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Session 1: Word List

passionate

adj. showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief

synonym : ardent, fervent, intense

(1) **passionate** speech, (2) **passionate** kiss

Their **passionate** argument lasted for hours, neither willing to back down.

wilderness

n. a large, uncultivated, and sparsely populated area of land, often dense with trees and other vegetation; a region or area that is largely uninhabited, untouched by human development, or not subject to commercial exploitation

synonym : wilds, backwoods, wasteland

(1) untamed **wilderness**, (2) explore the **wilderness**

The hiker got lost in the **wilderness** and had to be rescued by search and rescue.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym : figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

leopard

n. a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

(1) snow **leopard**, (2) **leopard** print

Leopards lurked in the grass to catch their prey.

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

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.

studied

adj. deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned

synonym : thoughtful, deliberate, calculated

(1) **studied** analysis, (2) well- **studied** decision

His speech was carefully crafted and delivered with **studied** confidence.

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.

personality

n. a person's distinct combination of character, behavioral, temperamental, emotional, and mental traits that define them as an individual and set them apart from others

synonym : character, disposition, temperament

(1) **personality** trait, (2) **personality** test

She had a vibrant **personality** that made everyone feel at ease.

individual

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

synonym : person, being, self

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

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

prime

adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

synonym : excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

baobab

n. a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts

synonym: monkey bread tree, cream of tartar tree, bottle tree

(1) **baobab** pulp, (2) ancient **baobab**

The **baobab** tree can grow over 60 feet tall and live for thousands of years.

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**.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym: ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym: one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

individualism

n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

synonym : self-reliance, autonomy, self-sufficiency

(1) rampant **individualism**, (2) nation of **individualism**

An ethic of **individualism** encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

seductive

adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

synonym : alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior

The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

lightning

n. a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

synonym : bolt, electrical discharge

(1) streaks of **lightning**, (2) **lightning** air strike

The human eye is **lightning-fast** in recognizing objects.

bolt

n. a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly

synonym : lock, fastener, thunderbolt

(1) **bolt** diameter, (2) **bolt** from my bed

The lightning **bolt** twiggged in several directions.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym : gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

frightening

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

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

shower

n. a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child

synonym : rain, sprinkle, downpour

(1) take a quick **shower**, (2) bridal **shower**

The weather forecast predicted a **shower** in the afternoon.

pungent

adj. having a strong, sharp odor or taste

synonym : sharp, acrid, biting

(1) **pungent** criticism, (2) **pungent** taste

The **pungent** aroma of garlic filled the kitchen.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym : shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym : humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

cub *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
synonym: young, male child, boy
(1) a tiger **cub**, (2) the arrival of a **cub**
The **cub** reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

probable *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
synonym: likely, possible, potential
(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire
It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

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.

deaf *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
synonym: hearing-impaired, unresponsive, insensitive
(1) **deaf** in one ear, (2) **deaf** child
The **deaf** student needed an interpreter to understand the lecture.

thicket *n.* a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement
synonym: thorn patch, bramble, copse
(1) dense **thicket**, (2) **thicket** of bushes
The hikers had to cut through the **thicket** to descend the mountain.

straight

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

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

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

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

shiver

v. to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly

synonym : quiver, tremble, shake

(1) **shiver** with delight, (2) **shiver** in fear

I **shiver** in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

investigation

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

synonym : examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an **investigation**

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

delta

n. a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

synonym : floodplain, estuary

(1) river **deltas**, (2) **delta** cone

The Nile **Delta** is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym : marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

exhilarating

adj. making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

synonym: thrilling, exciting, stimulating

(1) an **exhilarating** drink, (2) **exhilarating** view

Bungee jumping was an **exhilarating** experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

revelation

n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

synonym: disclosure, telling, annunciation

(1) a divine **revelation**, (2) the **revelation** of a secret

The shocking **revelation** embarrassed the administration.

sane

adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

synonym: rational, sound, normal

(1) for a **sane** reason, (2) **sane** judgment

Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained **sane**.

prompt

v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

synonym: actuate, inspire, incite

(1) **prompt** a feeling of hunger, (2) **prompt** a debate

That incident **prompted** a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug
The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

specialize

v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

synonym: narrow down, particularize

(1) **specialize** in child care, (2) **specialize** in market research

The restaurant has chefs who **specialize** in beef.

buffalo

n. a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

synonym: bison, ox, beefalo

(1) **buffalo** horn, (2) **buffalo** steak

The **buffalo** roam freely in the plains of North America.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

depth

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

synonym: deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym: recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

submerge

v. to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely

synonym: deluge, drench, dunk

(1) **submerge** in a liquid, (2) **submerge** my head completely

The ship was **submerged** in the ocean for many years before it was finally discovered.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

gear

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

synonym: equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym: motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

crocodile

n. a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

synonym: alligator, gator, croc

(1) **crocodile** hide, (2) saltwater **crocodile**

The **crocodile** attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

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.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or

scene that has been captured electronically or on film
synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

eternal

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

synonym : endless, everlasting, undying

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

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

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

hyena

n. a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

synonym : jackal, coyote, wild dog

(1) **hyena** den, (2) spotted **hyena**

The **hyena's** powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym : exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

- cult** *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
synonym : sect, faith, religion
(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices
The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- parallel** *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
synonym : aligned, side-by-side, similar
(1) a **parallel** case, (2) **parallel** processing
He walked a road **parallel** to the railroad.
- thug** *n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
synonym : gangster, hooligan, criminal
(1) local **thug**, (2) notorious **thug**
The police arrested the **thug** who robbed the convenience store.
- gang** *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
synonym : crew, posse, group
(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member
The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.
- warfare** *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
synonym : combat, fighting, conflict
(1) **warfare** aircraft, (2) spiritual **warfare**
The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern **warfare** tactics.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym: betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

interfere

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

synonym: interpose, interrupt, hamper

(1) **interfere** in another country's affairs, (2) **interfere** with DNA synthesis

Your talking **interferes** with my work.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

temperature

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

synonym: climate, warmth, degree

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

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

deprivation

n. a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

synonym: poverty, destitution, forfeiture

(1) chronic sleep **deprivation**, (2) **deprivation** of liberty
Losing him is great **deprivation** to our team.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks
He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

cheek

n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
synonym: jaw, mandible, malar

(1) **cheek** bone, (2) hollowed-out **cheek**
He gently touched her apple-red **cheek** and whispered that he loved her.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
synonym: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge
She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference
The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

lung

n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

(1) **lung** capacity, (2) do **lung** transplantation
He has terminal **lung** cancer.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym : overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

odds

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

synonym : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

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

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

token

n. something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept

synonym : symbol, emblem, representation

(1) digital **token**, (2) **token** payment

As a **token** of appreciation, the teacher gave each student a small gift at the end of the school year.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym : start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

conservation

n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

synonym : preservation, protection, saving

(1) soil **conservation**, (2) the **conservation** law of physics

The forest was recently designated a **conservation** area.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash
These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

barrier

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

synonym: border, barricade, fence

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

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

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

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

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

inspiration

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

synonym: motivation, drive, encouragement

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

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

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym: rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym: adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information
We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

vacate

v. to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty

synonym: empty, evacuate, abandon

(1) **vacate** a property, (2) **vacate** a seat

I need to **vacate** my apartment by the end of the month.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym: extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym: amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage
I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

concerned

adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

synonym: worried, caring, involved

(1) persons **concerned**, (2) **concerned** citizen

I am **concerned** about the safety of the children playing in the park.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

scare

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

synonym: frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

simulate

v. to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes

synonym: pretend, imitate, mimic

(1) **simulate** climate change, (2) **simulate** a future scenario

He had painted the wood to **simulate** stone.

growl

v. to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

synonym: snarl, rumble, grumble

(1) **growl** menacingly, (2) **growl** a command

The dog began to **growl** at the stranger approaching the house.

hiss

- v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake;
(noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound

synonym : whish, sibilate, wheeze

(1) **hiss** warningly at the intruder, (2) the **hiss** of a snake
The cat arched its back and **hissed** at the approaching dog.

fan

- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym : lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**
I'm a big **fan** of French food.

innovative

- adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym : creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

replace

- v.* to take the place of something

synonym : substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone
Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

display

- v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym : show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork
We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

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.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym: alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

synonym: ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

surrogate

adj. acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

synonym: substitute, replacement, deputy

(1) **surrogate** pregnancy, (2) **surrogate** decision

The **surrogate** mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.

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.

baboon

n. a large monkey with a dog-like snout and a long, curved tail found in Africa and Arabia

synonym: monkey, ape, primate

(1) wild **baboon**, (2) **baboon** habitat

While on safari, we saw a troop of **baboons** roaming through the grasslands.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym: stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

fur

n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

synonym: hair, coat, pelt

(1) an artificial **fur**, (2) **fur** coat

The **fur** of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

unpredictable

adj. not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

synonym: uncertain, variable, random

(1) dangerously **unpredictable** person, (2) **unpredictable** outcome

The weather in this region is often **unpredictable**, with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

rough

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

synonym: inelegant, coarse, barbarian

(1) **rough** and tough, (2) **rough** estimation

The vehicle bounced along the **rough** mountain road.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym: arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

maternal

adj. relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child

synonym: motherly, maternalistic, maternal-like

(1) on the **maternal** side, (2) **maternal** care

She had a very **maternal** instinct towards her newborn baby.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

womanhood

n. the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman

synonym : femininity, womanliness, womanly nature

(1) **womanhood** experience, (2) embrace **womanhood**

The celebration of **womanhood** is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym : assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

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.

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

initiative

n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need

synonym : enterprise, drive, ambition

(1) a peace **initiative**, (2) take **initiative**

The teacher's **initiative** to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym : parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

collective

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

synonym : composite, concerted, cumulative

(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership

Product development is a **collective** effort.

fare *n.* the price paid for travel on a particular mode of transportation, such as a train, bus, or plane; the cost of admission or entrance to an event or location
synonym : ticket, price, charge

(1) bus **fare**, (2) taxi **fare**

The **fare** for the train ride from New York to Boston was reasonable compared to the cost of flying.

cheetah *n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots
synonym : leopard, jaguar, panther

(1) **cheetah** sprint, (2) **cheetah** habitat

The mother **cheetahs** fiercely protect their cubs, teaching them valuable hunting and survival skills before they venture out independently.

plummet *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
synonym : drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

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.

extraordinary *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

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

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

safari

n. an expedition, usually with a guide, for viewing or hunting wild animals, especially in Africa

synonym : expedition, journey, exploration

(1) **safari** adventure, (2) **safari** park

Going on a **safari** to see wild animals up close is a unique experience.

immense

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : enormous, giant, huge

(1) **immense** amount, (2) **immense** pressure

He left his wife an **immense** fortune.

poach

v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

synonym : steal, snatch

(1) **poach** on his land, (2) **poach** deer

The chef **poached** the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym : continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

admire

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

synonym : esteem, respect, marvel

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

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

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

synonym: recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind

It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

paw

n. the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

synonym: mitt, manus, talon

(1) **paw** print, (2) **paw** pad

The cat batted at the toy with its **paw**.

eerily

adv. in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements

synonym: spookily, strangely, creepily

(1) **eerily** accurate, (2) **eerily** atmospheric

The abandoned house was **eerily** silent as if someone was watching from within.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

fate

n. the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions

synonym : destiny, fortune, karma

(1) **fate** of nations, (2) accept my **fate**

The fortune teller predicted his **fate** and warned him of the looming danger.

burgeon

v. to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

synonym : flourish, bloom, thrive

(1) **burgeon** rapidly, (2) **burgeon** from every corner.

The city's art scene has been **burgeoning** recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

stroke

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

synonym : blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke** cases.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

wipe

v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

synonym : clean, brush, swab

(1) **Wipe** off dirt, (2) **wipe** with water

Please **wipe** your sweat with this towel.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym : pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

complacency

n. a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems

synonym : self-satisfaction, smugness, satisfaction

(1) dangerous **complacency**, (2) avoid **complacency**

The team's **complacency** led to their defeat, as they didn't

put in the effort needed to win the game.

condone

v. to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

synonym: excuse, overlook, tolerate

(1) **condone** the behavior, (2) **condone** the action

The parents refused to **condone** their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

far-off

adj. distant in time or space; remote; distant or unlikely to happen

synonym: distant, remote, faraway

(1) **far-off** lands, (2) **far-off** memories

The **far-off** galaxy was only visible through a powerful telescope.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

habitat

n. the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs

synonym : dwelling, environment, home ground

(1) a marine **habitat**, (2) threatened **habitat**

The **habitat** of this bird is freshwater areas and saltwater marshes.

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.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

ecotourism

n. a form of tourism that involves responsible travel to natural areas while promoting conservation and local community development

synonym : sustainable tourism, green tourism

(1) **ecotourism** activities, (2) sustainable **ecotourism**

The **ecotourism** industry strongly focuses on preserving natural habitats and protecting endangered species.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym : earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five

years.

stream

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

synonym: flow, current, brook

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

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

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.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym: grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

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

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

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**.

awareness

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

synonym : understanding, cognition, knowledge

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

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

plain

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

synonym : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from something

synonym : empty, lacking, void

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

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

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. spiritual wa_____e | <i>n.</i> the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives |
| 2. f__e of nations | <i>n.</i> the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions |
| 3. ba____n habitat | <i>n.</i> a large monkey with a dog-like snout and a long, curved tail found in Africa and Arabia |
| 4. pl____t like the Earth | <i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star |
| 5. em____ng country | <i>adj.</i> starting to exist, mature, or become well-known |
| 6. honor gr____te | <i>n.</i> a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree |
| 7. d__f in one ear | <i>adj.</i> lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals |
| 8. sp__k his interest | <i>v.</i> to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity |
| 9. si____te climate change | <i>v.</i> to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes |

ANSWERS: 1. warfare, 2. fate, 3. baboon, 4. planet, 5. emerging, 6. graduate, 7. deaf, 8. spark, 9. simulate

10. di____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
11. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
12. dep_____on of liberty *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
13. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
14. co_____ed citizen *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
15. en_____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
16. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
17. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
18. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
19. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
20. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
21. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 10. disturb, 11. stream, 12. deprivation, 13. survive, 14. concerned, 15. envelop, 16. disappear, 17. graduate, 18. cling, 19. cling, 20. awareness, 21. doll

22. 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
23. streaks of li_____ng *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
24. sc__e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
25. si_____te a future scenario *v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
26. digital to__n *n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept
27. bus f__e *n.* the price paid for travel on a particular mode of transportation, such as a train, bus, or plane; the cost of admission or entrance to an event or location
28. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
29. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 22. rev, 23. lightning, 24. scare, 25. simulate, 26. token, 27. fare, 28. disease, 29. firm

30. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
31. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
32. th_____t of bushes *n.* a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement
33. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
34. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
35. a peace ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
36. ce_____ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
37. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
38. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
39. a divine rev_____on *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

ANSWERS: 30. infect, 31. relation, 32. thicket, 33. climate, 34. investigate, 35. initiative, 36. ceremony, 37. temperature, 38. extreme, 39. revelation

40. gr__l a command *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
41. 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
42. diagnosis of an____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
43. hollowed-out ch__k *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
44. price of pr____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
45. great-gra____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
46. pr__t a debate *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
47. taxi f__e *n.* the price paid for travel on a particular mode of transportation, such as a train, bus, or plane; the cost of admission or entrance to an event or location
48. to__n payment *n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept
49. su____te pregnancy *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

ANSWERS: 40. growl, 41. rev, 42. anxiety, 43. cheek, 44. precious, 45. grandparent, 46. prompt, 47. fare, 48. token, 49. surrogate

50. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
51. in_____re with DNA synthesis *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
52. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
53. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
54. 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
55. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
56. river de__as *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
57. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
58. bridal sh____r *n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child

ANSWERS: 50. grant, 51. interfere, 52. underestimate, 53. innocent, 54. stick, 55. associate, 56. delta, 57. inspiration, 58. shower

59. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
60. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
61. p_w print *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
62. ro__h and tough *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
63. co_____e the behavior *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
64. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
65. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
66. do l__g transplantation *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
67. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
68. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 59. stun, 60. highlight, 61. paw, 62. rough, 63. condone, 64. instinct, 65. amazing, 66. lung, 67. surprisingly, 68. ecosystem

69. tax re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
70. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
71. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
72. threatened ha_____t *n.* the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs
73. hy__a den *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
74. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
75. the h__s of a snake *v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound
76. a gr_____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
77. va_____e a seat *v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty

ANSWERS: 69. revenue, 70. absolutely, 71. opportune, 72. habitat, 73. hyena, 74. display, 75. hiss, 76. grateful, 77. vacate

78. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
79. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
80. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
81. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
82. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
83. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
84. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
85. right to col_____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
86. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
87. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
88. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
89. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

ANSWERS: 78. gang, 79. mere, 80. innocent, 81. defend, 82. capture, 83. frightening, 84. minister, 85. collective, 86. photograph, 87. essence, 88. industrious, 89. disturb

90. ee___y atmospheric *adv.* in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements
91. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
92. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
93. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
94. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
95. im_____e amount *adj.* extremely large or great
96. ro__h estimation *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
97. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
98. the con_____ion law of physics *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
99. use of inn_____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
100. soil con_____ion *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

ANSWERS: 90. eerily, 91. individual, 92. instinct, 93. sustainable, 94. excite, 95. immense, 96. rough, 97. icon, 98. conservation, 99. innovative, 100. conservation

101. W__e off dirt *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
102. untamed wil_____ss *n.* a large, uncultivated, and sparsely populated area of land, often dense with trees and other vegetation; a region or area that is largely uninhabited, untouched by human development, or not subject to commercial exploitation
103. on the ma_____al side *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child
104. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
105. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
106. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
107. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
108. wild ba____n *n.* a large monkey with a dog-like snout and a long, curved tail found in Africa and Arabia
109. pr____t a feeling of hunger *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

ANSWERS: 101. wipe, 102. wilderness, 103. maternal, 104. barrier, 105. industrious, 106. pace, 107. pride, 108. baboon, 109. prompt

110. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
111. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
112. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
113. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
114. sports g__r *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
115. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
116. the scope of an inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
117. take a quick sh___r *n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child
118. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible

ANSWERS: 110. drown, 111. spiritual, 112. probable, 113. ironic, 114. gear, 115. fan, 116. investigation, 117. shower, 118. disappear

119. eco_____sm activities *n.* a form of tourism that involves responsible travel to natural areas while promoting conservation and local community development
120. dangerously unp_____ble person *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
121. pl__n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way;
(Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
122. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
123. avoid com_____cy *n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
124. co_____e the action *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
125. fa_____f memories *adj.* distant in time or space; remote; distant or unlikely to happen
126. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
127. w__e with water *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
128. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
129. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 119. ecotourism, 120. unpredictable, 121. plain, 122. strict, 123. complacency, 124. condone, 125. far-off, 126. symbol, 127. wipe, 128. par, 129. capture

130. an artificial f_r *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
131. le____d print *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
132. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
133. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
134. accept my f__e *n.* the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions
135. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
136. per____ty test *n.* a person's distinct combination of character, behavioral, temperamental, emotional, and mental traits that define them as an individual and set them apart from others
137. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
138. sw__p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
139. retain everyone's di____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
140. h__s warningly at the intruder *v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound

ANSWERS: 130. fur, 131. leopard, 132. critic, 133. hunt, 134. fate, 135. odds, 136.

personality, 137. grant, 138. swamp, 139. dignity, 140. hiss

141. b__t diameter *n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
142. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
143. cr_____le hide *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
144. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
145. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
146. sa___i park *n.* an expedition, usually with a guide, for viewing or hunting wild animals, especially in Africa
147. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
148. dense th_____t *n.* a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement

ANSWERS: 141. bolt, 142. pride, 143. crocodile, 144. doll, 145. spiritual, 146. safari, 147. seize, 148. thicket

149. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
150. po__h on his land *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
151. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
152. in_____re in another country's affairs *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
153. pas_____te kiss *adj.* showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
154. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
155. pa_____el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
156. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
157. pu_____t criticism *adj.* having a strong, sharp odor or taste

ANSWERS: 149. survive, 150. poach, 151. cult, 152. interfere, 153. passionate, 154. disrupt, 155. parallel, 156. grandparent, 157. pungent

158. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
159. pr____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
160. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
161. nation of ind_____ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
162. delta pl__n *adj.* without being decorated in any way;
(Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
163. sy____l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
164. morning ri____l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
165. ma____al care *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child
166. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
167. ee____y accurate *adv.* in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements
168. in____t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
169. suffer st____e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

ANSWERS: 158. poverty, 159. precious, 160. overwhelming, 161. individualism, 162. plain, 163. symbol, 164. ritual, 165. maternal, 166. climate, 167. eerily, 168. infect, 169. stroke

170. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
171. be de_____ed to become a great artist *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
172. pu_____t taste *adj.* having a strong, sharp odor or taste
173. col_____ve ownership *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
174. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
175. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
176. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
177. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
178. h__l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
179. rampant ind_____ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
180. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
181. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
182. li_____ng air strike *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

ANSWERS: 170. territory, 171. destine, 172. pungent, 173. collective, 174. minister, 175. march, 176. underestimate, 177. essential, 178. heal, 179. individualism, 180. replace, 181. admire, 182. lightning

183. im____e pressure *adj.* extremely large or great
184. ch____h habitat *n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots
185. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
186. sa___i adventure *n.* an expedition, usually with a guide, for viewing or hunting wild animals, especially in Africa
187. p_w pad *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
188. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
189. su_____te decision *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
190. air de___d of pollution *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
191. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
192. the arrival of a c_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
193. take ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need

ANSWERS: 183. immense, 184. cheetah, 185. tradition, 186. safari, 187. paw, 188. react, 189. surrogate, 190. devoid, 191. extent, 192. cub, 193. initiative

194. gr__l menacingly *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
195. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
196. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
197. exh_____ing view *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
198. d__f child *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
199. s__e judgment *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
200. notorious t__g *n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
201. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
202. the de__h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
203. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 194. growl, 195. engagement, 196. communal, 197. exhilarating, 198. deaf, 199. sane, 200. thug, 201. phenomenal, 202. depth, 203. cult

204. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
205. per_____ty trait *n.* a person's distinct combination of character, behavioral, temperamental, emotional, and mental traits that define them as an individual and set them apart from others
206. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
207. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
208. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
209. local t__g *n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
210. sh___r with delight *v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
211. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
212. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
213. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 204. associate, 205. personality, 206. gear, 207. engagement, 208. wit, 209. thug, 210. shiver, 211. ecosystem, 212. temperature, 213. excite

214. st___t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
215. persons co_____ed *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
216. embrace wo_____od *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
217. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
218. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
219. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
220. explore the wil_____ss *n.* a large, uncultivated, and sparsely populated area of land, often dense with trees and other vegetation; a region or area that is largely uninhabited, untouched by human development, or not subject to commercial exploitation
221. f_r coat *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
222. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
223. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 214. strict, 215. concerned, 216. womanhood, 217. hunt, 218. icon, 219. release, 220. wilderness, 221. fur, 222. suspect, 223. celebrate

224. wa_____e aircraft *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
225. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
226. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
227. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
228. sc___e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
229. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
230. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
231. for a s___e reason *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
232. ch_____h sprint *n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots
233. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
234. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 224. warfare, 225. divide, 226. divide, 227. investigate, 228. scare, 229. defend, 230. disrupt, 231. sane, 232. cheetah, 233. revenue, 234. suffer

235. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
236. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
237. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
238. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
239. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
240. a tiger c_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
241. de_____e us to meet again *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
242. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
243. a st___e of the putter *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
244. spe_____ze in child care *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

ANSWERS: 235. unique, 236. par, 237. emerging, 238. predator, 239. territory, 240. cub, 241. destine, 242. nation, 243. stroke, 244. specialize

245. a se_____ve smile *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
246. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
247. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
248. bu_____n from every corner. *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
249. a preliminary inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
250. chronic sleep dep_____on *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
251. wo_____od experience *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
252. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
253. pl_____t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
254. have sur_____gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
255. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 245. seductive, 246. greet, 247. sustainable, 248. burgeon, 249. investigation, 250. deprivation, 251. womanhood, 252. essence, 253. plummet, 254. surprisingly, 255. drown

256. the longstanding co____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
257. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
258. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
259. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
260. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
261. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
262. an air-cooled en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
263. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
264. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
265. the hope of et_____l life *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
266. spotted hy__a *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

ANSWERS: 256. conflict, 257. roll, 258. suffer, 259. extreme, 260. celebrate, 261. march, 262. engine, 263. straight, 264. represent, 265. eternal, 266. hyena

267. es____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
268. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
269. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
270. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
271. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
272. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
273. se_____ve behavior *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
274. certain ex____t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
275. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
276. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
277. bu_____o steak *n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

ANSWERS: 267. estimate, 268. tradition, 269. seize, 270. estimate, 271. greet, 272. frightening, 273. seductive, 274. extent, 275. grateful, 276. pace, 277. buffalo

278. su____ge my head completely *v.* to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely
279. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
280. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
281. ce_____ny location *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
282. su____ge in a liquid *v.* to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely
283. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
284. po__h deer *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
285. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
286. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
287. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
288. bu_____n rapidly *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

ANSWERS: 278. submerge, 279. roll, 280. individual, 281. ceremony, 282. submerge, 283. amazing, 284. poach, 285. disease, 286. conflict, 287. probable, 288. burgeon

289. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
290. b__t from my bed *n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
291. fa_____f lands *adj.* distant in time or space; remote; distant or unlikely to happen
292. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
293. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
294. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
295. de___d of life *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
296. et_____l quarreling *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
297. well-st_____d decision *adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
298. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 289. depression, 290. bolt, 291. far-off, 292. depression, 293. prime, 294. critic, 295. devoid, 296. eternal, 297. studied, 298. release

309. dangerous com_____cy *n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
310. pas_____te speech *adj.* showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
311. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
312. spe_____ze in market research *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
313. phe_____al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
314. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
315. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
316. ba___b pulp *n.* a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts
317. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
318. sh___r in fear *v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
319. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor

ANSWERS: 309. complacency, 310. passionate, 311. communal, 312. specialize, 313. phenomenal, 314. stun, 315. overwhelming, 316. baobab, 317. react, 318. shiver, 319. poverty

320. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
321. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
322. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
323. de__a cone *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
324. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
325. bu_____o horn *n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
326. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
327. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
328. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
329. a steam en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

ANSWERS: 320. heal, 321. ironic, 322. fan, 323. delta, 324. anxiety, 325. buffalo, 326. straight, 327. stream, 328. unique, 329. engine

330. fire st__k *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
331. stylistically inn____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
332. l__g capacity *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
333. es____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
334. re____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
335. get ins____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
336. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
337. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

ANSWERS: 330. stick, 331. innovative, 332. lung, 333. essential, 334. represent, 335. inspiration, 336. firm, 337. prime

338. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
339. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
340. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
341. ep_____e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
342. unp_____ble outcome *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
343. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
344. an exh_____ing drink *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
345. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
346. end of the first ep_____e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

ANSWERS: 338. display, 339. geography, 340. suspect, 341. episode, 342. unpredictable, 343. spark, 344. exhilarating, 345. barrier, 346. episode

347. en____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
348. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
349. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
350. raise public aw_____ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
351. saltwater cr_____le *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
352. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
353. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
354. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
355. de__h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
356. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
357. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
358. ch__k bone *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

ANSWERS: 347. envelop, 348. geography, 349. gang, 350. awareness, 351. crocodile, 352. extraordinary, 353. absolutely, 354. highlight, 355. depth, 356. relation, 357. extraordinary, 358. cheek

359. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
360. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
361. ancient ba____b *n.* a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts
362. st_____d analysis *adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
363. a pa_____el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
364. the rev_____on of a secret *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
365. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
366. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
367. a ri____l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

ANSWERS: 359. plummet, 360. predator, 361. baobab, 362. studied, 363. parallel, 364. revelation, 365. planet, 366. nation, 367. ritual

368. respect for human di____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
369. re____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
370. muddy sw__p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

ANSWERS: 368. dignity, 369. replace, 370. swamp

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
2. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
3. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.
n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
4. His speech was carefully crafted and delivered with _____ confidence.
adj. deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
5. That incident _____ a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.
v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
6. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.
adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder
7. The _____ powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.
n. a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
8. She had a very _____ instinct towards her newborn baby.
adj. relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child

ANSWERS: 1. instinct, 2. hunt, 3. dignity, 4. studied, 5. prompted, 6. surprisingly, 7. hyena's, 8. maternal

9. Going on a _____ to see wild animals up close is a unique experience.
n. an expedition, usually with a guide, for viewing or hunting wild animals, especially in Africa
10. The lightning _____ twiggged in several directions.
n. a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
11. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.
v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
12. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
13. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.
v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
14. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
15. The teacher's _____ to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.
n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
16. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.
v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

ANSWERS: 9. safari, 10. bolt, 11. clings, 12. disturb, 13. stunned, 14. inspiration, 15. initiative, 16. enveloped

17. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

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

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

19. The forest was recently designated a _____ area.

n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

20. The cat batted at the toy with its ____.

n. the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

21. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

22. He left his wife an _____ fortune.

adj. extremely large or great

23. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

24. He gently touched her apple-red _____ and whispered that he loved her.

n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

25. Losing him is great _____ to our team.

n. a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

ANSWERS: 17. sustainable, 18. associate, 19. conservation, 20. paw, 21. scare, 22. immense, 23. disrupt, 24. cheek, 25. deprivation

26. Bungee jumping was an _____ experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

adj. making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

27. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

28. The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern _____ tactics.

n. the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

29. The police arrested the _____ who robbed the convenience store.

n. a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang

30. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

31. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

32. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

33. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

ANSWERS: 26. exhilarating, 27. unique, 28. warfare, 29. thug, 30. Emerging, 31. conflicts, 32. seize, 33. critics

34. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

35. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

36. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.

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

37. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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

38. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

39. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

40. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

41. 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

ANSWERS: 34. divide, 35. minister, 36. gear, 37. individual, 38. marched, 39. spiritual, 40. Depression, 41. stick

42. The city's art scene has been _____ recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.
v. to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
43. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
44. He walked a road _____ to the railroad.
adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
45. An ethic of _____ encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.
n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
46. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
47. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
48. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
49. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.
n. the point or degree or area to which something extends
50. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.
adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

ANSWERS: 42. burgeoning, 43. Climate, 44. parallel, 45. individualism, 46. essential, 47. absolutely, 48. nation, 49. extent, 50. innovative

51. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
52. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
53. The chef _____ the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.
- v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
54. 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
55. The ____ student needed an interpreter to understand the lecture.
- adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
56. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.
- n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
57. The team's _____ led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.
- n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems

ANSWERS: 51. relations, 52. tradition, 53. poached, 54. rev, 55. deaf, 56. engine, 57. complacency

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

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

59. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

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

60. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

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

61. The actor's _____ gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

62. The hiker got lost in the _____ and had to be rescued by search and rescue.

n. a large, uncultivated, and sparsely populated area of land, often dense with trees and other vegetation; a region or area that is largely uninhabited, untouched by human development, or not subject to commercial exploitation

63. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

64. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

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

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

ANSWERS: 58. eternal, 59. extraordinary, 60. frightening, 61. seductive, 62. wilderness, 63. wit, 64. opportune, 65. par

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

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

67. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.

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

68. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.

- v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

69. The _____ for the train ride from New York to Boston was reasonable compared to the cost of flying.

- n.* the price paid for travel on a particular mode of transportation, such as a train, bus, or plane; the cost of admission or entrance to an event or location

70. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.

- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

71. She was _____ for the help he provided.

- adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

72. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.

- adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

73. The shocking _____ embarrassed the administration.

- n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

ANSWERS: 66. admire, 67. temperatures, 68. infect, 69. fare, 70. drown, 71. grateful, 72. plain, 73. revelation

74. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
75. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
76. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
77. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.
n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
78. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
79. Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained _____.
adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
80. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat _____ cases.
n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
81. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.
n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

ANSWERS: 74. underestimated, 75. Communal, 76. planet, 77. ecosystem, 78. graduate, 79. sane, 80. stroke, 81. engagement

82. The abandoned house was _____ silent as if someone was watching from within.

adv. in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements

83. The _____ galaxy was only visible through a powerful telescope.

adj. distant in time or space; remote; distant or unlikely to happen

84. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

85. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

86. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

87. The hikers had to cut through the _____ to descend the mountain.

n. a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement

88. Their _____ argument lasted for hours, neither willing to back down.

adj. showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief

ANSWERS: 82. eerily, 83. far-off, 84. episode, 85. revenue, 86. firm, 87. thicket, 88. passionate

89. _____ lurked in the grass to catch their prey.
- n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
90. She had a vibrant _____ that made everyone feel at ease.
- n.* a person's distinct combination of character, behavioral, temperamental, emotional, and mental traits that define them as an individual and set them apart from others
91. As a _____ of appreciation, the teacher gave each student a small gift at the end of the school year.
- n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept
92. While on safari, we saw a troop of _____ roaming through the grasslands.
- n.* a large monkey with a dog-like snout and a long, curved tail found in Africa and Arabia
93. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
94. The _____ attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear
- n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
95. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 89. Leopards, 90. personality, 91. token, 92. baboons, 93. disease, 94. crocodile, 95. defend

96. The parents refused to _____ their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.
- v. to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
97. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.
- v. to make a wound or injury to become well again
98. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
- n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
99. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
- v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
100. I'm a big ____ of French food.
- n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
101. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.
- n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
102. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
- v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
103. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 96. condone, 97. heal, 98. streams, 99. investigated, 100. fan, 101. ritual, 102. plummeted, 103. cult

104. The athlete's _____ performance broke all previous records.
adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding
105. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
106. I _____ in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.
v. to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
107. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
108. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.
adj. uncommon and extremely valuable
109. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
110. The vehicle bounced along the _____ mountain road.
adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
111. I need to _____ my apartment by the end of the month.
v. to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
112. The weather forecast predicted a _____ in the afternoon.
n. a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child

ANSWERS: 104. phenomenal, 105. granted, 106. shiver, 107. estimated, 108. precious, 109. suffers, 110. rough, 111. vacate, 112. shower

113. The street _____ was known for its violent behavior.

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

114. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

115. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

116. The celebration of _____ is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.

n. the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman

117. The _____ industry strongly focuses on preserving natural habitats and protecting endangered species.

n. a form of tourism that involves responsible travel to natural areas while promoting conservation and local community development

118. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

119. The ____ of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.

n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

120. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

ANSWERS: 113. gang, 114. display, 115. strict, 116. womanhood, 117. ecotourism, 118. ironic, 119. fur, 120. investigation

121. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

122. The _____ tree can grow over 60 feet tall and live for thousands of years.

n. a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts

123. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

124. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

125. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

126. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

127. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

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

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

129. What are the _____ that he will survive?

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

ANSWERS: 121. disappear, 122. baobab, 123. probable, 124. straight, 125. icons, 126. overwhelming, 127. survive, 128. rolled, 129. odds

130. He has terminal _____ cancer.

n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

131. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

132. The human eye is _____ in recognizing objects.

n. a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

133. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

134. The cops _____ him of being the killer.

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

135. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

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

136. Product development is a _____ effort.

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

137. My husband was found _____ of any crime.

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

ANSWERS: 130. lung, 131. photograph, 132. lightning-fast, 133. amazing, 134. suspected, 135. barrier, 136. collective, 137. innocent

138. He had painted the wood to _____ stone.

- v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes

139. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

140. The _____ of this bird is freshwater areas and saltwater marshes.

- n.* the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs

141. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

- v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

142. He lost the election by _____ votes.

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

143. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.

- n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state

144. The fortune teller predicted his _____ and warned him of the looming danger.

- n.* the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions

145. The Nile _____ is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.

- n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

ANSWERS: 138. simulate, 139. represent, 140. habitat, 141. greeted, 142. mere, 143. territory, 144. fate, 145. Delta

146. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

147. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

148. The pond's _____ was around five feet.

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

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

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

150. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

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

151. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

152. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.

n. a parent of one's father or mother

153. Please _____ your sweat with this towel.

v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

ANSWERS: 146. extreme, 147. ceremony, 148. depth, 149. awareness, 150. celebrated, 151. poverty, 152. grandparents, 153. wipe

154. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.
n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
155. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
156. Some people believe that we are all _____ for greatness.
v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
157. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.
n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
158. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
159. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
160. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.
n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
161. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.
v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

ANSWERS: 154. swamp, 155. highlighted, 156. destined, 157. pride, 158. industrious, 159. prime, 160. pace, 161. sparked

162. The mother _____ fiercely protect their cubs, teaching them valuable hunting and survival skills before they venture out independently.
- n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots
163. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
164. I am _____ about the safety of the children playing in the park.
- adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
165. The restaurant has chefs who _____ in beef.
- v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
166. The cat arched its back and _____ at the approaching dog.
- v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound
167. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
- n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
168. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
169. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.
- n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 162. cheetahs, 163. excited, 164. concerned, 165. specialize, 166. hissed, 167. symbol, 168. release, 169. doll

170. How did he _____ to your idea?

v. to take action in response to something

171. The dog began to _____ at the stranger approaching the house.

v. to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

172. She waited for her daughter with _____.

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

173. The weather in this region is often _____ with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

adj. not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

174. The ____ reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

n. a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

175. Your talking _____ with my work.

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

176. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

177. The _____ mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.

adj. acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

ANSWERS: 170. react, 171. growl, 172. anxiety, 173. unpredictable, 174. cub, 175. interferes, 176. predator's, 177. surrogate

178. The _____ aroma of garlic filled the kitchen.

adj. having a strong, sharp odor or taste

179. The ship was _____ in the ocean for many years before it was finally discovered.

v. to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely

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

v. to take the place of something

181. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

182. The _____ roam freely in the plains of North America.

n. a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

183. The room was _____ of any furniture or decorations.

adj. completely lacking or free from something

184. 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

185. She did well on her _____ exam.

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

ANSWERS: 178. pungent, 179. submerged, 180. replace, 181. capture, 182. buffalo, 183. devoid, 184. essence, 185. geography