy, speech, address

(1) inner **monologue**, (2) deliver a **monologue**

The actor's **monologue** was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

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

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

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.

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.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym : foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this

area.

typical

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

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

nonsense

n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

synonym: ludicrousness, gabble, absurdity

(1) talk **nonsense**, (2) sheer **nonsense**

The parents spoke to their children in no- **nonsense** tones.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

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.

infantile

adj. relating to or characteristic of infants or infancy;
behaving in an immature or childish manner; lacking
maturity or sophistication

synonym : childish, juvenile, immature

(1) **infantile** paralysis, (2) **infantile** colic

His **infantile** behavior was unacceptable for someone his
age.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something
that makes it what it is

synonym : core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of
the matter.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form
of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen
before

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

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.

erotic

adj. relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement;
considered taboo or provocative

synonym : sensual, arousing, sexy

(1) **erotic** novel, (2) **erotic** dance

The painting contained subtle **erotic** undertones.

- writ** *n.* a written legal order or command
synonym : legal document, order, legal process
(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- viol** *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
synonym : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument
(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music
The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
- scope** *n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
synonym : content, coverage, extent
(1) **scope** of a project, (2) have broad **scope**
The **scope** of human thought is diverse.
- anxious** *adj.* worried and nervous
synonym : nervous, uneasy, afraid
(1) **anxious** about his health, (2) an **anxious** look
He cast **anxious** glances behind her.
- discovery** *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
synonym : finding, uncovering, detection
(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century
Her research team made an important **discovery**.
- monstrous** *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
synonym : grotesque, huge, deformed
(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior
The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small

boat.

vermin

n. small animals, such as rats and mice, that are considered to be harmful

synonym: pests, parasites, rodents

(1) plague of **vermin**, (2) **vermin** control

She set traps to catch the **vermin** in her house.

bug

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

synonym: insect, bacterium, microbe

(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes

I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.

metamorphosis

n. a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation

synonym: transformation, change, evolution

(1) **metamorphosis** process, (2) undergo a **metamorphosis**

The butterfly's **metamorphosis** from a caterpillar to a winged creature is a wonder of nature.

unjust

adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

synonym: unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation

The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

justify

v. to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid

synonym: validate, defend, support

(1) **justify** my beliefs, (2) **justify** your decision

The lawyer tried to **justify** his client's actions by presenting

evidence of their difficult upbringing.

masterpiece

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

synonym : classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design

The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of art.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

literature

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

synonym : writing, prose, fiction

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

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

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym : grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

useless

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

synonym : ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen

The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

but was later proven correct.

skit

n. a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance

synonym : sketch, parody, routine

(1) comedy **skit**, (2) political **skit**

The comedy group performed a hilarious **skit** about life in quarantine.

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

synonym : dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

mischievous

adj. causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way

synonym : naughty, prankish, impish

(1) **mischievous** grin, (2) **mischievous** sense of humor

The **mischievous** child played pranks on his siblings all day long.

proof

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

synonym : testimony, evidence, assurance

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

Proof is better than argument.

tire

v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving

synonym :

exhaust, weary, fatigue

(1) **tire** my patience, (2) **tire** pressure

I need to **tire** out my dog with a long walk so that he will sleep through the night.

overnight

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

synonym: all-night, sudden, immediate

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

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

overtime

n. time worked beyond the regular or agreed-upon hours of work, often resulting in additional pay or compensation for the employee

synonym: overtime pay, time and a half, extra pay

(1) **overtime** hours, (2) **overtime** work

The company's policy on **overtime** states that employees will be compensated for any additional hours worked.

tiring

adj. causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom

synonym: exhausting, fatiguing, draining

(1) mentally **tiring**, (2) **tiring** day

The **tiring** hike through the mountains was worth it for the stunning views.

fatigue

n. a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress

synonym: exhaustion, weariness, tiredness

(1) **fatigue** breaking, (2) **fatigue** caused by overwork

The metal showed signs of **fatigue** after being subjected to repeated stress.

gentle

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

synonym : mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

exception

n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

synonym : anomaly, rarity, exemption

(1) make an **exception**, (2) without **exception**

She was the **exception** to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

pastime

n. an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game

synonym : hobby, diversion, leisure activity

(1) a familiar **pastime**, (2) national **pastime**

I enjoy gardening as a **pastime** during my free time.

ballet

n. a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing

(1) a **ballet** enthusiast, (2) **ballet** lessons

She is a leading female classical **ballet** dancer

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym : contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

elementary

adj. relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects

synonym : fundamental, basic, primary

(1) **elementary** math, (2) **elementary** level

Elementary school students must learn basic math and reading skills.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

drawing

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

synonym : sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for

her artwork.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym: battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

diligent

adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

synonym: active, engaged, assiduous

(1) a **diligent** person, (2) a **diligent** search of the files

The **diligent** detective investigated all clues.

eager

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

synonym: keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

sketch

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

synonym: drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

perch

v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

synonym: sit, roost, squat

(1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey

The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or

more complex organization

synonym : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym : endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

rascal

n. a mischievous or playful person often used affectionately; a rogue or scoundrel

synonym : scoundrel, rogue, scamp

(1) mischievous **rascal**, (2) street **rascal**

Despite being a **rascal** in his youth, he grew up to be a respectable man.

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?

palace

n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

synonym : mansion, manor, castle

(1) a **palace** garden, (2) ancestral **palace**

The imperial **palace** is currently undergoing reforms.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym : haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym : absolutely, completely, perfectly

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

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

mortify

v. to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires

synonym : humiliate, embarrass, shame

(1) **mortify** his ego, (2) **mortify** the body

My parents used to **mortify** me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.

explanation

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

synonym : description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**

The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

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.

seldom

adv. not often; rarely

synonym : rarely, hardly, infrequently

(1) **seldom** try to walk, (2) **seldom** fluctuate

He **seldom** went out to socialize, preferring to spend evenings at home.

unfair

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

synonym : wrongful, biased, dishonest

(1) **unfair** employment practices, (2) have an **unfair** advantage

In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making **unfair** decisions.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

wallpaper

n. a decorative paper or fabric that is applied to walls or ceilings to enhance their appearance; a digital image used as a background on a computer screen

synonym : cover

(1) floral **wallpaper**, (2) textured **wallpaper**

I found a retro-inspired **wallpaper** for my bathroom that matches the vintage sink and bathtub.

lame

adj. having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability

synonym : cripple, gimp, hobbled

(1) a **lame** older man, (2) **lame** apology

The **lame** horse was unable to race.

untitled

adj. not named or titled; not given a title or official designation

synonym : nameless, unidentified, anonymous

(1) **untitled** song, (2) **untitled** manuscript

The exhibit featured several **untitled** paintings by the famous artist.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

void

n. an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force

synonym : emptiness, vacuity, (adjective) null

(1) **void** of expression, (2) **void** contract

The **void** in her heart was filled with the love of her family.

interpretation

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

synonym : rendering, explanation, understanding

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

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

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

amateur

adj. engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience;

non-professional

synonym : novice, inexperienced, non-professional

(1) an **amateur** magician, (2) an **amateur** musician

The **amateur** photographer captured some stunning shots during the sunset.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

handlebar

n. a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle

synonym : handle, bar, grip

(1) **handlebar** mustache, (2) grip **handlebar**

My bike's **handlebar** is loose and needs to be tightened before I can ride it safely.

bull

n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

synonym : bovine, cattle, bruiser

(1) **bull** market, (2) **bull** fighter

The farmer raised a **bull** on his ranch for breeding purposes.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

synonym : clear, compelling, believable

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

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

urine

n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

synonym : excrement, dung, pee

(1) **urine** composition, (2) blood in the **urine**

They collected a **urine** specimen for urinalysis.

fountain

n. a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water

synonym : spring, well, spout

(1) **fountain** plaza, (2) decorative **fountain**

The **fountain** in the park provided a relaxing atmosphere.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

synonym : strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights,

etc. as other people

synonym : antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym : disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**
Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym : exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

mime

n. a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form

synonym : gesture, pantomimist, actor

(1) hilarious **mime** act, (2) **mime** artist

The **mime's** silent performance captivated the audience, leaving them in awe.

riff

v. to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase

(1) rock 'n' roll **riff**, (2) **riff** off the audience's reactions

She began to **riff** on the theme of love lost in her poetry.

awful

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

synonym : terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym : provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

castle

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

often a moat

synonym : fortress, palace, citadel

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

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

impulse

n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

synonym : stimulation, provocation, urge

(1) a combative **impulse**, (2) profound religious **impulses**

Nerve **impulses** cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

suppress

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

synonym : subdue, bury, stifle

(1) **suppress** a yawn, (2) **suppress** a revolt

The doctor prescribed medication to **suppress** the patient's appetite.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

jealousy

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

synonym : envy, covetousness, resentment

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

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

praise

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

synonym : acclaim, honor, commendation

(1) attain critical **praise**, (2) universal **praise**

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

envy

v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

synonym : covet, resent, grudge

(1) **envy** his success, (2) feeling **envy** toward him

I can't help but **envy** my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

dictator

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

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

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

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

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym : acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

dram

n. a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages

synonym : drachm, whisky, scotch

(1) have not one **dram** of learning, (2) scotch **dram**

He poured himself a **dram** of whiskey to relax after a long day at work.

likewise

adv. in the same way

synonym : alike, correspondingly, similarly

(1) do **likewise**, (2) please revise **likewise**

He is tall and **likewise** strong.

rarely

adv. not happening often; infrequently; seldom

synonym : seldom, infrequently, hardly ever

(1) **rarely** seen, (2) **rarely** used

I **rarely** eat fast food because I prefer healthy options.

miserable

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

synonym : unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

military

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

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

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

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

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym : academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym : task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest

My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

synonym : empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym : unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation

The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

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.

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.

devil

n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

synonym : demon, fiend, satan

(1) **devil's** advocate, (2) **devil** horns

There are various ways to ward off the **devil**, including prayer and holy water.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym : crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

handwriting

n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

synonym : script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample

The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

deadline

n. a date or period by which something must be done

synonym : time limit, period

(1) transfer **deadline** day, (2) the **deadline** for applications

No matter what, we must have this done before the **deadline**.

trance

n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

synonym : stupor, hypnosis, daydreaming

(1) **trance** state, (2) meditative **trance**

The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a **trance**.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

nag

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

synonym: hassle, bother, badger

(1) **nag** about the minor thing, (2) **nag** political leaders

She couldn't stop **nagging** her husband to take out the trash.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

spouse

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

synonym: partner, mate, wife

(1) **spouse** tax deduction, (2) **spouse** visa

The **spouse** of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

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.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European
countries.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury
Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the
accident.

alcohol

n. a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in
medicines, cleaning products, etc.

synonym : booze, liquor, ethanol

(1) stop drinking **alcohol**, (2) diluted **alcohol**

There is a clear association between **alcohol** consumption
and cognitive decline.

pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic

synonym : practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on
what was practical rather than ideal.

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.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

cab

n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven

synonym: taxi, hack, cabriolet

(1) taxi **cab**, (2) yellow **cab**

I hailed a **cab** to take me to the airport.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

banker

n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

synonym: dealer, broker, financier

(1) central **bankers**, (2) investment **banker**

Bankers are only willing to lend with good security.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym: candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

graham

n. a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

synonym : cracker, biscuit, wafer

(1) **graham** bread, (2) **graham** flour

I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing **graham** cracker.

legend

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

synonym : fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

modern

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

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

aspiring

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

synonym : hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes

He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym : acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

touched

adj. affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration

synonym : affected, moved, emotional

(1) **touched-hearted** audience, (2) emotionally **touched** by the speech

He gave a **touched** smile as he read the heartfelt message in the card from his daughter.

Session 2: Spelling

1. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
2. a penciled sk___h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
3. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
4. mo____y the body *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
5. ele_____ry math *adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects
6. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
7. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 1. writ, 2. sketch, 3. sand, 4. mortify, 5. elementary, 6. alien, 7. stick

8. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
9. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
10. 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
11. floral wa_____er *n.* a decorative paper or fabric that is applied to walls or ceilings to enhance their appearance; a digital image used as a background on a computer screen
12. a speech co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
13. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
14. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
15. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

ANSWERS: 8. conversation, 9. celebrate, 10. develop, 11. wallpaper, 12. contest, 13. relate, 14. par, 15. idiot

16. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
17. copyright tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
18. pu____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
19. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
20. ve____n control *n.* small animals, such as rats and mice, that are considered to be harmful
21. sto____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
22. do aw__l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
23. ba____h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
24. cultural and ar____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
25. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
26. pro____nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
27. mi____le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

ANSWERS: 16. weird, 17. troll, 18. publicly, 19. quest, 20. vermin, 21. storytelling, 22. awful, 23. banish, 24. artistic, 25. writ, 26. professional, 27. miserable

28. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
29. a ba____t enthusiast *n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
30. op____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
31. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
32. han____ng identification *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
33. profound religious im____es *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
34. literary mas____ce *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
35. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
36. fo____in plaza *n.* a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
37. st__y beyond the confines *v.* to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be

ANSWERS: 28. military, 29. ballet, 30. oppress, 31. negative, 32. handwriting, 33. impulse, 34. masterpiece, 35. blank, 36. fountain, 37. stray

38. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
39. an aw__l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
40. undergo a met_____sis *n.* a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation
41. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
42. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
43. ra___y seen *adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
44. provide th_____gh analysis *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
45. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
46. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
47. a di_____nt person *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
48. meditative tr___e *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

ANSWERS: 38. excite, 39. awful, 40. metamorphosis, 41. essence, 42. essentially,

43. rarely, 44. thorough, 45. dam, 46. branch, 47. diligent, 48. trance

49. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
50. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
51. ju_____y your decision *v.* to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid
52. ca___e moat *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
53. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
54. mischievous ra___l *n.* a mischievous or playful person often used affectionately; a rogue or scoundrel
55. boys in the twelfth gr___e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
56. se___m fluctuate *adv.* not often; rarely
57. ba___t lessons *n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
58. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
59. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

ANSWERS: 49. crazy, 50. par, 51. justify, 52. castle, 53. interpretation, 54. rascal, 55. grade, 56. seldom, 57. ballet, 58. responsible, 59. dictator

60. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
61. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
62. cr___n her coloring books *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
63. gr_____y affect the situation *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
64. feed a tr___l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
65. gr_____y support that player *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
66. si___e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
67. mi_____le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
68. 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

ANSWERS: 60. increasingly, 61. storytelling, 62. crayon, 63. greatly, 64. troll, 65. greatly, 66. singe, 67. miserable, 68. develop

69. the exp_____on for the failure *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
70. us_____s in the kitchen *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
71. emotionally to_____d by the speech *adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
72. plague of ve_____n *n.* small animals, such as rats and mice, that are considered to be harmful
73. cel_____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
74. be killed in_____ly *adv.* immediately
75. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
76. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
77. the ruins of a ca_____e *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
78. ea__r anticipation *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
79. diluted al_____l *n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
80. have a te__e face *adj.* unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid

ANSWERS: 69. explanation, 70. useless, 71. touched, 72. vermin, 73. celebrated, 74. instantly, 75. creep, 76. bug, 77. castle, 78. eager, 79. alcohol, 80. tense

81. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
82. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
83. a pa___e garden *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
84. su___e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
85. n_g about the minor thing *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
86. have broad sc__e *n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
87. have as____ng eyes *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
88. a mo____us iceberg *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
89. grip ha____ar *n.* a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle
90. an unf____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
91. blood in the ur__e *n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

ANSWERS: 81. desire, 82. gap, 83. palace, 84. suppose, 85. nag, 86. scope, 87. aspiring, 88. monstrous, 89. handlebar, 90. unfortunate, 91. urine

92. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
93. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
94. e__y his success *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
95. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
96. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
97. ch__e off the blood supply *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
98. b__l market *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
99. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
100. since ch_____od *n.* the state or time of being a child
101. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

ANSWERS: 92. institute, 93. disappear, 94. envy, 95. transform, 96. mere, 97. choke, 98. bull, 99. unfortunately, 100. childhood, 101. novel

102. please revise li____se *adv.* in the same way
103. 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
104. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
105. in_____t a heavier tax *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
106. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
107. sp____e tax deduction *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
108. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
109. us_____s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
110. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
111. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
112. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
113. street ra____l *n.* a mischievous or playful person often used affectionately; a rogue or scoundrel

ANSWERS: 102. likewise, 103. bold, 104. conversation, 105. inflict, 106. typical, 107. spouse, 108. grade, 109. useless, 110. evil, 111. dam, 112. oppress, 113. rascal

114. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
115. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
116. a l__e older man *adj.* having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability
117. an_____s about his health *adj.* worried and nervous
118. v__d of expression *n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
119. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
120. comedy s__t *n.* a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance
121. ur__e composition *n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
122. pr_____ic politics *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
123. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
124. su_____ss a yawn *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

ANSWERS: 114. drama, 115. discovery, 116. lame, 117. anxious, 118. void, 119. critic, 120. skit, 121. urine, 122. pragmatic, 123. celebrate, 124. suppress

125. er___c dance *adj.* relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative
126. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
127. sp___e visa *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
128. n_g political leaders *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
129. ut_____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
130. talk no_____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
131. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
132. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
133. r__f off the audience's reactions *v.* to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase
134. the de_____ne for applications *n.* a date or period by which something must be done
135. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

ANSWERS: 125. erotic, 126. essence, 127. spouse, 128. nag, 129. utterly, 130. nonsense, 131. assignment, 132. drag, 133. riff, 134. deadline, 135. blank

136. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
137. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
138. th____gh investigation *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
139. with ea__r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
140. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
141. in a ge___e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
142. have not one d__m of learning *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
143. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
144. attain critical pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
145. en____ge a sense of affinity *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

ANSWERS: 136. excite, 137. magic, 138. thorough, 139. eager, 140. shock, 141. gentle, 142. dram, 143. amazing, 144. praise, 145. encourage

146. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
147. gr___m flour *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
148. a con_____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
149. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
150. th__e park *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
151. a person of diverse ta___ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
152. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
153. sc__e of a project *n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
154. 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

ANSWERS: 146. alien, 147. graham, 148. convincing, 149. doe, 150. theme, 151. talent, 152. overnight, 153. scope, 154. encourage

155. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
156. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
157. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
158. universal pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
159. ha_____ar mustache *n.* a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle
160. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
161. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
162. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
163. le___d of King Arthur *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

ANSWERS: 155. competition, 156. overnight, 157. contemporary, 158. praise, 159. handlebar, 160. magic, 161. viol, 162. proof, 163. legend

164. in_____le colic *adj.* relating to or characteristic of infants or infancy; behaving in an immature or childish manner; lacking maturity or sophistication
165. un___t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
166. re___t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
167. je_____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
168. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
169. raw ta___t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
170. mentally ti___g *adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
171. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
172. de__l horns *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
173. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

ANSWERS: 164. infantile, 165. unjust, 166. resist, 167. jealousy, 168. mere, 169. talent, 170. tiring, 171. modern, 172. devil, 173. bet

174. first design sk___hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
175. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
176. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
177. an ar_____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
178. a combative im_____e *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
179. central th__e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
180. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
181. er___c novel *adj.* relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative
182. review of the lit_____re *n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
183. mo_____y his ego *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
184. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 174. sketch, 175. ultimate, 176. quest, 177. artistic, 178. impulse, 179. theme, 180. contemporary, 181. erotic, 182. literature, 183. mortify, 184. relate

185. ch__e with anger *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
186. inner mo_____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
187. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
188. an am_____r magician *adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional
189. rock 'n' roll r__f *v.* to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase
190. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
191. hilarious m__e act *n.* a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form

ANSWERS: 185. choke, 186. monologue, 187. discovery, 188. amateur, 189. riff, 190. prop, 191. mime

192. un___r employment practices *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
193. a di____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
194. ancestral pa___e *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
195. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
196. te__e atmosphere *adj.* unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid
197. ju____y my beliefs *v.* to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid
198. feeling e__y toward him *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
199. ba___h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
200. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

ANSWERS: 192. unfair, 193. dictator, 194. palace, 195. transform, 196. tense, 197. justify, 198. envy, 199. banish, 200. resist

208. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
209. national pa_____e *n.* an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game
210. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
211. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
212. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
213. v__d contract *n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
214. pr_____ic approach *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
215. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
216. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
217. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
218. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
219. political s__t *n.* a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance

ANSWERS: 208. pun, 209. pastime, 210. instantly, 211. bold, 212. proof, 213. void, 214. pragmatic, 215. drama, 216. crazy, 217. communal, 218. competition, 219. skit

220. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
221. detailed exp_____on *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
222. decorative fo_____in *n.* a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
223. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
224. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
225. id__t driver *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
226. a mas_____ce of design *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
227. perfect ex_____e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 220. institute, 221. explanation, 222. fountain, 223. tragedy, 224. aft, 225. idiot, 226. masterpiece, 227. excuse

228. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
229. in_____le paralysis *adj.* relating to or characteristic of infants or infancy; behaving in an immature or childish manner; lacking maturity or sophistication
230. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
231. ti____g day *adj.* causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom
232. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
233. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
234. textured wa_____er *n.* a decorative paper or fabric that is applied to walls or ceilings to enhance their appearance; a digital image used as a background on a computer screen
235. dr_____g for design *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
236. un_____ed manuscript *adj.* not named or titled; not given a title or official designation
237. st__y from a rule *v.* to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be
238. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

ANSWERS: 228. negative, 229. infantile, 230. communal, 231. tiring, 232. novel, 233. increasingly, 234. wallpaper, 235. drawing, 236. untitled, 237. stray, 238. viol

239. without ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
240. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
241. technical dr_____g *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
242. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
243. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
244. su_____ss a revolt *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
245. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
246. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 239. exception, 240. rev, 241. drawing, 242. evil, 243. critic, 244. suppress, 245. stud, 246. military

247. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
248. certified pro_____nal secretary *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
249. a di_____nt search of the files *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
250. a familiar pa_____e *n.* an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game
251. gr____m bread *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
252. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
253. have an un____r advantage *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
254. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
255. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
256. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 247. unfortunately, 248. professional, 249. diligent, 250. pastime, 251. graham, 252. jealousy, 253. unfair, 254. gap, 255. associate, 256. shock

257. m__e artist *n.* a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form
258. con_____ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
259. ov_____me work *n.* time worked beyond the regular or agreed-upon hours of work, often resulting in additional pay or compensation for the employee
260. stop drinking al_____l *n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
261. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
262. deliver a mo_____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
263. an unf_____te orphan *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
264. un____t verdict *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
265. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 257. mime, 258. convincing, 259. overtime, 260. alcohol, 261. creep, 262. monologue, 263. unfortunate, 264. unjust, 265. identity

266. ch_____od development *n.* the state or time of being a child
267. an am_____r musician *adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional
268. ov_____me hours *n.* time worked beyond the regular or agreed-upon hours of work, often resulting in additional pay or compensation for the employee
269. t__e pressure *v.* to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving
270. tr_____e state *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
271. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
272. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
273. popular lit_____re *n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value

ANSWERS: 266. childhood, 267. amateur, 268. overtime, 269. tire, 270. trance, 271. interpretation, 272. disappear, 273. literature

274. pe__h on a ledge *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
275. yellow c_b *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
276. met_____sis process *n.* a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation
277. transfer de_____ne day *n.* a date or period by which something must be done
278. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
279. han_____ng sample *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
280. as_____ng prime minister *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
281. mo_____us behavior *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
282. b__l fighter *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

ANSWERS: 274. perch, 275. cab, 276. metamorphosis, 277. deadline, 278. associate, 279. handwriting, 280. aspiring, 281. monstrous, 282. bull

283. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
284. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
285. pu____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
286. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
287. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
288. cel_____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
289. pe__h of a bird of prey *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
290. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 283. drag, 284. bet, 285. publicly, 286. doe, 287. responsible, 288. celebrated, 289. perch, 290. stud

291. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
292. in_____t a hard blow *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
293. se___m try to walk *adv.* not often; rarely
294. central ba___rs *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
295. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
296. finish the ass_____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
297. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
298. to_____d-hearted audience *adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
299. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
300. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
301. cr___n drawing *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

ANSWERS: 291. branch, 292. inflict, 293. seldom, 294. banker, 295. utterly, 296. assignment, 297. aft, 298. touched, 299. typical, 300. bug, 301. crayon

302. t__e my patience
- v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued;
(noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving
303. mistaken id____ty
- n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
304. basketball le____d
- n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
305. become ess_____ly same
- adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
306. taxi c_b
- n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
307. a tr____y during work
- n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
308. ge____e downward slope
- adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
309. ar__e a case
- v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 302. tire, 303. identity, 304. legend, 305. essentially, 306. cab, 307. tragedy, 308. gentle, 309. argue

310. su____e beforehand
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
311. the state of being we__d
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
312. fa____e breaking
n. a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress
313. a rid_____us suggestion
adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
314. the most am_____g feeling
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
315. silly p_n
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
316. ra____y used
adv. not happening often; infrequently; seldom
317. si__e the edges of a fabric
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
318. un_____ed song
adj. not named or titled; not given a title or official designation
319. pr_____ve society
adj. of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
320. ele_____ry level
adj. relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects

ANSWERS: 310. suppose, 311. weird, 312. fatigue, 313. ridiculous, 314. amazing, 315. pun, 316. rarely, 317. singe, 318. untitled, 319. primitive, 320. elementary

321. artifact of a pr_____ve humankind *adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
322. de__'s advocate *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
323. a close co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
324. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
325. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
326. fa_____e caused by overwork *n.* a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress
327. sheer no_____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

ANSWERS: 321. primitive, 322. devil, 323. contest, 324. prop, 325. modern, 326. fatigue, 327. nonsense

328. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
329. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
330. fleshly de_____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
331. scotch d____m *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
332. do li_____se *adv.* in the same way
333. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
334. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
335. an an_____s look *adj.* worried and nervous
336. l__e apology *adj.* having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability

ANSWERS: 328. ridiculous, 329. ultimate, 330. desire, 331. dram, 332. likewise, 333. rev, 334. argue, 335. anxious, 336. lame

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.
 - n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
2. The imperial _____ is currently undergoing reforms.
 - n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
3. He cast _____ glances behind her.
 - adj.* worried and nervous
4. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
 - n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
5. The painting contained subtle _____ undertones.
 - adj.* relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative
6. They collected a _____ specimen for urinalysis.
 - n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
7. His _____ of literary works are often unique.
 - n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
8. He is tall and _____ strong.
 - adv.* in the same way

ANSWERS: 1. literature, 2. palace, 3. anxious, 4. critics, 5. erotic, 6. urine, 7. interpretations, 8. likewise

9. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
10. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.
adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
11. The _____ photographer captured some stunning shots during the sunset.
adj. engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional
12. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
13. The _____ detective investigated all clues.
adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
14. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
v. to pull or haul with force
15. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
16. The actor's _____ was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.
n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

ANSWERS: 9. writ, 10. overnight, 11. amateur, 12. storytelling, 13. diligent, 14. dragged, 15. suppose, 16. monologue

17. I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing _____ cracker.
- n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
18. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v.* to cease to exist or be visible
19. We have finally lost our last _____.
- n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
20. The _____ of human thought is diverse.
- n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
21. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.
- adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
22. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
- adj.* belonging to the same or present time
23. I _____ that you know it.
- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
24. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.
- n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

ANSWERS: 17. graham, 18. disappear, 19. prop, 20. scope, 21. unfortunate, 22. Contemporary, 23. bet, 24. idiot

25. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
26. Many of the _____ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.
- n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
27. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.
- n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
28. There is a clear association between _____ consumption and cognitive decline.
- n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
29. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.
- n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
30. I can't help but _____ my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.
- v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

ANSWERS: 25. excited, 26. legends, 27. stud, 28. alcohol, 29. explanation, 30. envy

31. Aging _____ up slowly with time.

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

32. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

33. _____ are only willing to lend with good security.

n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

34. The _____ horse was unable to race.

adj. having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability

35. The _____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

36. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

37. She is talented at _____ and has won several awards for her artwork.

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

38. Nerve _____ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

ANSWERS: 31. creeps, 32. ultimate, 33. Bankers, 34. lame, 35. aft, 36. blank, 37. drawing, 38. impulses

39. The _____ silent performance captivated the audience, leaving them in awe.
n. a form of acting or performance in which gestures, body movements, and facial expressions are used to convey meaning or tell a story without the use of spoken words; a performer who specializes in this art form
40. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
41. Despite being a _____ in his youth, he grew up to be a respectable man.
n. a mischievous or playful person often used affectionately; a rogue or scoundrel
42. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
43. He _____ went out to socialize, preferring to spend evenings at home.
adv. not often; rarely
44. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.
adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
45. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.
v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
46. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.
adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

ANSWERS: 39. mime's, 40. relate, 41. rascal, 42. celebrated, 43. seldom, 44. evil, 45. banished, 46. gentle

47. The drama series mainly received _____.

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

48. She set traps to catch the _____ in her house.

n. small animals, such as rats and mice, that are considered to be harmful

49. The lawyer tried to _____ his client's actions by presenting evidence of their difficult upbringing.

v. to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid

50. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

51. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

52. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

53. He lost the election by _____ votes.

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

54. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.

adv. immediately

ANSWERS: 47. praise, 48. vermin, 49. justify, 50. typical, 51. rev, 52. par, 53. mere, 54. instantly

55. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

56. They _____ admired our actions.

adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

57. The children were _____ to start the treasure hunt.

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

58. The comedy group performed a hilarious _____ about life in quarantine.

n. a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance

59. Tourists often get lost and _____ into a restricted area.

v. to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be

60. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

61. The _____ of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

62. My parents used to _____ me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.

v. to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires

ANSWERS: 55. amazing, 56. greatly, 57. eager, 58. skit, 59. stray, 60. Essentially, 61. spouse, 62. mortify

63. The company's policy on _____ states that employees will be compensated for any additional hours worked.
- n.* time worked beyond the regular or agreed-upon hours of work, often resulting in additional pay or compensation for the employee
64. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.
- n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
65. He poured himself a _____ of whiskey to relax after a long day at work.
- n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
66. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
- n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
67. She is a leading female classical _____ dancer
- n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
68. She felt _____ after her dog passed away.
- adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
69. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
70. The break in the _____ threatened the valley.
- n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

ANSWERS: 63. overtime, 64. contest, 65. dram, 66. viol, 67. ballet, 68. miserable, 69. discovery, 70. dam

71. He was extremely generous to the _____ young artist.

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

72. She had an audition for _____ school.

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

73. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

74. The _____ in her heart was filled with the love of her family.

n. an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force

75. The doctor prescribed medication to _____ the patient's appetite.

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

76. I hailed a _____ to take me to the airport.

n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven

77. I found her assertion pretty _____.

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

78. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

adv. more and more

79. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 71. aspiring, 72. drama, 73. novel, 74. void, 75. suppress, 76. cab, 77. convincing, 78. increasingly, 79. unfortunately,

80. He got an electric _____ at work.

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

81. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

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

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

83. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

84. The _____ hike through the mountains was worth it for the stunning views.

adj. causing fatigue, exhaustion, or boredom

85. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

86. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

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

adv. completely or absolutely

ANSWERS: 80. shock, 81. grade, 82. jealousy, 83. stick, 84. tiring, 85. quest, 86. troll, 87. utterly

88. The storm _____ significant damage on the town.

v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

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

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

90. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

91. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

92. A _____ brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

93. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

94. I need to _____ out my dog with a long walk so that he will sleep through the night.

v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving

95. Yesterday, I created a rough _____ of the plan.

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

ANSWERS: 88. inflicted, 89. ridiculous, 90. conversation, 91. publicly, 92. thorough, 93. celebrated, 94. tire, 95. sketch

96. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
97. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.
- n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
98. The bird _____ on the branch, watching the world below.
- v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
99. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.
- n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
100. The medieval _____ was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.
- n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
101. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
102. I _____ eat fast food because I prefer healthy options.
- adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
103. The butterfly's _____ from a caterpillar to a winged creature is a wonder of nature.
- n.* a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation

ANSWERS: 96. tragedy, 97. essence, 98. perched, 99. assignment, 100. castle, 101.

doe, 102. rarely, 103. metamorphosis

104. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
105. His _____ behavior was unacceptable for someone his age.
adj. relating to or characteristic of infants or infancy; behaving in an immature or childish manner; lacking maturity or sophistication
106. 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
107. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.
adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
108. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
109. He gave a _____ smile as he read the heartfelt message in the card from his daughter.
adj. affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
110. The _____ on the note was barely legible.
n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
111. The industry in this country is still _____.
adj. of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style

ANSWERS: 104. argue, 105. infantile, 106. bold, 107. artistic, 108. responsible, 109. touched, 110. handwriting, 111. primitive

112. The _____ of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

113. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a _____ of art.

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

114. The baby started to _____ on a piece of apple.

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

115. She was the _____ to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

116. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

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

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

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

118. The metal showed signs of _____ after being subjected to repeated stress.

n. a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress

119. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 112. theme, 113. masterpiece, 114. choke, 115. exception, 116. magic, 117. resist, 118. fatigue, 119. competition

120. My bike's _____ is loose and needs to be tightened before I can ride it safely.

n. a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle

121. In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making _____ decisions.

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

122. She couldn't stop _____ her husband to take out the trash.

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

123. The farmer raised a _____ on his ranch for breeding purposes.

n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

124. 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

125. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

126. The old, rusty tools were now _____ and had to be thrown away.

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

127. He was a _____ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

adj. practical rather than idealistic

ANSWERS: 120. handlebar, 121. unfair, 122. nagging, 123. bull, 124. professional, 125. weird, 126. useless, 127. pragmatic

128. The _____ in the park provided a relaxing atmosphere.

n. a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water

129. The ruling was considered _____ by many people in the community.

adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong

130. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

131. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

132. The _____ child played pranks on his siblings all day long.

adj. causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way

133. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

134. 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

135. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 128. fountain, 129. unjust, 130. negative, 131. Alien, 132. mischievous, 133. identity, 134. encouraged, 135. gap

136. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

137. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

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

138. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

139. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

140. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.

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

141. 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

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

n. the state or time of being a child

143. The teacher handed out several different colored _____ to each student.

n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

ANSWERS: 136. associate, 137. military, 138. transformed, 139. branch, 140. singed, 141. develop, 142. childhood, 143. crayons

144. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

145. This story makes me _____.

adj. unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid

146. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

147. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

148. There are various ways to ward off the _____ including prayer and holy water.

n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

149. The parents spoke to their children in no-_____ tones.

n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

150. No matter what, we must have this done before the _____.

n. a date or period by which something must be done

151. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

ANSWERS: 144. Communal, 145. tense, 146. desire, 147. crazy, 148. devil, 149. nonsense, 150. deadline, 151. sand

152. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

153. The giant wave was _____ and destroyed the small boat.

adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

154. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.

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

155. The exhibit featured several _____ paintings by the famous artist.

adj. not named or titled; not given a title or official designation

156. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

157. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

158. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

159. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 152. bug, 153. monstrous, 154. awful, 155. untitled, 156. talents, 157. institutes, 158. excuse, 159. pun

160. I enjoy gardening as a _____ during my free time.

- n.* an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game

161. The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a _____.

- n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

162. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.

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

163. I found a retro-inspired _____ for my bathroom that matches the vintage sink and bathtub.

- n.* a decorative paper or fabric that is applied to walls or ceilings to enhance their appearance; a digital image used as a background on a computer screen

164. She began to _____ on the theme of love lost in her poetry.

- v.* to play a short, repeated, tuneful phrase, often used in jazz and rock; to improvise or go off on a humorous tangent; (noun) a short, repeated, tuneful phrase

165. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

166. _____ school students must learn basic math and reading skills.

- adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects

ANSWERS: 160. pastime, 161. trance, 162. dictator, 163. wallpaper, 164. riff, 165. modern, 166. Elementary

167. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

- v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

168. _____ is better than argument.

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

ANSWERS: 167. oppressed, 168. Proof