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Session 1: Word List

explosion

n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

synonym : burst, eruption, outbreak

(1) a lot of **explosions**, (2) site of the **explosion**

A broken gas pipe triggered the **explosion**.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym : startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

convey

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

synonym : communicate, transfer, deliver

(1) **convey** a complex idea, (2) **convey** goods by truck

An ironic remark often **conveys** an intended meaning obliquely.

stare

v. to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious

manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

synonym : gaze, look, gawk

(1) **stare** blankly, (2) give a menacing **stare**

He couldn't help but **stare** at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym : implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

missile

n. a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism

synonym : projectile, rocket, bomb

(1) **missile** defense, (2) cruise **missile** attack

The military launched a ballistic **missile** at the enemy's stronghold.

passee

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 no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym :

culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym: plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

nameless

adj. without a name or unknown; not named or identified

synonym: anonymous, unknown, unidentified

(1) **nameless** fear, (2) **nameless** child

The victim could only describe their attacker as a **nameless** figure in the darkness.

survivor

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

synonym: subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**

The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym: emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

tattered

adj. worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart

synonym : ripped, shabby, worn-out

(1) **tattered** clothes, (2) **tattered** umbrella

The **tattered** book was falling apart at the seams from being read too many times.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

synonym : success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the

accomplishment of a social goal

Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

- 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.
- explode** *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
synonym : detonate, blast, rupture
(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity
The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.
- piercing** *adj.* going through something; appearing to notice things about another person that would typically go unnoticed, especially in a way that causes that individual to feel uncomfortable
synonym : sharp, acute, biting
(1) **piercing** laughter, (2) **piercing** pain
A **piercing** scream filled the room.
- staccato** *adj.* a style of musical performance or composition that involves playing each note separately and distinctly, with a sharp or abrupt tone; speech or writing that is abrupt or disjointed
synonym : abrupt, sharp, detached
(1) **staccato** rhythm, (2) **staccato** speech
The pianist played the piece with **staccato** notes, creating a lively and upbeat sound.
- gunfire** *n.* the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time
synonym : gunshots, firing, shooting
(1) lethal **gunfire**, (2) burst of **gunfire**
The journalist heard the sound of **gunfire** while reporting in a war zone.

wrench

v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

synonym: twist, turn, bend

(1) **wrench** off the lock, (2) **wrench** my back

A deep sigh was **wrenched** from his chest.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

ominous

adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

synonym: foreboding, portentous, ill-boding

(1) an **ominous** silence, (2) **ominous** sign

The **ominous** clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

drone

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

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

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

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

jet

n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

synonym: plane, aircraft, flier

(1) private **jet**, (2) commercial **jet**

The **jet** flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

overhead

n. the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky

synonym : expense, upkeep, (adverb) aloft

(1) **overhead** capital, (2) a cloud passing **overhead**

This merger will help them reduce **overhead** costs substantially.

wail

v. to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger

synonym : moan, keen, lament

(1) **wail** in sorrow, (2) **wail** in pain

The baby **wailed** loudly, signaling its hunger.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

siren

n. a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger

synonym : alarm, warning, alert

(1) fire truck **siren**, (2) police **siren**

I heard the **siren** of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.

dissonant

adj. sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions

synonym : discordant, harsh, inharmonious

(1) a **dissonant** voice, (2) **dissonant** note

The **dissonant** sound from the poorly tuned instruments was painful to listen to.

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.

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym: herd, crowd, assembly

(1) **flock** of sheep, (2) **flock** of spectator

When a **flock** of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

screech

v. to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear

synonym: shriek, scream, yelp

(1) **screech** out a slogan, (2) **screech** with laughter

The brakes on the car began to **screech** as the driver suddenly stopped at the intersection.

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**.

thunderous

adj. producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive

synonym: thundering, booming, loud

(1) **thunderous** roar, (2) **thunderous** noise

The **thunderous** applause lasted for several minutes after the performance.

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym: intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

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.

humanity

n. all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

synonym : humankind, society, human race

(1) **humanity** at large, (2) mass of **humanity**

They donated large sums of money for the development of **humanity**.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

scare

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

synonym : frighten, spook, intimidate

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

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

survive

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

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

besiege

v. to surround and attack or harass with relentless persistence; to crowd or overwhelm with a large number of requests or demands

synonym : beset, encircle, surround

(1) **besiege** a fortress, (2) **besiege** an enemy

Enemy troops **besieged** the town during the war.

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.

bullet

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

synonym : projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

preoccupation

n. the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively

synonym : fetish, obsession, fixation

(1) **preoccupation** with work, (2) military **preoccupation**

She has an obsessive **preoccupation** with weight and

shape.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer
The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

drawdown

n. the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing

synonym : decline, reduction, decrease

(1) **drawdown** period, (2) investment **drawdown**
The organization initiated a **drawdown** of resources from its disaster relief fund to assist the affected communities.

timeline

n. a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom

synonym : agenda, timetable, chronology

(1) **timeline** of science history, (2) lay out a **timeline**
He imposed a **timeline** on the project.

surge

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

synonym : rush, spate, deluge

(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism
She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

sting

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

synonym : bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face
Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something
synonym : work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym : study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue
Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym : cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

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**.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

objective

n. a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases

synonym : goal, purpose, aim

(1) **objective** assessment, (2) financial **objective**

The study's main **objective** is to identify risk factors for heart disease.

tactics

n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

synonym : strategy, maneuvers, plan

(1) blitz **tactics**, (2) political **tactics**

The marketing team developed new **tactics** to boost sales.

- doll** *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
synonym : puppet, dolly, toy
(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**
The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.
- casualty** *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
synonym : victim, injured, fatality
(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**
Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.
- sterile** *adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
synonym : clean, germ-free, hygienic
(1) **sterile** environment, (2) a **sterile** man
Surgeons must use **sterile** instruments to prevent infection during an operation.
- casual** *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
synonym : informal, relaxed, offhand
(1) **casual** dress, (2) take a **casual** glance
They had a **casual** conversation over coffee at the local cafe.
- context** *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
synonym : background, setting, environment
(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**
It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.
- topic** *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
synonym : subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book
The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

rap

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

synonym: hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

civilian

n. a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility

synonym: citizen, inhabitant, resident

(1) **civilian** casualties, (2) **civilian** life

The army is instructed not to target any **civilians** during the conflict.

mutilate

v. to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably

synonym : maim, disfigure, deform

(1) **mutilate** a document, (2) **mutilate** a body

It is cruel for anyone to **mutilate** an animal for any reason.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

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

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

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

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.

unseen

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

synonym : invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym : behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

orchestra

n. a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

synonym : ensemble, symphony, band

(1) full **orchestra**, (2) **orchestra** conductor

The accomplished **orchestra** will give two more performances this week.

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym : resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their

homes in the natural disaster.

extremist

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

synonym: radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

leadership

n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

synonym: captaincy, direction, initiative

(1) under his **leadership**, (2) **leadership** by politicians

The country's **leadership** has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

checkmate

v. to win a game of chess by putting the opponent's king in a position where it is unable to escape capture; to defeat or frustrate an opponent entirely; (noun) a situation where one person or side has put another in a position where they cannot escape defeat

synonym: outwit, outmaneuver, defeat

(1) **checkmate** with a pawn, (2) a **checkmate** situation

The chess player carefully planned his moves to **checkmate** his opponent in just a few moves.

raid

n. a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft

synonym : attack, invasion, aggression

(1) make a **raid** on an enemy's camp, (2) air- **raid** siren
Throughout the **raid**, the bank robbers wore masks.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity;
to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or
interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing
process

The product developed through years of research continues
to **electrify** the market.

puppet

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or
hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is
controlled or manipulated by someone else

synonym : marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been
cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

snipe

v. to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or
indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or
unwarranted attack or criticism

synonym : criticize, disparage, sharpshoot

(1) **snipe** at the suspect, (2) **snipe** at each other

The politician **sniped** at his opponent during the debate.

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.

cello

n. a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello

synonym: violoncello, violincello

(1) the beautiful sound of a **cello**, (2) **cello** music
She played a passionate solo on her **cello**.

duration

n. the length of time something lasts or continues

synonym: period, span, course

(1) the **duration** of insurance, (2) short **duration**
The military incarcerated him for the **duration** of the war.

stud

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

synonym: beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**
He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

glove

n. a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger

synonym: mitt

(1) a right-hand **glove**, (2) 5-finger **glove**
She was wearing a black **glove**.

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym: opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin
The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

cease

v. to stop an action or event

synonym : stop, end, terminate

(1) **cease** to exist, (2) **cease** drinking

The company decided to **cease** production of the product.

violet

adj. between blue and purple in hue

synonym : purple

(1) bluish- **violet**, (2) **violet** quartz

Red and **violet** are opposites on the color spectrum.

genocide

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

synonym : mass murder, extermination, annihilation

(1) **genocide** victims, (2) **genocide** resolution

The international community condemned the **genocide** in the country.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

massacre

n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

synonym : slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

literally

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

synonym : actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym : middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal

He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

divorce

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

synonym : separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of marriage.

frontline

adj. in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

synonym : battlefield, cutting edge

(1) **frontline** health workers, (2) at the **frontline** of the war

Within days, the new aircraft was in **frontline** service.

arrival

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

synonym : reaching, appearance, coming

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

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

lasting

adj. durable and enduring over time; continuing or permanent in effect

synonym : enduring, permanent, persistent

(1) **lasting** impression, (2) **lasting** impact

Their marriage was built on a foundation of love and trust,

which resulted in a **lasting** relationship that spanned over fifty years.

toenail

n. the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

synonym : nail, claw, hoof

(1) **toenail** fungus, (2) ingrown **toenail**

I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my **toenail**.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

synonym : captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

rebel

n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

synonym : insurgent, dissenter, mutineer

(1) **rebel** uprising, (2) group of **rebels**

The **rebels** fought against the government for their independence.

ammunition

n. supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces

synonym : bullets, cartridges, shells

(1) **ammunition** storage, (2) **ammunition** depot

The soldiers were equipped with ample **ammunition** for the

battle.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym: abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

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.

negotiation

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

synonym: bargaining, dialogue, haggling

(1) **negotiation** process, (2) **negotiation** skills

The **negotiation** between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym: discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

killing

n. the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

synonym: slaughter, homicide, assassination

(1) **killing** spree, (2) profit- **killing**

The **killing** of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.

pillage

n. the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way

synonym : looting, plunder, raid

(1) violent **pillage**, (2) **pillage** gold and other treasures

The army's village **pillage** left the residents without food or shelter.

burning

adj. intense or scorching heat

synonym : scorching, blazing, smoldering

(1) **burning** desire, (2) **burning** passion

The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a **burning** inferno.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

argue

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

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

exclude

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

synonym : expel, ban, bar

(1) **exclude** a newcomer, (2) **exclude** all other possibilities

The cost for the trip **excludes** food and beverages.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym : turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

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.

sustainable

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

synonym : continuable, endurable, tolerable

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

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

economy

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

synonym : finance, trade, business

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

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

stability

n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

synonym : resilience, solidity, steadiness

(1) **stability** pact, (2) fiscal **stability** pact

The policy should increase the country's monetary **stability**.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

military

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

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

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

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

allocate

v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

synonym : apportion, assign, distribute

(1) **allocate** resource, (2) **allocate** budgets

The company **allocated** a portion of its profits to developing new products.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym : overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

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.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

vocational

adj. of or relating to an occupation or employment; providing or undergoing training in special skills that prepare you for a particular job

synonym : occupational, technical, specialized

(1) **vocational** training, (2) **vocational** school

The in-house system provided traineeships in **vocational** rehabilitation.

heal

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

synonym: recover, bring around, mend

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

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

singe

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

synonym: sear, char, burn

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

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

unclear

adj. poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive

synonym: ambiguous, fuzzy, obscure

(1) an **unclear** match, (2) in no **unclear** terms

It is important not to undertake tasks with **unclear** objectives to improve productivity.

standing

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position;
(noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

synonym: upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

spite

n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

synonym: malice, ill will, vindictiveness

(1) bear **spite** against him, (2) die in **spite** of intensive care

He did it out of **spite**, to annoy me.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

equality

n. the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality

synonym: sameness, equity, parity

(1) **equality** act, (2) **equality** in education

Everyone deserves **equality** regardless of their race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym: delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym: versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

wrongdoing

n. an improper or illegal behavior or action

synonym: misconduct, crime, offense

(1) an accusation of **wrongdoing**, (2) willful **wrongdoing**

The CEO of the company denied any **wrongdoing** while admitting to mismanagement.

phrase

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

synonym: expression, idiom, term

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

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

humble

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

synonym: modest, unpretentious, abject

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

The nobler, the more **humble**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co____ve of an idea
v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
2. pe____ve a threat
v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
3. bu____g desire
adj. intense or scorching heat
4. st__e blankly
v. to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
5. mu____te a document
v. to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably
6. a hand-loomed fa____c
n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
7. pi____ng pain
adj. going through something; appearing to notice things about another person that would typically go unnoticed, especially in a way that causes that individual to feel uncomfortable
8. neg____on skills
n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
9. vi____t quartz
adj. between blue and purple in hue
10. 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: 1. conceive, 2. perceive, 3. burning, 4. stare, 5. mutilate, 6. fabric, 7. piercing, 8. negotiation, 9. violet, 10. democracy

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| 11. ch___h bell | <i>n.</i> a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination |
| 12. mass kid_____ng | <i>n.</i> the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive |
| 13. cir_____nce of birth | <i>n.</i> the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence |
| 14. re_____e the trend | <i>v.</i> to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear |
| 15. sc_____h out a slogan | <i>v.</i> to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear |
| 16. lea_____ip by politicians | <i>n.</i> the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization |
| 17. re___e a request | <i>v.</i> to show that one is not willing to do or accept something |
| 18. a st_____e man | <i>adj.</i> free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing |
| 19. co_____al combination of funds | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 20. play with my si_____gs | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 21. make a r__d on an enemy's camp | <i>n.</i> a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft |
| 22. h__l the hurt mind | <i>v.</i> to make a wound or injury to become well again |

ANSWERS: 11. church, 12. kidnapping, 13. circumstance, 14. reverse, 15. screech, 16. leadership, 17. refuse, 18. sterile, 19. communal, 20. sibling, 21. raid, 22. heal

23. manually op____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
24. burst of gu____e *n.* the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time
25. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
26. translate li____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
27. st____to rhythm *adj.* a style of musical performance or composition that involves playing each note separately and distinctly, with a sharp or abrupt tone; speech or writing that is abrupt or disjointed
28. give a menacing st__e *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
29. 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
30. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
31. 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

ANSWERS: 23. operate, 24. gunfire, 25. bury, 26. literally, 27. staccato, 28. stare, 29. pitch, 30. discuss, 31. pitch

32. di____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
33. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
34. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
35. co____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
36. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
37. st____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
38. bluish-vi____t *adj.* between blue and purple in hue
39. ce__e drinking *v.* to stop an action or event
40. st____e environment *adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
41. ce__o music *n.* a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello
42. eq____ty in education *n.* the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality

ANSWERS: 32. displace, 33. broth, 34. pray, 35. conduct, 36. vision, 37. stability, 38. violet, 39. cease, 40. sterile, 41. cello, 42. equality

43. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
44. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
45. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
46. re__l uprising *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
47. private j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
48. co___y a complex idea *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
49. the du_____on of insurance *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
50. thu_____us noise *adj.* producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive
51. na_____ss fear *adj.* without a name or unknown; not named or identified
52. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

ANSWERS: 43. resistance, 44. military, 45. shocking, 46. rebel, 47. jet, 48. convey, 49. duration, 50. thunderous, 51. nameless, 52. slave

53. military ca____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
54. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
55. willful wro_____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
56. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
57. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
58. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
59. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
60. ov_____ad capital *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
61. sn__e at each other *v.* to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism
62. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
63. ex_____e all other possibilities *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

ANSWERS: 53. casualty, 54. heal, 55. wrongdoing, 56. fabric, 57. perceive, 58. amazing, 59. hop, 60. overhead, 61. snipe, 62. silent, 63. exclude

64. wr___h off the lock *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
65. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
66. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
67. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
68. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
69. ex_____st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
70. co___y goods by truck *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
71. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
72. global re_____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

ANSWERS: 64. wrench, 65. resilient, 66. doll, 67. kidnapping, 68. representation, 69. extremist, 70. convey, 71. humble, 72. refugee

73. ex____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
74. in the mi__t of a scandal *n.* the middle part of people or things
75. to____l fungus *n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance
76. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
77. bu____t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
78. air-r__d siren *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
79. in no un____r terms *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
80. w__l in pain *v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger
81. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
82. take a ca____l glance *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

ANSWERS: 73. explode, 74. midst, 75. toenail, 76. stud, 77. bullet, 78. raid, 79. unclear, 80. wail, 81. modern, 82. casual

83. ar____l and departure gate *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
84. al____te budgets *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
85. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
86. om____s sign *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
87. a consensual di____e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
88. the beautiful sound of a ce__o *n.* a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello
89. st__g his face *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
90. short du____on *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
91. res____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
92. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
93. profit-ki____g *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

ANSWERS: 83. arrival, 84. allocate, 85. passe, 86. ominous, 87. divorce, 88. cello, 89. sting, 90. duration, 91. resistance, 92. sibling, 93. killing

94. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
95. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
96. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
97. re____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
98. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
99. be____e an enemy *v.* to surround and attack or harass with relentless persistence; to crowd or overwhelm with a large number of requests or demands
100. di____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
101. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
102. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
103. a benefit co____t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

ANSWERS: 94. flock, 95. peer, 96. beg, 97. reverse, 98. context, 99. besiege, 100. displace, 101. bury, 102. passe, 103. concert

104. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
105. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
106. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
107. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
108. ta_____ed umbrella *adj.* worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart
109. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
110. ex_____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
111. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
112. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
113. ob_____ve assessment *n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases

ANSWERS: 104. singe, 105. exclusive, 106. perspective, 107. numb, 108. tattered, 109. increasingly, 110. examine, 111. relation, 112. broth, 113. objective

114. or_____ra conductor *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
115. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
116. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
117. a su__e of shoppers *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
118. corporate pu___t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
119. radical ex_____st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
120. hu_____ty at large *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
121. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
122. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 114. orchestra, 115. warn, 116. operate, 117. surge, 118. puppet, 119. extremist, 120. humanity, 121. electrify, 122. pray

123. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
124. ca___l dress *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
125. feel a bit gu___y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
126. military pre_____ion *n.* the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively
127. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
128. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
129. political ta_____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
130. a di_____nt voice *adj.* sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions
131. ingrown to_____l *n.* the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

ANSWERS: 123. negotiate, 124. casual, 125. guilty, 126. preoccupation, 127. refuse, 128. refugee, 129. tactics, 130. dissonant, 131. toenail

132. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
133. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
134. ge_____de resolution *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
135. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
136. sc_____h with laughter *v.* to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear
137. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
138. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
139. unb_____le heat *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
140. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more

ANSWERS: 132. improvisation, 133. courage, 134. genocide, 135. conduct, 136. screech, 137. sustainable, 138. economy, 139. unbearable, 140. increasingly

141. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
142. mi_____e defense *n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism
143. neg_____on process *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
144. di_____e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
145. st_____to speech *adj.* a style of musical performance or composition that involves playing each note separately and distinctly, with a sharp or abrupt tone; speech or writing that is abrupt or disjointed
146. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
147. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
148. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
149. la_____g impression *adj.* durable and enduring over time; continuing or permanent in effect
150. pi_____e gold and other treasures *n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way

ANSWERS: 141. argue, 142. missile, 143. negotiation, 144. divorce, 145. staccato, 146. nation, 147. inevitable, 148. wit, 149. lasting, 150. pillage

151. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
152. bu_____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
153. dr_____wn period *n.* the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing
154. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
155. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
156. proud of his acc_____ents *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
157. un___n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
158. civilian ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
159. la_____g impact *adj.* durable and enduring over time; continuing or permanent in effect
160. under his lea_____ip *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
161. w__l in sorrow *v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger

ANSWERS: 151. explode, 152. burning, 153. drawdown, 154. numb, 155. hop, 156. accomplishment, 157. unseen, 158. casualty, 159. lasting, 160. leadership, 161. wail

162. ki____g spree *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
163. fl__k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
164. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
165. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
166. animal ma_____re *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
167. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
168. lethal gu_____e *n.* the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time
169. the acc_____ent of a social goal *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
170. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 162. killing, 163. flock, 164. phrase, 165. troop, 166. massacre, 167. invest, 168. gunfire, 169. accomplishment, 170. distribute

171. an un_____r match *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
172. pre_____ion with work *n.* the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively
173. thu_____us roar *adj.* producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive
174. fiscal st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
175. ta_____ed clothes *adj.* worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart
176. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
177. bu___t wound *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
178. 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
179. gu___y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
180. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
181. al_____te resource *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 171. unclear, 172. preoccupation, 173. thunderous, 174. stability, 175. tattered, 176. representation, 177. bullet, 178. democracy, 179. guilty, 180. electrify, 181. allocate

182. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
183. ti_____ne of science history *n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom
184. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
185. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
186. financial ob_____ve *n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases
187. full or_____ra *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
188. sn__e at the suspect *v.* to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism
189. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

ANSWERS: 182. relation, 183. timeline, 184. refer, 185. distribute, 186. objective, 187. orchestra, 188. snipe, 189. wit

190. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
191. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
192. st__g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
193. amm_____on depot *n.* supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces
194. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
195. co_____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
196. di_____nt note *adj.* sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions
197. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
198. bite his tongue li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

ANSWERS: 190. stereotype, 191. refer, 192. sting, 193. ammunition, 194. standing, 195. conceive, 196. dissonant, 197. nation, 198. literally

199. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
200. commercial j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
201. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
202. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
203. fire truck si__n *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
204. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
205. ch_____te with a pawn *v.* to win a game of chess by putting the opponent's king in a position where it is unable to escape capture; to defeat or frustrate an opponent entirely; (noun) a situation where one person or side has put another in a position where they cannot escape defeat
206. blitz ta_____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

ANSWERS: 199. invest, 200. jet, 201. march, 202. consume, 203. siren, 204. hero, 205. checkmate, 206. tactics

207. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
208. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
209. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
210. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
211. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
212. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
213. a right-hand gl__e *n.* a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger
214. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
215. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
216. the su__e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

ANSWERS: 207. survive, 208. topic, 209. scared, 210. peer, 211. beg, 212. stud, 213. glove, 214. scare, 215. singe, 216. surge

217. play the vi___n *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
218. unb_____le pain *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
219. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
220. ovarian cancer su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
221. ge_____de victims *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
222. an accusation of wro_____ng *n.* an improper or illegal behavior or action
223. cruise mi_____e attack *n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism
224. ci_____an casualties *n.* a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility
225. wr___h my back *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

ANSWERS: 217. violin, 218. unbearable, 219. discuss, 220. survivor, 221. genocide, 222. wrongdoing, 223. missile, 224. civilian, 225. wrench

226. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
227. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
228. a prodigious vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
229. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
230. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
231. ce__e to exist *v.* to stop an action or event
232. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
233. vi_____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
234. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
235. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
236. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
237. pi_____ng laughter *adj.* going through something; appearing to notice things about another person that would typically go unnoticed, especially in a way that causes that individual to feel uncomfortable

ANSWERS: 226. negotiate, 227. disappear, 228. vision, 229. shocking, 230. march, 231. cease, 232. topic, 233. villager, 234. circumstance, 235. modern, 236. poet, 237. piercing

238. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
239. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
240. 5-finger gl___e *n.* a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger
241. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
242. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
243. ci_____an life *n.* a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility
244. vi___n soloist *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
245. a sl___e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
246. na_____ss child *adj.* without a name or unknown; not named or identified

ANSWERS: 238. phrase, 239. villager, 240. glove, 241. exclusive, 242. rap, 243. civilian, 244. violin, 245. slave, 246. nameless

247. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
248. investment dr_____wn *n.* the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing
249. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
250. mass of hu_____ty *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
251. have a co_____t again *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
252. ar_____l at a conclusion *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
253. an un_____n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
254. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
255. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
256. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 247. survive, 248. drawdown, 249. standing, 250. humanity, 251. concert, 252. arrival, 253. unseen, 254. stereotype, 255. disappear, 256. perspective

257. voc_____al training *adj.* of or relating to an occupation or employment; providing or undergoing training in special skills that prepare you for a particular job
258. eq_____ty act *n.* the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality
259. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
260. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
261. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
262. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
263. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
264. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
265. sc__e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

ANSWERS: 257. vocational, 258. equality, 259. military, 260. economy, 261. examine, 262. sustainable, 263. troop, 264. communal, 265. scare

266. a single su____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
267. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
268. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
269. fr_____ne health workers *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
270. group of re__ls *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
271. mu____te a body *v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably
272. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
273. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
274. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
275. in the mi__t of the crowd *n.* the middle part of people or things

ANSWERS: 266. survivor, 267. doll, 268. boom, 269. frontline, 270. rebel, 271. mutilate, 272. improvisation, 273. boom, 274. silent, 275. midst

276. violent pi____e *n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
277. get a r_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
278. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
279. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
280. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
281. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
282. ex____e a newcomer *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
283. be____e a fortress *v.* to surround and attack or harass with relentless persistence; to crowd or overwhelm with a large number of requests or demands

ANSWERS: 276. pillage, 277. rap, 278. amazing, 279. argue, 280. hero, 281. poet, 282. exclude, 283. besiege

284. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
285. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
286. a cloud passing ov_____ad *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
287. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
288. small ch____h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
289. a lot of ex_____ons *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
290. voc_____al school *adj.* of or relating to an occupation or employment; providing or undergoing training in special skills that prepare you for a particular job
291. hu____e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
292. the speaker's dr____e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
293. site of the ex_____on *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

ANSWERS: 284. resilient, 285. context, 286. overhead, 287. inevitable, 288. church, 289. explosion, 290. vocational, 291. humble, 292. drone, 293. explosion

294. co____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
295. an om____s silence *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
296. pu____t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
297. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
298. sc____d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
299. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
300. bear sp__e against him *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
301. police si__n *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
302. a ch____te situation *v.* to win a game of chess by putting the opponent's king in a position where it is unable to escape capture; to defeat or frustrate an opponent entirely; (noun) a situation where one person or side has put another in a position where they cannot escape defeat

ANSWERS: 294. consume, 295. ominous, 296. puppet, 297. warn, 298. scared, 299. drone, 300. spite, 301. siren, 302. checkmate

303. ma_____re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
304. at the fr_____ne of the war *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
305. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
306. amm_____on storage *n.* supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces
307. die in sp__e of intensive care *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
308. lay out a ti_____ne *n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom

ANSWERS: 303. massacre, 304. frontline, 305. courage, 306. ammunition, 307. spite, 308. timeline

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
2. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.
n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
3. Bees _____ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.
v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
4. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
5. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.
adj. intense or scorching heat
6. The army's village _____ left the residents without food or shelter.
n. the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. relations, 2. accomplishment, 3. sting, 4. stereotypes, 5. burning, 6. pillage, 7. wit

8. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

9. 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

10. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

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

11. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

12. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

13. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.

n. the middle part of people or things

14. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

15. His estate was _____ to his sons.

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

ANSWERS: 8. refuse, 9. passe, 10. drone, 11. marched, 12. surge, 13. midst, 14. bury, 15. distributed

16. The victim could only describe their attacker as a _____ figure in the darkness.

adj. without a name or unknown; not named or identified

17. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

18. The _____ between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

19. My left arm became _____.

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

20. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

21. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

22. I accidentally stubbed my toe and broke my _____.

n. the hard, flat covering on the end of a toe, made of layers of dead skin cells; often requires regular grooming and trimming to maintain proper hygiene and appearance

23. 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

ANSWERS: 16. nameless, 17. casualty, 18. negotiation, 19. numb, 20. operate, 21. invest, 22. toenail, 23. pitch

24. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
25. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
26. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
27. The politician _____ at his opponent during the debate.
- v.* to make a sly or spiteful remark, often in a concealed or indirect way; to target someone with an unfair or unwarranted attack or criticism
28. The pianist played the piece with _____ notes, creating a lively and upbeat sound.
- adj.* a style of musical performance or composition that involves playing each note separately and distinctly, with a sharp or abrupt tone; speech or writing that is abrupt or disjointed
29. I heard the _____ of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.
- n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
30. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.
- n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 24. improvisation, 25. church, 26. perspective, 27. sniped, 28. staccato, 29. siren, 30. stud

31. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

32. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

33. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

34. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

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

35. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

36. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.

n. a person who writes poetry

37. Everyone deserves _____ regardless of their race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

n. the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality

38. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

ANSWERS: 31. silent, 32. warn, 33. topic, 34. doll, 35. electrify, 36. poet, 37. equality, 38. representation

39. The _____ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.
- n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
40. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
41. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.
- v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
42. They donated large sums of money for the development of _____.
- n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
43. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v.* to cease to exist or be visible
44. The politician was merely a _____ for the wealthy elite.
- n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
45. The baby _____ loudly, signaling its hunger.
- v.* to make a prolonged, high-pitched cry expressing grief, pain, or anger
46. The community warmly welcomed the _____.
- n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

ANSWERS: 39. extremist, 40. economy, 41. examine, 42. humanity, 43. disappear, 44. puppet, 45. wailed, 46. refugees

47. He _____ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

48. The ____ flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

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

adv. more and more

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

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

51. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

52. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

53. The company _____ a portion of its profits to developing new products.

v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

54. The loss of his wife was an _____ sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

55. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 47. literally, 48. jet, 49. increasingly, 50. scare, 51. consume, 52. survivor, 53. allocated, 54. unbearable, 55. courage

56. The _____ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.
n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
57. The _____ sound from the poorly tuned instruments was painful to listen to.
adj. sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions
58. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
59. The policy should increase the country's monetary _____.
n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
60. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
61. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.
adj. not divided or shared with others
62. The couple decided to get a _____ after many years of marriage.
n. the legal dissolution of a marriage
63. Weather forecasters are predicting the _____ of a heatwave.
n. the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
64. The country's _____ has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.
n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

ANSWERS: 56. massacre, 57. dissonant, 58. survive, 59. stability, 60. singed, 61. exclusive, 62. divorce, 63. arrival, 64. leadership

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

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

66. The CEO of the company denied any _____ while admitting to mismanagement.

n. an improper or illegal behavior or action

67. I'm _____ of insects.

adj. afraid or frightened

68. The _____ of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.

n. the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

69. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

70. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.

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

71. The _____ book was falling apart at the seams from being read too many times.

adj. worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart

72. Within days, the new aircraft was in _____ service.

adj. in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

ANSWERS: 65. military, 66. wrongdoing, 67. scared, 68. killing, 69. flock, 70. heal, 71. tattered, 72. frontline

73. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

74. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

75. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

76. The new ____ album is getting a lot of attention.

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

77. The study's main _____ is to identify risk factors for heart disease.

n. a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases

78. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

79. The organization initiated a _____ of resources from its disaster relief fund to assist the affected communities.

n. the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing

ANSWERS: 73. siblings, 74. troop, 75. inevitable, 76. rap, 77. objective, 78. standing, 79. drawdown

80. They had a _____ conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

81. The accomplished _____ will give two more performances this week.

n. a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

82. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

83. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

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

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

85. The soldiers were equipped with ample _____ for the battle.

n. supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces

86. 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

87. The nobler, the more _____.

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

ANSWERS: 80. casual, 81. orchestra, 82. discuss, 83. fabrics, 84. nation, 85. ammunition, 86. violin, 87. humble

88. This merger will help them reduce _____ costs substantially.
- n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
89. It is important not to undertake tasks with _____ objectives to improve productivity.
- adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
90. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
91. Surgeons must use _____ instruments to prevent infection during an operation.
- adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
92. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.
- v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
93. Throughout the _____ the bank robbers wore masks.
- n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
94. The _____ applause lasted for several minutes after the performance.
- adj.* producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive
95. This artist always packs the _____ halls.
- n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

ANSWERS: 88. overhead, 89. unclear, 90. argue, 91. sterile, 92. perceived, 93. raid, 94. thunderous, 95. concert

96. The stray _____ went through the window and hit the wall.
n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
97. The rabbit _____ over the fence.
v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
98. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
99. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
100. The in-house system provided traineeships in _____ rehabilitation.
adj. of or relating to an occupation or employment; providing or undergoing training in special skills that prepare you for a particular job
101. Enemy troops _____ the town during the war.
v. to surround and attack or harass with relentless persistence; to crowd or overwhelm with a large number of requests or demands
102. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
103. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

ANSWERS: 96. bullet, 97. hopped, 98. Communal, 99. resistance, 100. vocational, 101. besieged, 102. sustainable, 103. reversed

104. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.

- v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

105. The journalist heard the sound of _____ while reporting in a war zone.

- n.* the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time

106. The military launched a ballistic _____ at the enemy's stronghold.

- n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism

107. He imposed a _____ on the project.

- n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom

108. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.

- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

109. The _____ clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

- adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

110. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.

- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

111. _____ 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

ANSWERS: 104. begged, 105. gunfire, 106. missile, 107. timeline, 108. prayed, 109. ominous, 110. broth, 111. Democracy

112. Their marriage was built on a foundation of love and trust, which resulted in a _____ relationship that spanned over fifty years.

adj. durable and enduring over time; continuing or permanent in effect

113. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

114. We are always happy to _____ a discount.

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

115. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

116. The military incarcerated him for the _____ of the war.

n. the length of time something lasts or continues

117. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

118. The international community condemned the _____ in the country.

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

119. She played a passionate solo on her _____.

n. a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello

120. The company decided to _____ production of the product.

v. to stop an action or event

ANSWERS: 112. lasting, 113. resilient, 114. negotiate, 115. peer, 116. duration, 117. shocking, 118. genocide, 119. cello, 120. cease

121. The marketing team developed new _____ to boost sales.
n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
122. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.
adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
123. He couldn't help but _____ at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.
v. to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
124. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
125. The _____ fought against the government for their independence.
n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
126. A _____ scream filled the room.
adj. going through something; appearing to notice things about another person that would typically go unnoticed, especially in a way that causes that individual to feel uncomfortable
127. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 121. tactics, 122. guilty, 123. stare, 124. hero, 125. rebels, 126. piercing, 127. context

128. The brakes on the car began to _____ as the driver suddenly stopped at the intersection.

v. to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear

129. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

130. He did it out of _____ to annoy me.

n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

131. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

132. The cost for the trip _____ food and beverages.

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

133. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

134. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

135. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

ANSWERS: 128. screech, 129. modern, 130. spite, 131. displace, 132. excludes, 133. boom, 134. vision, 135. conduct

136. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

137. A broken gas pipe triggered the _____.

n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

138. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

139. Red and _____ are opposites on the color spectrum.

adj. between blue and purple in hue

140. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

141. It is cruel for anyone to _____ an animal for any reason.

v. to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably

142. The army is instructed not to target any _____ during the conflict.

n. a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility

143. An ironic remark often _____ an intended meaning obliquely.

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

ANSWERS: 136. slave, 137. explosion, 138. conceive, 139. violet, 140. amazing, 141. mutilate, 142. civilians, 143. conveys

144. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

145. The consequences of the pandemic remain _____ as scientists continue to research the virus.

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

146. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

147. A deep sigh was _____ from his chest.

v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

148. She has an obsessive _____ with weight and shape.

n. the state or condition of thinking about something continuously or obsessively

149. The chess player carefully planned his moves to _____ his opponent in just a few moves.

v. to win a game of chess by putting the opponent's king in a position where it is unable to escape capture; to defeat or frustrate an opponent entirely; (noun) a situation where one person or side has put another in a position where they cannot escape defeat

150. She was wearing a black _____.

n. a piece of clothing worn on the hand and wrist for protection against cold, dirt, etc., with separate parts for each finger

151. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

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

ANSWERS: 144. circumstances, 145. unseen, 146. refer, 147. wrenched, 148. preoccupation, 149. checkmate, 150. glove, 151. phrase

152. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

153. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

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

154. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

ANSWERS: 152. kidnapping, 153. exploded, 154. villagers