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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### chuckle

*n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

*synonym*: laugh, giggle, snicker

(1) **chuckle** at my cat's silly antics, (2) stifled **chuckle**

I couldn't help but let out a little **chuckle** when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.

### self-taught

*adj.* having learned a skill or acquired knowledge without the help of a teacher or formal education

*synonym*: autodidactic, self-educated, self-learned

(1) **self-taught** skill, (2) **self-taught** person

The **self-taught** musician taught himself how to play the piano by listening to recordings.

### illustrate

*v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

*synonym*: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

## profoundly

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

*synonym* : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

## impair

*v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse

*synonym* : degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

## squeak

*v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

*synonym* : squeal, whine, creak

(1) **squeak** out a few words, (2) mice **squeak**

The door **squeaked** when I opened it.

## aid

*n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

*synonym* : helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

## profound

*adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

*synonym* : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

## witness

*n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

*synonym* : onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

## realm

*n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

*synonym* :

domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

## improvisation

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

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

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

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

## tin

*n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes

*synonym*: can, container, receptacle

(1) **tin** can, (2) **tin** foil

The roof of the old shed was made of rusty **tin**.

## alley

*n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets

*synonym*: lane, passage, pathway

(1) back **alley**, (2) **alley** cat

They played basketball in the **alley** behind their house.

## classic

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

*synonym*: definitive, traditional, typical

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

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

## inexhaustible

*adj.* incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance

*synonym*: infinite, exhaustless, limitless

(1) **inexhaustible** optimism, (2) **inexhaustible** curiosity

Solar power is an example of an **inexhaustible** source of energy.

## passion

*n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction  
*synonym*: fervor, zeal, ardor

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

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

## 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.

## 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.

## discovery

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

*synonym*: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

## inspire

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

*synonym*: boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

## desire

*n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something  
*synonym*: ambition, appetite, greed

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

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

## fascinate

*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym*: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

## stoop

*v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially

*synonym*: bend, crouch, bow

(1) **stoop** forward in the chair, (2) **stoop** to conquer

I had to **stoop** down to pick up the coin that had rolled under the couch.

## hydrant

*n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes

*synonym*: fireplug, tap, spigot

(1) **hydrant** valve, (2) fire **hydrant**

The residents reported a leaky **hydrant** in their community, prompting the city to dispatch a maintenance crew

## slouch

*v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

*synonym*: slump, crouch, droop

(1) **slouch** along the street, (2) **slouch** down in a chair

After hearing the results, he **slouched** against a wall.

## bat

*n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle

used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

*synonym* : cane, rod, stick

(1) **bat** cave, (2) **bat** an eye

The cave was a habitat for **bats**.

## basis

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

*synonym* : foundation, base, ground

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

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

## aristocratic

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance

*synonym* : noble, titled, patrician

(1) **aristocratic** titles, (2) **aristocratic** government

The **aristocratic** family had a long history of wealth and privilege.

## entertainment

*n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

*synonym* : amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

## victory

*n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

*synonym* : win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

## passee

*adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

*synonym* : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passe** entertainment, (2) **passe** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passe** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

## awful

*adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant  
*synonym*: terrible, appalling, horrible

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

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

## unbroken

*adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded

*synonym*: intact, unchanged, continuing

(1) an **unbroken** horse, (2) **unbroken** chain

He enjoyed the **unbroken** quiet of the afternoon at the villa.

## 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.

## 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.

## anthem

*n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

*synonym*: hymn, song, paean

(1) a national **anthem**, (2) **anthem** singer

The **anthem** of the country was played during the ceremony.

## craze

*n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

*synonym* : mania, fad, agitation

(1) **craze** for speculation, (2) fitness **craze**

We experienced a **craze** for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

## ballad

*n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

*synonym* : folk song, jingle, ditty

(1) traditional **ballad**, (2) Irish **ballad**

The singer's **ballad** brought the audience to tears.

## 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.

## distill

*v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

*synonym* : extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

## condense

*v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

*synonym* : compress, compact, shorten

(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor

I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

## absolute

*adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

*synonym* : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.



## 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.

## lovingly

*adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

*synonym* : fondly, affectionately

(1) **lovingly** crafted, (2) **lovingly** prepared

She looked at him **lovingly** and knew he was the one for her.

## unflinching

*adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute

*synonym* : resolute, steadfast, unwavering

(1) **unflinching** commitment, (2) **unflinching** gaze

His **unflinching** courage in the face of danger was impressive.

## evolve

*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

*synonym* : develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

## concerto

*n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements

*synonym* : symphony, composition, piece

(1) piano **concerto**, (2) violin **concerto**

A renowned symphony orchestra performed the piano **concerto**.

## symphony

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

*synonym* : orchestra, harmony, concert

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

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

## **ambitious**

*adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

*synonym* : enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye

Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

## **masterpiece**

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

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

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

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

## **fragile**

*adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged

*synonym* : delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

## **violin**

*n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

*synonym* : fiddle

(1) **violin** soloist, (2) play the **violin**

The cello is a member of the **violin** family.

## **evocative**

*adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind

*synonym* : suggestive, stimulating, provocative

(1) **evocative** memories, (2) **evocative** language

The music was **evocative** of a bygone era.

## emotion

*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

*synonym* : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

## essentially

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

*synonym* : fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

**Essentially**, a society is an organism.

## pitch

*n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

*synonym* : angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

## silent

*adj.* without any or little sound

*synonym* : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

## vibration

*n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement

*synonym* : oscillation, fluctuation, reverberation

(1) protection against **vibration**, (2) sympathetic **vibration**

**Vibration** displaced part of the mechanism.

## locate

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

*synonym* : discover, find, place

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

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

## spectrum

*n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

*synonym*: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

## phenomenon

*n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

*synonym*: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

## 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?

## combination

*n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

*synonym*: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genetic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

## complexity

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

*synonym*: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

## emotional

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

*synonym*: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the

society to which they belong.

## radical

*adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

*synonym*: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

## preference

*n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

*synonym*: taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

## chord

*n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time

*synonym*: harmony, concord, consonance

(1) **chord** transition, (2) his vocal **chords**

The pianist played a **chord** that filled the room with a rich, harmonious sound.

## puzzled

*adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

*synonym*: confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

## annoy

*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

*synonym*: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

## inherit

*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

*synonym* : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

## fashion

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

*synonym* : style, manner, fad

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

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

## accurate

*adj.* correct and exact in all details

*synonym* : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

## notation

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

*synonym* : annotation, record, symbol

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

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

## impulse

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

*synonym* : stimulation, provocation, urge

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

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

## notate

*v.* to write or mark down musical notes or symbols on a sheet of music or a musical manuscript; to make a

written record or notation of something

*synonym* : record, jot down, annotate

(1) **notate** a transcription, (2) **notate** a poem

As a musician, you must **notate** your compositions accurately for others to read and understand.

## encode

v. to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission

*synonym* : transcribe, convert

(1) **encode** data, (2) **encode** information

The software can **encode** and decode encrypted messages.

## depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

*synonym* : go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

## inscribe

v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

*synonym* : engrave, carve, etch

(1) **inscribe** a message, (2) **inscribe** in her mind clearly

The artist **inscribed** a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

## grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

*synonym* : tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

## entirely

*adv.* completely

*synonym* :

completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

## excerpt

v. to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.

*synonym*: extract, take out, quote

(1) **excerpt** a passage from a book, (2) **excerpt** comments from the news release

Here are **excerpts** from several recent books on quantum computing.

## mass

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

*synonym*: abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

## squiggle

n. a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops

*synonym*: curl, swirl, scribble

(1) **squiggle** line, (2) wavy **squiggle**

My signature always has a little **squiggle** at the end.

## indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

*synonym*: hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily



increased over the past quarter.

## tune

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

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

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

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

## horizon

*n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

*synonym*: skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

## pinpoint

*v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

*synonym*: name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

## concept

*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

*synonym*: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

## priority

*n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

*synonym*: importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

## vast

*adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

*synonym*: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

## prioritize

*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

*synonym*: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

## intricate

*adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together

*synonym*: complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

## dialogue

*n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film

*synonym*: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

## 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.

## intelligence

*n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

*synonym*: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

## composition

*n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components

are organized; a piece of music written by someone  
*synonym*: creating, formatting, arrangement

(1) age **composition** of the population, (2) the piano passages in the **composition**

Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of **composition**.

## compose

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

*synonym*: compile, constitute, build

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

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

## coherent

*adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand

*synonym*: logical, consistent, clear

(1) a **coherent** explanation, (2) create a **coherent** system

His writing was well-structured and **coherent**.

## ultimate

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

*synonym*: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

## enduring

*adj.* lasting over a long period of time; able to withstand wear, decay, or damage; continuing or persistent

*synonym*: lasting, persistent, imperishable

(1) **enduring** pain, (2) **enduring** legacy

The **enduring** love between the couple was evident in their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

## strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

*synonym*: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

## balance

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

*synonym*: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

## faith

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

*synonym*: belief, trust, confidence

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

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

## era

*n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

*synonym*: epoch, age, period

(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance

Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.

## praise

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

*synonym*: acclaim, honor, commendation

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

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

## polyphony

*n.* music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together

*synonym*: multi-part, harmonization, counterpoint

(1) a beautiful **polyphony**, (2) the **polyphony** of the music

The composer wrote a complex **polyphony** for the orchestra, featuring multiple layers of sound.

## independence

*n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence  
*synonym* : freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

## moving

*adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

*synonym* : emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

## 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.

## geocentric

*adj.* referring to a belief or model that places the Earth as the center or focal point, especially in a system of planetary motions

*synonym* : earth-centered, terracentric

(1) **geocentric** perspective, (2) **geocentric** theory

The **geocentric** model of the universe was widely accepted in ancient times.

## universe

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

*synonym* : cosmos, macrocosm

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

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

## sphere

*n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central

point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

*synonym*: ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

## tremendous

*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

*synonym*: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym*: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## perfection

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

*synonym*: flawlessness, excellence, completion

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

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

## serenity

*n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness

*synonym*: calmness, tranquility, peacefulness

(1) fall into **serenity**, (2) **serenity** prayer

Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve **serenity** and peace of mind.

**bitter**

*adj.* having a sharp, unpleasant taste; characterized by strong feelings of resentment, disappointment, or cynicism

*synonym* : harsh, acrid, sour

(1) feel **bitter**, (2) **bitter** disappointment

The **bitter** taste of the medicine made it difficult to swallow.

**wicked**

*adj.* morally bad or evil

*synonym* : evil, sinful, nefarious

(1) **wicked** thoughts, (2) **wicked** grin

The **wicked** witch cast a spell on the kingdom.

**cruel**

*adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

*synonym* : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

**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.

**baleful**

*adj.* harmful or threatening; carrying a menacing or evil intent; filled with misery or sorrow

*synonym* : harmful, malevolent, menacing

(1) **baleful** prediction, (2) **baleful** consequences

His **baleful** gaze sent shivers down my spine.

**avarice**

*n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness

*synonym* : greed, covetousness, rapacity

(1) unbridled **avarice**, (2) his **avarice** knew no bounds

His **avarice** for money led him to make unethical decisions in

business.

## heaven

*n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

*synonym*: paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

## opera

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

*synonym*: musical, operetta, oratorio

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

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

## develop

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

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

## turbulence

*n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

*synonym*: choppiness, tumult, agitation

(1) financial **turbulence**, (2) emotional **turbulence**

The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of **turbulence**.



## harmony

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

*synonym* : balance, accord, congruence

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

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

## stack

*n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

*synonym* : accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

## capable

*adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise

*synonym* : able, competent, proficient

(1) **capable** worker, (2) **capable** leader

She is highly **capable** of handling multiple tasks at once.

## 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.

## incredible

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym* : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

## triad

*n.* a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord

*synonym* : trio, trinity, threesome

(1) a **triad** of nuclear forces, (2) major **triad**

The three friends formed a tight-knit **triad**, always supporting and helping each other.

## perceive

*v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

*synonym*: sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

## freak

*n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected

*synonym*: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

## enormous

*adj.* extremely large or great

*synonym*: huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

## subtle

*adj.* not readily apparent or visible

*synonym*: slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison

A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

## ambivalent

*adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take

*synonym*: conflicted, indecisive, unsure

(1) **ambivalent** feelings, (2) **ambivalent** attitude

I feel **ambivalent** about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.

## possibility

*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true  
*synonym*: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

## performer

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

*synonym*: artist, entertainer, actor

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

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

## instrument

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

*synonym*: apparatus, tool, device

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

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

## virtuoso

*n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit

*synonym*: master, artist, expert

(1) versatile **virtuoso**, (2) a **virtuoso** on the guitar

He was a **virtuoso** pianist and played with incredible skill and precision.

## sonata

*n.* a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin

*synonym*: composition, piece, work

(1) play a **sonata**, (2) third **sonata**

He's been practicing a new **sonata** for weeks.

## architecture

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

*synonym*: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

## insight

*n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

*synonym*: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

## lifetime

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

*synonym*: lifespan, duration

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

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

## 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.

## sorrow

*n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending

*synonym*: grief, heartache, melancholy

(1) deep **sorrow**, (2) **sorrow** for sin

The death of her best friend filled her with **sorrow**.

## exacting

*adj.* demanding and requiring great precision, attention to detail, or effort; characterized by meticulousness or strict standards

*synonym*: rigorous, demanding, strict

(1) **exacting** standards, (2) **exacting** teacher

The software engineer's **exacting** tests caught a potentially disastrous bug before it could cause any real harm.

## **gripping**

*adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions

*synonym* : captivating, enthralling, engrossing

(1) **gripping** documentary, (2) **gripping** tale

The **gripping** movie had me on the edge of my seat the entire time.

## **nationalist**

*adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

*synonym* : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

## **quest**

*n.* a long or challenging search for something

*synonym* : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

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

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

## **frontier**

*n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

*synonym* : border, boundary, borderland

(1) **frontier** disputes, (2) the Italian **frontier** with Switzerland

He worked at the **frontier** of behavioral economics.

## **sensual**

*adj.* relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure

*synonym* : sensuous, hedonistic, pleasure-seeking

(1) **sensual** appeal, (2) speak in a **sensual** tone

The room was filled with the **sensual** aroma of incense and flowers.

## 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.

## melody

*n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

*synonym*: tune, song, piece

(1) a simple **melody**, (2) the **melody** of a tune

This harmonious **melody** immortalized its composer.

## rhythm

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

*synonym*: beat, cadence, tempo

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

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

## mood

*n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

*synonym*: mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

## attitude

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

*synonym*: mindset, perspective, philosophy

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

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

## intimate

*adj.* having a very close friendship, personal

*synonym*: close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

## 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.

## mechanical

*adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

*synonym* : machinelike, automated, automatic

(1) a **mechanical** style of writing, (2) the influence of **mechanical** action

A **mechanical** engineer is still in demand in many companies.

## analog

*adj.* relating to or using signals or information represented by a continuous physical quantity such as spatial position, voltage, etc.

(1) an **analog** watch, (2) digitization of **analog** sounds  
Mercury thermometers are a type of **analog** sensor.

## digital

*adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

*synonym* : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

## miraculous

*adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

*synonym* : amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

## impersonal

*adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

*synonym* : detached, unemotional

(1) **impersonal** communication, (2) **impersonal** treatment  
The high-rise office building had an **impersonal** atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.

## concert

*n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

*synonym*: gig, musical, show

(1) have a **concert** again, (2) a benefit **concert**

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

## democracy

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

*synonym*: self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

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

## spearhead

*v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

*synonym*: lead, initiate, begin

(1) **spearhead** campaign, (2) **spearhead** movement

The CEO decided to **spearhead** the new project to ensure its success.

## revolution

*n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

*synonym*: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

## blacksmith

*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.



## 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.

## synthesizer

*n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds

*synonym* : sampler, sequencer, module

(1) **synthesizer** bass, (2) music **synthesizer**

The electronic **synthesizer** created a range of unique sounds for the music.

## impenetrable

*adj.* not able to be passed through, entered, or understood

*synonym* : impassable, insurmountable, impregnable

(1) **impenetrable** fortress, (2) through an **impenetrable** fog

The jungle was so dense and **impenetrable** that it was almost impossible to find a way through.

## shift

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

*synonym* : transition, change, modification

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

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

## instinctive

*adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

*synonym* : spontaneous, intuitive, natural

(1) **instinctive** reaction, (2) **instinctive** behavior

It was **instinctive** for the mother to protect her child from harm.

## awash

*adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive

*synonym* : flooded, inundated, immersed

(1) **awash** with cash, (2) **awash** in debt

The beach was **awash** with seaweed after the storm.

## slice

*n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

*synonym*: piece, portion, slit

(1) a **slice** of the company's revenue, (2) **slice** a tomato thin

The children complained because one **slice** of cake was slightly larger than the other.

## dice

*n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games

*synonym*: cube, die

(1) **dice** game, (2) playing **dice**

He rolled the **dice**, hoping for a lucky outcome.

## layer

*n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

*synonym*: stratum, sheet, coating

(1) **layer** cake, (2) **layer** of paint

The **layer** of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.

## distribute

*v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

*synonym*: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

## remains

*n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal

*synonym*: leftovers, debris, relic

(1) **remains** of a building, (2) human **remains**

The **remains** of the ancient civilization can still be seen in the city's ruins.

## unlimited

*adj.* without any limits or restrictions

*synonym* : unrestricted, boundless, limitless

(1) **unlimited** liability, (2) **unlimited** resources

An **unlimited** data plan is a popular option for heavy internet users.

## cousin

*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

*synonym* : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

## spy

*n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

*synonym* : agent, undercover operative

(1) **spy** cameras, (2) digital **spy** tools

The government recruited a **spy** to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

## balanced

*adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

*synonym* : equitable, congruous, flat

(1) a **balanced** diet, (2) a well- **balanced** mind

We conducted a **balanced** assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym* : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

**stern**

*adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude

*synonym* : severe, harsh, strict

(1) **stern** warning, (2) a **stern** look

The students' antics did not amuse the **stern** teacher.

**recover**

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

*synonym* : come back, convalesce, heal

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

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

**slough**

*v.* to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands

*synonym* : discard, shed, cast off

(1) **slough** off his responsibilities, (2) salt marsh **slough**

Exfoliating treatments help to **slough** off dead skin, revealing a fresher complexion underneath.

**absorb**

*v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

*synonym* : consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

**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.

**backstory**

*n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

*synonym* : history, background, prehistory

(1) the **backstory** about this sweet moment, (2) **backstory** plot

The **backstory** of the main character added depth to the story.

## explore

*v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

*synonym* : analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

## exciting

*adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

*synonym* : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

## prototype

*n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

*synonym* : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

## explorer

*n.* a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there

*synonym* : adventurer, trailblazer, scout

(1) team of **explorers**, (2) a polar **explorer**

Aboriginal people killed the **explorer** who entered the sacred land for them.

## attract

*v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

*synonym* : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

## perspective

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

*synonym* : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

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

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

## curiosity

*n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something  
*synonym* : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**  
We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

## hike

*n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost  
*synonym* : walk, trek, excursion

(1) go on a **hike**, (2) a **hike** in prices  
The family decided to **hike** in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

## chef

*n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel  
*synonym* : cook, culinary artist, gastronomer

(1) **chef** knife, (2) master **chef**  
The **chef** at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

## writ

*n.* a written legal order or command  
*synonym* : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**  
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

## ramble

*v.* to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction  
*synonym* : wander, meander, stroll

(1) **ramble** down the road, (2) **ramble** through the woods  
I like to **ramble** through the park, exploring its hidden paths and natural beauty.

## trace

*v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost  
*synonym* : seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times  
Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

## **amuse**

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh  
*synonym*: entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests  
He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

## **dive**

v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater  
*synonym*: dip, leap, plunge

(1) **dive** into anime communities, (2) **dive** off a cliff  
The sperm whale can **dive** to 1,000 meters.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a low-pi\_\_hed sound  
*n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
2. ex\_\_\_\_\_e our options  
*v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
3. high st\_\_k  
*n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
4. a national an\_\_\_m  
*n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
5. ins\_\_\_\_\_ve reaction  
*adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
6. digitization of an\_\_\_g sounds  
*adj.* relating to or using signals or information represented by a continuous physical quantity such as spatial position, voltage, etc.
7. the w\_t of man  
*n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
8. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young  
*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
9. a combative im\_\_\_\_\_e  
*n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

ANSWERS: 1. pitch, 2. explore, 3. stack, 4. anthem, 5. instinctive, 6. analog, 7. wit, 8. fascinate, 9. impulse



10. f\_\_e of nations *n.* the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions
11. mo\_\_\_g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
12. 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
13. es\_\_\_\_\_al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
14. his vocal ch\_\_ds *n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time
15. at inc\_\_\_\_\_le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
16. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
17. control my em\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
18. sl\_\_\_h along the street *v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
19. the me\_\_\_y of a tune *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
20. ari\_\_\_\_\_tic titles *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance

ANSWERS: 10. fate, 11. moving, 12. tradition, 13. essential, 14. chord, 15. incredible, 16. intellect, 17. emotion, 18. slouch, 19. melody, 20. aristocratic

21. ess\_\_\_\_\_ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
22. co\_\_\_\_\_e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
23. v\_\_t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
24. en\_\_\_\_\_us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
25. se\_\_\_\_\_l appeal *adj.* relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure
26. an elegant ent\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
27. pro\_\_\_\_\_ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
28. he\_\_\_\_\_n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
29. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
30. bi\_\_\_\_\_r disappointment *adj.* having a sharp, unpleasant taste; characterized by strong feelings of resentment, disappointment, or cynicism

ANSWERS: 21. essentially, 22. compose, 23. vast, 24. enormous, 25. sensual, 26. entertainment, 27. profoundly, 28. heaven, 29. opportune, 30. bitter

31. d\_\_e game *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
32. co\_\_\_\_\_t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
33. a simple me\_\_\_\_y *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
34. in\_\_\_\_\_be in her mind clearly *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
35. ine\_\_\_\_\_ble optimism *adj.* incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance
36. a ha\_\_\_\_\_y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
37. re\_\_\_\_\_s of a building *n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal
38. hy\_\_\_\_\_t valve *n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
39. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
40. di\_\_\_\_\_l information *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

ANSWERS: 31. dice, 32. concept, 33. melody, 34. inscribe, 35. inexhaustible, 36. harmony, 37. remains, 38. hydrant, 39. prioritize, 40. distill

41. vi\_\_\_n soloist *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
42. in\_\_\_\_e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
43. wi\_\_\_d grin *adj.* morally bad or evil
44. country-by-country a\_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
45. go through a mir\_\_\_\_us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
46. team of ex\_\_\_\_ers *n.* a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there
47. the influence of mec\_\_\_\_al action *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
48. his meal pre\_\_\_\_ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
49. imp\_\_\_\_al communication *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
50. unf\_\_\_\_ng gaze *adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute
51. my in\_\_\_\_te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal

ANSWERS: 41. violin, 42. inspire, 43. wicked, 44. aid, 45. miraculous, 46. explorer, 47. mechanical, 48. preference, 49. impersonal, 50. unflinching, 51. intimate

52. ill\_\_\_\_\_te a key point  
*v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
53. amb\_\_\_\_\_nt feelings  
*adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
54. ma\_\_h against the war  
*v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
55. ba\_\_s for calculation  
*n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
56. gr\_\_\_\_\_ng tale  
*adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions
57. sl\_\_\_h off his responsibilities  
*v.* to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands
58. ca\_\_\_\_\_e leader  
*adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
59. ex\_\_\_\_\_ng teacher  
*adj.* demanding and requiring great precision, attention to detail, or effort; characterized by meticulousness or strict standards
60. break a ha\_\_\_\_\_y  
*n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

ANSWERS: 52. illustrate, 53. ambivalent, 54. march, 55. basis, 56. gripping, 57. slough, 58. capable, 59. exacting, 60. harmony

61. ari\_\_\_\_\_tic government *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
62. theory of the un\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
63. traditional ba\_\_\_\_d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
64. a sl\_\_e of the company's revenue *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
65. in samba rh\_\_\_\_m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
66. ra\_\_\_\_e through the woods *v.* to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction
67. hour of ent\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
68. become ess\_\_\_\_\_ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
69. financial ind\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

ANSWERS: 61. aristocratic, 62. universe, 63. ballad, 64. slice, 65. rhythm, 66. ramble, 67. entertainment, 68. essentially, 69. independence

70. re\_\_t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
71. ch\_\_\_\_e at my cat's silly antics *n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way
72. a mec\_\_\_\_\_al style of writing *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
73. pa\_\_\_\_\_n hobby *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
74. unbridled av\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
75. he was en\_\_\_\_\_ly to blame *adv.* completely
76. en\_\_\_\_\_ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
77. a profound in\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
78. through an imp\_\_\_\_\_ble fog *adj.* not able to be passed through, entered, or understood
79. playing d\_\_e *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
80. cr\_\_l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
81. principles of de\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 70. react, 71. chuckle, 72. mechanical, 73. passion, 74. avarice, 75. entirely, 76. entirely, 77. insight, 78. impenetrable, 79. dice, 80. cruel, 81. democracy

82. profound religious im\_\_\_\_\_es      *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
83. deep so\_\_\_\_w      *n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending
84. in\_\_\_\_\_te an error      *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
85. tre\_\_\_\_\_us amount      *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
86. share my in\_\_\_\_\_ts      *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
87. en\_\_\_\_e data      *v.* to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission
88. financial a\_d      *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
89. pr\_\_\_\_\_ty seating for elderly      *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
90. salt marsh sl\_\_\_\_h      *v.* to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands

ANSWERS: 82. impulse, 83. sorrow, 84. indicate, 85. tremendous, 86. insight, 87. encode, 88. aid, 89. priority, 90. slough



91. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
92. imp\_\_\_\_\_ble fortress *adj.* not able to be passed through, entered, or understood
93. am\_\_e guests *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
94. an un\_\_\_\_\_en horse *adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded
95. the Italian fr\_\_\_\_\_er with Switzerland *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
96. play a so\_\_\_a *n.* a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin
97. versatile vi\_\_\_\_\_so *n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit
98. re\_\_t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
99. unsatisfied de\_\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
100. un\_\_\_e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
101. at\_\_\_\_\_de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
102. die su\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
103. a ra\_\_\_\_\_l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
104. a ra\_\_\_\_\_l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

ANSWERS: 91. complexity, 92. impenetrable, 93. amuse, 94. unbroken, 95. frontier, 96. sonata, 97. virtuoso, 98. react, 99. desire, 100. unique, 101. attitude, 102. suddenly, 103. radical, 104. radical

105. with an am\_\_\_\_\_us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
106. ab\_\_\_b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
107. re\_\_\_\_\_r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
108. wi\_\_\_d thoughts *adj.* morally bad or evil
109. irregular heart rh\_\_\_m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
110. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
111. ins\_\_\_\_\_ve behavior *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
112. the event ho\_\_\_\_\_n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
113. ev\_\_\_e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
114. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
115. com\_\_\_\_\_on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
116. a sy\_\_\_\_\_ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 105. ambitious, 106. absorb, 107. recover, 108. wicked, 109. rhythm, 110. writ, 111. instinctive, 112. horizon, 113. evolve, 114. improvisation, 115. combination, 116. symphony

117. li\_\_\_\_me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
118. la\_\_r cake *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
119. an\_\_y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
120. field of artificial int\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
121. emotional tur\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
122. a large st\_\_k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
123. ex\_\_\_\_ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
124. re\_\_\_\_nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
125. critical m\_\_s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
126. b\_t an eye *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

ANSWERS: 117. lifetime, 118. layer, 119. annoy, 120. intelligence, 121. turbulence, 122. stack, 123. exciting, 124. represent, 125. mass, 126. bat

127. st\_\_n warning *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
128. an\_\_\_m singer *n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
129. the po\_\_\_\_\_ny of the music *n.* music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together
130. li\_\_\_\_\_me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
131. ba\_\_\_\_\_l prediction *adj.* harmful or threatening; carrying a menacing or evil intent; filled with misery or sorrow
132. unf\_\_\_\_\_ng commitment *adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute
133. syn\_\_\_\_\_er bass *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
134. ex\_\_\_\_\_ng standards *adj.* demanding and requiring great precision, attention to detail, or effort; characterized by meticulousness or strict standards
135. ev\_\_\_e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
136. learn new co\_\_\_\_\_ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 127. stern, 128. anthem, 129. polyphony, 130. lifetime, 131. baleful, 132. unflinching, 133. synthesizer, 134. exacting, 135. evolve, 136. concept

137. mice sq\_\_\_k  
*v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
138. si\_\_\_t reading  
*adj.* without any or little sound
139. imp\_\_\_\_\_al treatment  
*adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
140. a h\_\_e in prices  
*n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
141. digital s\_y tools  
*n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
142. business sp\_\_\_e  
*n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
143. cross-co\_\_\_n marriage  
*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
144. a m\_\_s of molten rock  
*n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
145. master c\_\_f  
*n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

ANSWERS: 137. squeak, 138. silent, 139. impersonal, 140. hike, 141. spy, 142. sphere, 143. cousin, 144. mass, 145. chef

146. ab\_\_\_b energy      *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
147. op\_\_a performance      *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
148. vi\_\_\_\_\_y in the law court      *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
149. a st\_\_n look      *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
150. es\_\_\_\_\_al amino acid      *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
151. sp\_\_\_\_\_ad movement      *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
152. st\_\_\_e a blow      *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
153. ba\_\_\_\_\_l consequences      *adj.* harmful or threatening; carrying a menacing or evil intent; filled with misery or sorrow
154. ab\_\_\_\_\_te loyalty      *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
155. pu\_\_\_\_\_d by the question      *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
156. a material wi\_\_\_\_\_s      *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
157. ra\_\_\_e down the road      *v.* to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction
158. un\_\_\_\_\_en chain      *adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded

ANSWERS: 146. absorb, 147. opera, 148. victory, 149. stern, 150. essential, 151. spearhead, 152. strike, 153. baleful, 154. absolute, 155. puzzled, 156. witness, 157. ramble, 158. unbroken

159. d\_\_e into anime communities      *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
160. tr\_\_e back to medieval times      *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
161. se\_\_\_\_ty prayer      *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
162. arc\_\_\_\_\_ure design      *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
163. the pr\_\_\_\_nd depths of the sea      *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
164. a cl\_\_\_\_c experiment      *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
165. sympathetic vi\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
166. go on a h\_\_e      *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
167. age com\_\_\_\_\_on of the population      *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
168. beyond the re\_\_m of possibility      *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 159. dive, 160. trace, 161. serenity, 162. architecture, 163. profound, 164. classic, 165. vibration, 166. hike, 167. composition, 168. realm

169. a political rev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
170. sleep pro\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
171. Doppler sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
172. fall into se\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
173. la\_\_r of paint *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
174. have a co\_\_\_\_\_t again *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
175. in\_\_\_\_\_e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
176. fleshly de\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
177. Irish ba\_\_\_\_d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
178. d\_\_e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
179. ex\_\_\_\_\_t comments from the news release *v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.

ANSWERS: 169. revolution, 170. profoundly, 171. shift, 172. serenity, 173. layer, 174. concert, 175. inspire, 176. desire, 177. ballad, 178. dive, 179. excerpt



180. pr\_\_\_\_ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
181. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
182. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
183. professional pe\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer
184. new fa\_\_\_\_\_n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
185. ex\_\_\_\_\_ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
186. an int\_\_\_\_\_nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
187. fr\_\_\_\_\_e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
188. beginning of the industrial rev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
189. natural phe\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
190. make a pi\_\_h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

ANSWERS: 180. priority, 181. opportune, 182. intellect, 183. performer, 184. fashion, 185. exciting, 186. intelligence, 187. fragile, 188. revolution, 189. phenomenon, 190. pitch

191. no\_\_\_e a transcription *v.* to write or mark down musical notes or symbols on a sheet of music or a musical manuscript; to make a written record or notation of something
192. di\_\_\_\_l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
193. boundless cu\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
194. create a co\_\_\_\_\_nt system *adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
195. ba\_\_\_\_\_ry plot *n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
196. achieve am\_\_\_\_\_us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
197. c\_\_f knife *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
198. bla\_\_\_\_\_th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
199. the piano passages in the  
com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

ANSWERS: 191. notate, 192. digital, 193. curiosity, 194. coherent, 195. backstory, 196. ambitious, 197. chef, 198. blacksmith, 199. composition

200. the characters that re\_\_\_\_\_nt numbers      *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
201. sl\_\_\_\_h down in a chair      *v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
202. early pr\_\_\_\_\_pe      *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
203. di\_\_\_\_\_l a liquid      *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
204. pe\_\_\_\_\_ve a threat      *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
205. in\_\_\_\_\_t estate      *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
206. a well-ba\_\_\_\_\_ed mind      *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
207. ex\_\_\_\_e rebellion      *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
208. pu\_\_\_\_\_d expression      *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
209. im\_\_\_\_r insulin sensitivity      *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
210. a rock fr\_\_k      *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
211. sq\_\_\_\_k out a few words      *v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

ANSWERS: 200. represent, 201. slouch, 202. prototype, 203. distill, 204. perceive, 205. inherit, 206. balanced, 207. excite, 208. puzzled, 209. impair, 210. freak, 211. squeak

212. genic com\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
213. at\_\_\_\_\_t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
214. fa\_\_h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
215. st\_\_\_e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
216. pe\_\_\_\_\_ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
217. ascend to he\_\_\_n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
218. sl\_\_e a tomato thin *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
219. geo\_\_\_\_\_ic theory *adj.* referring to a belief or model that places the Earth as the center or focal point, especially in a system of planetary motions
220. ch\_\_d transition *n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time

ANSWERS: 212. combination, 213. attract, 214. faith, 215. strike, 216. perceive, 217. heaven, 218. slice, 219. geocentric, 220. chord

221. dis\_\_\_\_\_te video content      *v.*    to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
222. pa\_\_\_\_\_n drive      *n.*    intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
223. b\_t cave      *n.*    a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
224. the ba\_\_\_\_\_e of power      *n.*    a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
225. fr\_\_k weather      *n.*    an abnormality that is not typical or expected
226. numeric no\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.*    a system of symbols or signs used to represent information or communicate ideas; a written or printed mark or signs used to indicate musical notes, mathematical formulas, or linguistic elements
227. wavy sq\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.*    a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
228. back al\_\_y      *n.*    a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets

ANSWERS: 221. distribute, 222. passion, 223. bat, 224. balance, 225. freak, 226. notation, 227. squiggle, 228. alley

229. am\_\_e a baby with a rattle      *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
230. sp\_\_\_\_\_ad campaign      *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
231. de\_\_\_\_\_p a strategy      *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
232. 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
233. stifled ch\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way
234. the t\_\_e of a song      *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
235. aw\_\_h in debt      *adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive
236. sel\_\_\_\_\_ht skill      *adj.* having learned a skill or acquired knowledge without the help of a teacher or formal education
237. expansion of the un\_\_\_\_\_se      *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 229. amuse, 230. spearhead, 231. develop, 232. instinct, 233. chuckle, 234. tune, 235. awash, 236. self-taught, 237. universe

238. the per\_\_\_\_\_ve of the battle      *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
239. give si\_\_\_t consent      *adj.* without any or little sound
240. in\_\_\_\_\_te details      *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
241. ma\_\_h east      *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
242. the ba\_\_\_\_\_ry about this sweet moment      *n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
243. music syn\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
244. in\_\_\_\_\_be a message      *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
245. fr\_\_\_\_\_er disputes      *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
246. do aw\_\_l damage      *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
247. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
248. piano co\_\_\_\_\_to      *n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements

ANSWERS: 238. perspective, 239. silent, 240. intricate, 241. march, 242. backstory, 243. synthesizer, 244. inscribe, 245. frontier, 246. awful, 247. complexity, 248. concerto

249. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze tasks                    *v.*    to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
250. en\_\_\_e information                    *v.*    to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission
251. universal es\_\_\_\_\_e                    *n.*    the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
252. an an\_\_\_g watch                    *adj.* relating to or using signals or information represented by a continuous physical quantity such as spatial position, voltage, etc.
253. a un\_\_\_e teacher                    *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
254. 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
255. afraid to show em\_\_\_\_\_n                    *n.*    a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
256. an ab\_\_\_\_\_te must                    *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
257. s\_y cameras                    *n.*    a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

ANSWERS: 249. prioritize, 250. encode, 251. essence, 252. analog, 253. unique, 254. planet, 255. emotion, 256. absolute, 257. spy



258. pl\_\_\_t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
259. arrive and de\_\_\_t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
260. ind\_\_\_\_\_nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
261. ex\_\_\_\_\_e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
262. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
263. the ul\_\_\_\_\_te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
264. pi\_\_\_\_\_nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
265. historical phe\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
266. per\_\_\_\_\_on of beauty *n.* the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete
267. an\_\_\_y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
268. lo\_\_\_\_\_ly crafted *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
269. bla\_\_\_\_\_th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

ANSWERS: 258. planet, 259. depart, 260. independence, 261. extreme, 262. possibility, 263. ultimate, 264. pinpoint, 265. phenomenon, 266. perfection, 267. annoy, 268. lovingly, 269. blacksmith

270. his av\_\_\_\_\_e knew no bounds *n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
271. no\_\_\_\_e a poem *v.* to write or mark down musical notes or symbols on a sheet of music or a musical manuscript; to make a written record or notation of something
272. re\_\_\_\_\_r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
273. 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
274. de\_\_\_\_\_p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
275. v\_\_t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
276. 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
277. un\_\_\_\_\_ed resources *adj.* without any limits or restrictions
278. al\_\_y cat *n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets

ANSWERS: 270. avarice, 271. notate, 272. recover, 273. instinct, 274. develop, 275. vast, 276. fate, 277. unlimited, 278. alley

279. major tr\_\_d *n.* a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord
280. circus pe\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who entertains an audience or group by presenting artistic or theatrical acts, such as an actor, musician, dancer, or singer
281. full of w\_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
282. go out of fa\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
283. major paradigm sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
284. a su\_\_\_e poison *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
285. ex\_\_\_\_\_e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
286. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
287. in\_\_\_\_\_t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
288. violin co\_\_\_\_\_to *n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements
289. de\_\_\_\_\_cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
290. cr\_\_e for speculation *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

ANSWERS: 279. triad, 280. performer, 281. wit, 282. fashion, 283. shift, 284. subtle, 285. extreme, 286. excite, 287. inherit, 288. concerto, 289. democracy, 290. craze

291. absolute per\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete
292. a polar ex\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there
293. provide ac\_\_\_\_\_te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
294. vi\_\_\_\_\_y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
295. the m\_\_d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
296. a beautiful po\_\_\_\_\_ny *n.* music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together
297. co\_\_\_n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
298. co\_\_\_\_\_se the text *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
299. nat\_\_\_\_\_st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
300. at\_\_\_\_\_de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

ANSWERS: 291. perfection, 292. explorer, 293. accurate, 294. victory, 295. mood, 296. polyphony, 297. cousin, 298. condense, 299. nationalist, 300. attitude

301. on an equal ba\_\_s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
302. above p\_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
303. ballad op\_\_a *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
304. a cr\_\_l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
305. so\_\_\_w for sin *n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending
306. lo\_\_\_\_\_ly prepared *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
307. 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
308. the qu\_\_t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
309. aw\_\_h with cash *adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive
310. classic arc\_\_\_\_\_ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

ANSWERS: 301. basis, 302. par, 303. opera, 304. cruel, 305. sorrow, 306. lovingly, 307. stick, 308. quest, 309. awash, 310. architecture

311. lo\_\_\_e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
312. the e\_a of the Renaissance *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
313. gr\_\_e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
314. ex\_\_\_\_t a passage from a book *v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.
315. lo\_\_\_e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
316. em\_\_\_\_\_al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
317. sel\_\_\_\_\_ht person *adj.* having learned a skill or acquired knowledge without the help of a teacher or formal education
318. sq\_\_\_\_\_le line *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
319. en\_\_\_\_\_us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
320. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt explanation *adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand

ANSWERS: 311. locate, 312. era, 313. grave, 314. excerpt, 315. locate, 316. emotional, 317. self-taught, 318. squiggle, 319. enormous, 320. coherent

321. gr\_\_\_\_\_ng documentary *adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions
322. t\_\_e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
323. a particular pre\_\_\_\_\_ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
324. en\_\_\_\_\_ng pain *adj.* lasting over a long period of time; able to withstand wear, decay, or damage; continuing or persistent
325. gr\_\_e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
326. ev\_\_\_\_\_ve memories *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
327. ill\_\_\_\_\_te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
328. tr\_\_e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
329. tre\_\_\_\_\_us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

ANSWERS: 321. gripping, 322. tune, 323. preference, 324. enduring, 325. grave, 326. evocative, 327. illustrate, 328. trace, 329. tremendous

330. pi\_\_\_\_\_nt signs of manipulation      *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
331. protection against vi\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
332. Platonic di\_\_\_\_\_ues      *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
333. fitness cr\_\_\_e      *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
334. pa\_\_\_e entertainment      *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
335. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty for growth      *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
336. mo\_\_\_g experience      *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
337. public re\_\_\_m      *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
338. in\_\_\_\_\_te a preference      *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
339. musical ins\_\_\_\_\_nts      *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
340. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public      *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 330. pinpoint, 331. vibration, 332. dialogue, 333. craze, 334. passe, 335. possibility, 336. moving, 337. realm, 338. indicate, 339. instrument, 340. fascinate



341. ex\_\_\_\_\_e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
342. a vi\_\_\_\_\_so on the guitar *n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit
343. em\_\_\_\_\_al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
344. t\_n foil *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
345. mathematical no\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a system of symbols or signs used to represent information or communicate ideas; a written or printed mark or signs used to indicate musical notes, mathematical formulas, or linguistic elements
346. financial tur\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
347. de\_\_\_t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
348. universal pr\_\_\_e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
349. inc\_\_\_\_\_le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 341. explore, 342. virtuoso, 343. emotional, 344. tin, 345. notation, 346. turbulence, 347. depart, 348. praise, 349. incredible

350. infrared sp\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
351. a broad sp\_\_\_\_\_um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
352. the great di\_\_\_\_\_ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
353. business ho\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
354. 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
355. complete a pr\_\_\_\_\_pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
356. not up to p\_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
357. feel bi\_\_\_\_r *adj.* having a sharp, unpleasant taste; characterized by strong feelings of resentment, disappointment, or cynicism
358. dawn of a new e\_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
359. asset on the company's ba\_\_\_\_\_e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 350. spectrum, 351. spectrum, 352. discovery, 353. horizon, 354. tradition, 355. prototype, 356. par, 357. bitter, 358. era, 359. balance

360. a pr\_\_\_\_nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
361. co\_\_\_\_se water vapor *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
362. su\_\_\_e changes *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
363. human re\_\_\_\_s *n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal
364. co\_\_\_\_e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
365. im\_\_\_r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
366. su\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
367. issue a w\_\_t *n.* a written legal order or command
368. a ba\_\_\_\_ed diet *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
369. ev\_\_\_\_ve language *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
370. st\_\_p forward in the chair *v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially

ANSWERS: 360. profound, 361. condense, 362. subtle, 363. remains, 364. compose, 365. impair, 366. suddenly, 367. writ, 368. balanced, 369. evocative, 370. stoop

371. a mas\_\_\_\_\_ce of design *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
372. in\_\_\_\_\_te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
373. play the vi\_\_\_\_n *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
374. fire hy\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
375. en\_\_\_\_\_ng legacy *adj.* lasting over a long period of time; able to withstand wear, decay, or damage; continuing or persistent
376. an aw\_\_l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
377. a di\_\_\_\_\_l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
378. geo\_\_\_\_\_ic perspective *adj.* referring to a belief or model that places the Earth as the center or focal point, especially in a system of planetary motions
379. ca\_\_\_\_\_e worker *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
380. at\_\_\_\_\_t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 371. masterpiece, 372. intimate, 373. violin, 374. hydrant, 375. enduring, 376. awful, 377. digital, 378. geocentric, 379. capable, 380. attract

381. nat\_\_\_\_\_st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
382. the form of a di\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
383. the ul\_\_\_\_\_te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
384. pa\_\_e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
385. religious fa\_\_h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
386. surgical ins\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
387. t\_n can *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
388. literary mas\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
389. st\_\_p to conquer *v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially

ANSWERS: 381. nationalist, 382. dialogue, 383. ultimate, 384. passe, 385. faith, 386. instrument, 387. tin, 388. masterpiece, 389. stoop

390. wi\_\_\_\_\_s of the car accident  
*n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
391. politically fr\_\_\_\_\_e nation  
*adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
392. a scientific di\_\_\_\_\_ry  
*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
393. ine\_\_\_\_\_ble curiosity  
*adj.* incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance
394. ac\_\_\_\_\_te measurements  
*adj.* correct and exact in all details
395. dis\_\_\_\_\_te wealth evenly  
*v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
396. Chinese cl\_\_\_\_\_c literature  
*adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
397. third so\_\_\_\_a  
*n.* a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin
398. amb\_\_\_\_\_nt attitude  
*adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
399. attain critical pr\_\_\_\_e  
*n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

ANSWERS: 390. witness, 391. fragile, 392. discovery, 393. inexhaustible, 394. accurate, 395. distribute, 396. classic, 397. sonata, 398. ambivalent, 399. praise

400. un\_\_\_\_\_ed liability *adj.* without any limits or restrictions
401. a tr\_\_d of nuclear forces *n.* a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord
402. in\_\_\_\_\_te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
403. sp\_\_\_e of influence *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
404. a benefit co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
405. a beautiful sy\_\_\_\_\_ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
406. satisfy my intellectual cu\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
407. a mir\_\_\_\_\_us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
408. in an ugly m\_\_d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
409. a per\_\_\_\_\_ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
410. speak in a se\_\_\_\_\_l tone *adj.* relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure

ANSWERS: 400. unlimited, 401. triad, 402. intricate, 403. sphere, 404. concert, 405. symphony, 406. curiosity, 407. miraculous, 408. mood, 409. perspective, 410. sensual

411. on a qu\_\_t for happiness      *n.* a long or challenging search for something
412. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
413. vanilla es\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
414. 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

ANSWERS: 411. quest, 412. improvisation, 413. essence, 414. stick



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve \_\_\_\_\_ and peace of mind.  
*n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
2. The software engineer's \_\_\_\_\_ tests caught a potentially disastrous bug before it could cause any real harm.  
*adj.* demanding and requiring great precision, attention to detail, or effort; characterized by meticulousness or strict standards
3. The painting is \_\_\_\_\_ and there is no other like it.  
*adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
4. She is highly \_\_\_\_\_ of handling multiple tasks at once.  
*adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
5. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ the origins of some familiar foreign words.  
*v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
6. The company's financial records \_\_\_\_\_ how successful it has been.  
*v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
7. How did he \_\_\_\_\_ to your idea?  
*v.* to take action in response to something
8. Low sexual \_\_\_\_\_ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.  
*n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 1. serenity, 2. exacting, 3. unique, 4. capable, 5. trace, 6. illustrate, 7. react, 8. desire

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the safe was a secret.

*n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

10. Australia is widely \_\_\_\_\_ as having low levels of corruption.

*v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

11. The management must \_\_\_\_\_ strategies to increase office security.

*v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

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

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

13. My mother's illness had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on us all.

*adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

14. She had the \_\_\_\_\_ that work was fun.

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

15. The singer's \_\_\_\_\_ brought the audience to tears.

*n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

16. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ recovery.

*adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

ANSWERS: 9. combination, 10. perceived, 11. explore, 12. instrument, 13. profound, 14. attitude, 15. ballad, 16. miraculous

17. This artist always packs the \_\_\_\_\_ halls.

*n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

18. The death of her best friend filled her with \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending

19. I feel \_\_\_\_\_ about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.

*adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take

20. We experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

*n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

21. The organization \_\_\_\_\_ the needs of the community in its decision-making.

*v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

22. The government recruited a \_\_\_\_\_ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

*n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

23. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ through the park, exploring its hidden paths and natural beauty.

*v.* to walk, travel or talk in a seemingly random or aimless manner, often digressing from topic to topic without any clear purpose or direction

24. Her passions are in the \_\_\_\_\_ of real-world political affairs.

*n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 17. concert, 18. sorrow, 19. ambivalent, 20. craze, 21. prioritized, 22. spy, 23. ramble, 24. realm

25. She is still \_\_\_\_\_ from a shot to her shoulder.

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

26. The troops \_\_\_\_\_ shoulder-to-shoulder.

*v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

27. The drama series mainly received \_\_\_\_\_.

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

28. We conducted a \_\_\_\_\_ assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

*adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

29. The novel affected her \_\_\_\_\_ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

30. After his death, his sons \_\_\_\_\_ his business.

*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

31. His gaffe spoiled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dinner party.

*n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

32. The cave was a habitat for \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

ANSWERS: 25. recovering, 26. marched, 27. praise, 28. balanced, 29. profoundly, 30. inherited, 31. mood, 32. bats

33. One such rapidly growing \_\_\_\_\_ is quantum cryptography.  
*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
34. He recorded the \_\_\_\_\_ at the time of the incident.  
*n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
35. The electronic \_\_\_\_\_ created a range of unique sounds for the music.  
*n.* an electronic musical instrument that generates audio signals and is used to create a wide range of sounds, from imitations of traditional instruments to entirely new sounds
36. A rainbow is a natural \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
37. The vase was made of \_\_\_\_\_ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.  
*adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
38. Try to keep a \_\_\_\_\_ between work and off.  
*n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
39. This harmonious \_\_\_\_\_ immortalized its composer.  
*n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
40. The high-rise office building had an \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.  
*adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

ANSWERS: 33. concept, 34. dialogue, 35. synthesizer, 36. phenomenon, 37. fragile, 38. balance, 39. melody, 40. impersonal

41. He worked at the \_\_\_\_\_ of behavioral economics.

*n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

42. The official transcript contains \_\_\_\_\_ academic records.

*adj.* correct and exact in all details

43. His \_\_\_\_\_ for money led him to make unethical decisions in business.

*n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness

44. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the ancient civilization can still be seen in the city's ruins.

*n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal

45. Her constant chatter was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighbors.

*v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

46. Her \_\_\_\_\_ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

*n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

47. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

48. The beach was \_\_\_\_\_ with seaweed after the storm.

*adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive

49. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ pianist and played with incredible skill and precision.

*n.* a person highly skilled in music, art, or some other pursuit

ANSWERS: 41. frontier, 42. accurate, 43. avarice, 44. remains, 45. annoy, 46. passion, 47. discovery, 48. awash, 49. virtuoso

50. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself by playing video games during his free time.

*v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

51. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the \_\_\_\_\_ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

*n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

52. 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

53. He's been practicing a new \_\_\_\_\_ for weeks.

*n.* a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin

54. Here are \_\_\_\_\_ from several recent books on quantum computing.

*v.* to take a short piece of speech, book, film, etc. from a longer whole; (noun) a short extract from a speech, book, film, etc.

55. The CEO decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the new project to ensure its success.

*v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

56. He beat out a jazz \_\_\_\_\_ on the cajones.

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

57. In terms of \_\_\_\_\_ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

*n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

ANSWERS: 50. amused, 51. horizon, 52. planet, 53. sonata, 54. excerpts, 55. spearhead, 56. rhythm, 57. intelligence,

58. \_\_\_\_\_ displaced part of the mechanism.  
*n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
59. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of art.  
*n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
60. The little girl practiced her ballet routine until she achieved \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete
61. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
62. They played basketball in the \_\_\_\_\_ behind their house.  
*n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
63. The children complained because one \_\_\_\_\_ of cake was slightly larger than the other.  
*n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
64. We gained various \_\_\_\_\_ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.  
*n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
65. The unique style of this martial arts \_\_\_\_\_ many action film producers.  
*v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 58. Vibration, 59. masterpiece, 60. perfection, 61. opportune, 62. alley, 63. slice, 64. insights, 65. inspired



66. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

67. He felt like \_\_\_\_\_ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

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

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

69. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by the strange behavior of her cat.

- adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

70. This evidence will form the \_\_\_\_\_ for our discussion.

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

71. Solar power is an example of an \_\_\_\_\_ source of energy.

- adj.* incapable of being used up or worn out; boundless or limitless in quantity, energy, or endurance

72. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the main character added depth to the story.

- n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

73. The \_\_\_\_\_ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

- n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

ANSWERS: 66. develop, 67. heaven, 68. fashion, 69. puzzled, 70. basis, 71. inexhaustible, 72. backstory, 73. blacksmith

74. The government established by the coup was more \_\_\_\_\_ than before.

*adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

75. The room was filled with the \_\_\_\_\_ aroma of incense and flowers.

*adj.* relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure

76. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of American history.

*adj.* having a very close friendship, personal

77. This device displayed the speech \_\_\_\_\_ spectrographically.

*n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

78. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered \_\_\_\_\_ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

*adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

79. The accident made his vision \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse

80. Exfoliating treatments help to \_\_\_\_\_ off dead skin, revealing a fresher complexion underneath.

*v.* to shed or cast off a dead layer of skin, tissue, or surface; to discard or get rid of something unwanted or unnecessary; (noun) marshy areas or wetlands

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

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

ANSWERS: 74. radical, 75. sensual, 76. intimate, 77. spectrum, 78. passe, 79. impaired, 80. slough, 81. excited

82. The dictator was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ and oppressive regime.  
*adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
83. The robot can accurately \_\_\_\_\_ construction material.  
*v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
84. The music sheet had a complex musical \_\_\_\_\_ that was difficult to understand.  
*n.* a system of symbols or signs used to represent information or communicate ideas; a written or printed mark or signs used to indicate musical notes, mathematical formulas, or linguistic elements
85. This radar quickly \_\_\_\_\_ the position of the enemy.  
*v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
86. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.  
*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
87. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ time yesterday.  
*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
88. The earthquake caused a \_\_\_\_\_ of lumber to crumble noisily.  
*n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
89. The frequent performances of the \_\_\_\_\_ prove its popularity.  
*n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 82. cruel, 83. locate, 84. notation, 85. pinpoints, 86. complexity, 87. tremendous, 88. stack, 89. symphony

90. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.  
*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
91. Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
92. The students' antics did not amuse the \_\_\_\_\_ teacher.  
*adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
93. The \_\_\_\_\_ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.  
*n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
94. We are motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ rather than necessity.  
*n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
95. The \_\_\_\_\_ love between the couple was evident in their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.  
*adj.* lasting over a long period of time; able to withstand wear, decay, or damage; continuing or persistent
96. The \_\_\_\_\_ family had a long history of wealth and privilege.  
*adj.* relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
97. That adventurer traveled in \_\_\_\_\_ of buried treasure.  
*n.* a long or challenging search for something

ANSWERS: 90. strike, 91. composition, 92. stern, 93. revolution, 94. curiosity, 95. enduring, 96. aristocratic, 97. quest

98. A \_\_\_\_\_ engineer is still in demand in many companies.

*adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

99. Trial and error is an \_\_\_\_\_ part of education.

*adj.* indispensable; fundamental

100. The \_\_\_\_\_ musician taught himself how to play the piano by listening to recordings.

*adj.* having learned a skill or acquired knowledge without the help of a teacher or formal education

101. The flying car is presently in the \_\_\_\_\_ stage.

*n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

102. His father's death changed his whole \_\_\_\_\_ on life.

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

103. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the country was played during the ceremony.

*n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

104. The cello is a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ family.

*n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

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

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

ANSWERS: 98. mechanical, 99. essential, 100. self-taught, 101. prototype, 102. perspective, 103. anthem, 104. violin, 105. tune

106. The \_\_\_\_\_ rally attracted thousands of supporters.

*adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

107. After hearing the results, he \_\_\_\_\_ against a wall.

*v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

108. The data \_\_\_\_\_ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

*v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

109. The talented \_\_\_\_\_ captivated the audience with his impressive magic tricks.

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

110. There is nothing more valuable than \_\_\_\_\_ and freedom.

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

111. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass \_\_\_\_\_ outside the city during the war.

*n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

112. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

*v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

ANSWERS: 106. nationalist, 107. slouched, 108. indicates, 109. performer, 110. independence, 111. graves, 112. condense

113. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ down to pick up the coin that had rolled under the couch.

- v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially

114. She looked at him \_\_\_\_\_ and knew he was the one for her.

- adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

115. Her \_\_\_\_\_ is to be a mother.

- n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

116. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.

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

117. The sperm whale can \_\_\_\_\_ to 1,000 meters.

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

118. As a musician, you must \_\_\_\_\_ your compositions accurately for others to read and understand.

- v.* to write or mark down musical notes or symbols on a sheet of music or a musical manuscript; to make a written record or notation of something

119. The software can \_\_\_\_\_ and decode encrypted messages.

- v.* to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission

120. The \_\_\_\_\_ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

- n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 113. stoop, 114. lovingly, 115. priority, 116. improvisation, 117. dive, 118. notate, 119. encode, 120. possibility

121. 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
122. Later, his claim was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ false.  
*adv.* completely
123. The \_\_\_\_\_ movie had me on the edge of my seat the entire time.  
*adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions
124. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.  
*adj.* without any or little sound
125. His \_\_\_\_\_ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.  
*adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
126. I used to play with my younger male \_\_\_\_\_ when I was a little girl.  
*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
127. 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
128. Could you help me \_\_\_\_\_ some furniture?  
*n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
129. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.  
*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 121. fate, 122. entirely, 123. gripping, 124. silent, 125. moving, 126. cousins, 127. instinct, 128. shift, 129. incredible



130. The manufacturing industry is \_\_\_\_\_ fierce competition.

*n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

131. \_\_\_\_\_ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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

132. The \_\_\_\_\_ model of the universe was widely accepted in ancient times.

*adj.* referring to a belief or model that places the Earth as the center or focal point, especially in a system of planetary motions

133. The jungle was so dense and \_\_\_\_\_ that it was almost impossible to find a way through.

*adj.* not able to be passed through, entered, or understood

134. 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

135. We worked in perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

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

136. He displayed the \_\_\_\_\_ symptoms of depression.

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

137. His \_\_\_\_\_ courage in the face of danger was impressive.

*adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute

ANSWERS: 130. witnessing, 131. Democracy, 132. geocentric, 133. impenetrable, 134. represent, 135. harmony, 136. classic, 137. unflinching

138. Human \_\_\_\_\_ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

139. The politician managed to deal with that \_\_\_\_\_ issue.

*adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together

140. The \_\_\_\_ at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

*n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

141. 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

142. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

143. Gandhi had an \_\_\_\_\_ zeal for nonviolence.

*adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

144. She had lived through two world wars in her \_\_\_\_\_.

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

145. We \_\_\_\_\_ before the temperature fell below zero.

*v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

146. The \_\_\_\_\_ is about 13.8 billion years old.

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

ANSWERS: 138. emotional, 139. intricate, 140. chef, 141. wit, 142. intellect, 143. absolute, 144. lifetime, 145. departed, 146. universe

147. The roof of the old shed was made of rusty \_\_\_\_.

- n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes

148. The artist \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

- v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

149. The \_\_\_\_\_ taste of the medicine made it difficult to swallow.

- adj.* having a sharp, unpleasant taste; characterized by strong feelings of resentment, disappointment, or cynicism

150. He was served with a \_\_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

- n.* a written legal order or command

151. 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

152. The residents reported a leaky \_\_\_\_\_ in their community, prompting the city to dispatch a maintenance crew

- n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes

153. The government is eager to \_\_\_\_\_ international investment.

- v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 147. tin, 148. inscribed, 149. bitter, 150. writ, 151. stick, 152. hydrant, 153. attract

154. Their company has been in business for a short time but has \_\_\_\_\_ goals.  
*adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
155. 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
156. The \_\_\_\_\_ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.  
*n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
157. The music was \_\_\_\_\_ of a bygone era.  
*adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
158. Her \_\_\_\_\_ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.  
*n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
159. The door \_\_\_\_\_ when I opened it.  
*v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
160. Mercury thermometers are a type of \_\_\_\_\_ sensor.  
*adj.* relating to or using signals or information represented by a continuous physical quantity such as spatial position, voltage, etc.
161. She decided to \_\_\_\_\_ her thoughts into a more manageable list.  
*v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
162. His estate was \_\_\_\_\_ to his sons.  
*v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 154. ambitious, 155. essence, 156. freak, 157. evocative, 158. preference, 159. squeaked, 160. analog, 161. distill, 162. distributed

163. The city is known for its impressive \_\_\_\_\_ and beautiful old buildings.  
*n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
164. A famous artist painted the room in a \_\_\_\_\_ pink hue.  
*adj.* not readily apparent or visible
165. She loves going to the \_\_\_\_\_ house and hearing the beautiful music.  
*n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
166. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
167. The \_\_\_\_\_ witch cast a spell on the kingdom.  
*adj.* morally bad or evil
168. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for the mother to protect her child from harm.  
*adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
169. Solar gravity creates \_\_\_\_\_ pressures and temperatures.  
*adj.* very great in amount or degree
170. My signature always has a little \_\_\_\_\_ at the end.  
*n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
171. 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

ANSWERS: 163. architecture, 164. subtle, 165. opera, 166. era, 167. wicked, 168. instinctive, 169. extreme, 170. squiggle, 171. tradition

172. A renowned symphony orchestra performed the piano \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a composition for one or more solo instruments and an orchestra, typically in three movements
173. Nerve \_\_\_\_\_ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.
- n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
174. Shakespeare's output of poetry was \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* extremely large or great
175. We are optimistic about our final \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
176. The family decided to \_\_\_\_\_ in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.
- n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
177. He rolled the \_\_\_\_\_ hoping for a lucky outcome.
- n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
178. He enjoyed the \_\_\_\_\_ quiet of the afternoon at the villa.
- adj.* continuous and not interrupted; (of promises or contracts) not violated or disregarded
179. The three friends formed a tight-knit \_\_\_\_\_ always supporting and helping each other.
- n.* a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord

ANSWERS: 172. concerto, 173. impulses, 174. enormous, 175. victory, 176. hike, 177. dice, 178. unbroken, 179. triad,

180. The structure is \_\_\_\_\_ of three main components.

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

181. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.

- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

182. The \_\_\_\_\_ of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.

- n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

183. Eyeless fish \_\_\_\_\_ in dark caves.

- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

184. The pianist played a \_\_\_\_\_ that filled the room with a rich, harmonious sound.

- n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time

185. The \_\_\_\_\_ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

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

186. An \_\_\_\_\_ data plan is a popular option for heavy internet users.

- adj.* without any limits or restrictions

187. The findings of the experiment were both \_\_\_\_\_ and unexpected.

- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 180. composed, 181. suddenly, 182. layer, 183. evolved, 184. chord, 185. mass, 186. unlimited, 187. exciting

188. The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
189. I regretted making an \_\_\_\_\_ mistake in my final exam.
- adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
190. Sensors convert physical phenomena into \_\_\_\_\_ signals.
- adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
191. Management must take \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for the accident.
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
192. The hotel is famous for its \_\_\_\_\_ including the casino.
- n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
193. \_\_\_\_\_ a society is an organism.
- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
194. His writing was well-structured and \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
195. The composer wrote a complex \_\_\_\_\_ for the orchestra, featuring multiple layers of sound.
- n.* music consisting of two or more independent melodies or voices sounding together

ANSWERS: 188. turbulence, 189. awful, 190. digital, 191. ultimate, 192. entertainment, 193. Essentially, 194. coherent, 195. polyphony



196. Aboriginal people killed the \_\_\_\_\_ who entered the sacred land for them.  
*n.* a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there
197. The sponge \_\_\_\_\_ water well.  
*v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
198. Pakistan's \_\_\_\_ budget was still being reviewed.  
*n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
199. Some \_\_\_\_\_ are common across cultures and backgrounds.  
*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
200. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.  
*n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
201. The magic tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the children.  
*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
202. He kept his robust \_\_\_\_\_ in his company.  
*n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
203. I couldn't help but let out a little \_\_\_\_\_ when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.  
*n.* a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

ANSWERS: 196. explorer, 197. absorbs, 198. aid, 199. emotions, 200. sphere, 201. fascinated, 202. faith, 203. chuckle

204. Her voice gradually increased in \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

205. His \_\_\_\_\_ gaze sent shivers down my spine.

- adj.* harmful or threatening; carrying a menacing or evil intent; filled with misery or sorrow

206. Shares in the company finally fell below their \_\_\_\_ value.

- n.* a state of being equal to someone or something

207. A \_\_\_\_\_ audience viewed the broadcast.

- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 204. pitch, 205. baleful, 206. par, 207. vast