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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### dramatic

*adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

*synonym*: striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea  
The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

### obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**  
There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

### profound

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

*synonym*: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea  
My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

### unexpected

*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

*synonym*: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events  
The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

## eventually

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

*synonym* : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

## spawn

*v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

*synonym* : beget, breed, generate

(1) **spawn** in spring, (2) **spawn** a new concept

The salmon swims upstream to **spawn** in the place they were released.

## launch

*v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

*synonym* : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

## babble

*n.* the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech

*synonym* : drivel, gabble, gibberish

(1) the **babble** of a crowd, (2) mindless **babble**

Please avoid using excessive jargon or too much technological **babble**.

## par

*n.* a state of being equal to someone or something

*synonym* : equality, standard, balance

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

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

## heel

*n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

*synonym* : hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

## nervous

*adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

*synonym* : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

## tagline

*n.* a memorable slogan or catchphrase used in advertising or entertainment to promote a product, cause, or idea; a brief statement or phrase that sums up the essence of something

*synonym* : slogan, catchphrase, motto

(1) advertising **tagline**, (2) effective **tagline**

Our marketing team is brainstorming to come up with a new **tagline** for our product launch.

## literate

*adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic

*synonym* : educated, well-read, knowledgeable

(1) **literate** population, (2) digitally **literate**

Being **literate** in multiple languages can open up many opportunities for travel and work.

## smut

*n.* obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt

*synonym* : dirt, filth, soot

(1) **smut** film, (2) **smut** fungi

The comedian's jokes were filled with **smut** and double entendres, making some in the audience uncomfortable.

## 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.

## beget

*v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

*synonym* : be father, procreate, reproduce

(1) **beget** children, (2) **beget** fear

His irresponsible behavior may **beget** many problems for him in the future.

## instruction

*n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

*synonym* : education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

## geriatrics

*n.* a branch of medicine specializing in the healthcare of elderly individuals, including the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases and conditions that affect older adults

*synonym* : senescence, old age, elderly care

(1) **geriatrics** clinic, (2) **geriatrics** specialist

The **geriatrics** department focuses on the healthcare needs of elderly patients.

## continuity

*n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern

*synonym* : coherence, uninterruptedness, perseverance

(1) **continuity** plan, (2) **continuity** of service

The sudden departure of the team leader disrupted the project's **continuity**.

## relevance

*n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

*synonym*: pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

## desire

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

*synonym*: ambition, appetite, greed

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

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

## difficulty

*n.* a condition or state that causes problems

*synonym*: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

## dissemble

*v.* to conceal or disguise one's true feelings, intentions, or beliefs; to pretend or act falsely to deceive others

*synonym*: pretend, feign, deceive

(1) **dissemble** emotions, (2) **dissemble** intentions

The defendant attempted to **dissemble** under cross-examination but was eventually caught in a lie.

## dive

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

*synonym*: dip, leap, plunge

(1) **dive** into anime communities, (2) **dive** off a cliff

The sperm whale can **dive** to 1,000 meters.

## taboo

*adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom

*synonym*: forbidden, prohibited, proscribed

(1) a **taboo** word, (2) academic **taboo**

In this society, discussing politics in public is a **taboo** subject.

## advertise

*v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

*synonym* : publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

## subscribe

*v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

*synonym* : sign up, enroll, register

(1) **subscribe** to the service, (2) **subscribe** a petition

I want to **subscribe** to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

## surround

*v.* to be all around something or somebody

*synonym* : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

## stream

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

*synonym* : flow, current, brook

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

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

## coiffure

*n.* a person's hairstyle, especially an elaborate one; the art or practice of arranging or styling hair

*synonym* : hairstyle, hairdo, style

(1) modern **coiffure**, (2) **coiffure** styles

She went to the salon for a fancy **coiffure** for her sister's wedding.

## glossy

*adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a

high-quality finish

*synonym*: shiny, polished, gleaming

(1) **glossy** lipstick, (2) **glossy** photograph

The magazine cover had a **glossy** finish, making the images shine.

## scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

*synonym*: cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

## decent

*adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

*synonym*: respectable, honorable, good

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

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

## probabilistic

*adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

*synonym*: probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

## comport

v. to behave or conduct oneself in a particular manner; to be consistent or in harmony with something

*synonym*: behave, conduct oneself, act

(1) **comport** me with dignity, (2) **comport** with the rules

He needs to **comport** himself professionally during the meeting.

## disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

*synonym*:

unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply  
She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

## decide

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

*synonym*: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action  
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## straight

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

*synonym*: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months  
He was sick for five **straight** days.

## vivid

*adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

*synonym*: intense, powerful, dazzling

(1) **vivid** colors, (2) still **vivid** in my memory  
She made a **vivid** impression.

## process

*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

*synonym*: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**  
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

## misuse

*n.* the act of using something in an unsuitable way or for the wrong purpose

*synonym*: abuse, misemployment, mishandling



(1) the **misuse** of company money, (2) protect the database from **misuse**

Drug **misuse** is associated with mental health disorders.

## pronoun

*n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**

In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

## generous

*adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

*synonym*: charitable, benevolent, giving

(1) a **generous** reward, (2) a **generous** and thoughtful person

This teacher is **generous** in his grading.

## nurse

*n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

*synonym*: healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

## approaching

*adj.* drawing nearer in time or space; coming close to someone or something

*synonym*: nearing, coming, getting closer

(1) **approaching** deadline, (2) **approaching** retirement

The **approaching** storm clouds filled the sky with ominous darkness.

## magnitude

*n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

*synonym*: size, extent, level

(1) a star of the first **magnitude**, (2) the **magnitude** of the

disaster

The **magnitude** of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

## bracing

*adj.* refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability

*synonym*: invigorating, refreshing, stimulating

(1) **bracing** air, (2) **bracing** walk

The athlete performed some **bracing** exercises to warm up before the game.

## extraordinary

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

*synonym*: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

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

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

## 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.

## glisten

*v.* to shine or sparkle with reflected light; to appear bright and shiny

*synonym*: glitter, shimmer, sparkle

(1) **glisten** with dew, (2) **glisten** in the sunlight

The morning sun made the ocean **glisten** like diamonds.

## overwhelm

*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

*synonym*: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

## affection

*n.* a feeling of fondness, love, or attachment towards someone or something; a gentle or tender feeling; often used to describe a warm or caring relationship between individuals

*synonym*: love, fondness, tenderness

(1) deep **affection**, (2) show **affection**

Her unwavering **affection** for animals led her to become a veterinarian.

## gratitude

*n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

*synonym*: appreciation, thankfulness, indebtedness

(1) a debt of **gratitude**, (2) feelings of **gratitude**

She expressed her **gratitude** towards the kind stranger who helped her.

## surreal

*adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

*synonym*: dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

## incredulous

*adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful

*synonym*: skeptical, doubtful, disbelieving

(1) **incredulous** stare, (2) voice of **incredulous** disbelief

The audience was **incredulous** at the magician's trick, trying to figure out how he did it.

## remarkable

*adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

*synonym*: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

## heretical

*adj.* departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion

*synonym*: contrary, unorthodox, profane

(1) regard the view as **heretical**, (2) advocate a **heretical** doctrine

I made the **heretical** suggestion that it might be better to withdraw from the business.

## chart

*n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

*synonym*: diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

## heresy

*n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion

*synonym*: dissent, apostasy, unorthodoxy

(1) the suppression of **heresy**, (2) persecution for **heresy**

The doctrine was considered **heresy** by the mainstream church.

## binary

*n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1

*synonym*: twofold, double

(1) a **binary** number, (2) trading in **binary** options

A **binary** star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.

## duly

*adv.* in a manner that is proper, appropriate, or expected; following the correct procedures, rules, or protocols

*synonym*: properly, rightfully, appropriately

(1) **duly** authorized, (2) **duly** notified

The documents were **duly** signed and submitted to the authorities for approval.

## concerned

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

*synonym*: worried, caring, involved

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

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

## fraudulent

*adj.* involving deception or dishonesty; intended to deceive or defraud; false or misleading

*synonym* : dishonest, deceitful, fallacious

(1) **fraudulent** activity, (2) **fraudulent** alteration of data

The company was involved in a **fraudulent** scheme to scam customers out of money.

## inadequate

*adj.* not sufficient or enough

*synonym* : insufficient, lacking, lacking enough

(1) an **inadequate** income, (2) **inadequate** funding

The small budget was **inadequate** to cover all the necessary expenses for the project.

## emotional

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

*synonym* : affecting, impactful, impressive

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

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

## fashion

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

*synonym* : style, manner, fad

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

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

## dip

*v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again

*synonym* : dunk, dive, plunge

(1) **dip** a pen in ink, (2) **dip** a chip in the sauce

Please **dip** up a bucketful of water from the well.

## affectionate

*adj.* showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in

gestures, words, or actions toward others

*synonym*: loving, tender, fond

(1) **affectionate** relationship, (2) **affectionate** kiss

The elderly couple always stayed **affectionate** towards each other throughout their marriage.

## lineup

*n.* the schedule of programs for a particular event; a list of people brought together to form a team or take part in an event

*synonym*: arrangement, program, agenda

(1) the **lineup** of new models, (2) a wide range of color **lineup**

The opponent team has a strong **lineup**.

## embarrass

*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

*synonym*: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

## identify

*v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

*synonym*: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

## cruel

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

*synonym*: heartless, sadistic, vicious

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

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

## lone

*adj.* solitary or single

*synonym*: solitary, single, alone

(1) a **lone** flight, (2) a **lone** house in the field

The **lone** traveler walked along the deserted road.

## pregnant

*adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus  
*synonym* : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

## incredibly

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

*synonym* : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

## 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.

## participate

*v.* to take part in something

*synonym* : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

## vessel

*n.* a ship or large boat

*synonym* : boat, ship, craft

(1) blood **vessels**, (2) naval **vessels**

The **vessel** arrived in port the following day.

## 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**.

## exhilarating

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

*synonym* : thrilling, exciting, stimulating

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

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

## shower

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

*synonym* : rain, sprinkle, downpour

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

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

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym* : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## sleeplessness

*n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping

*synonym* : insomnia, wakefulness, restlessness

(1) **sleeplessness** disorder, (2) beat **sleeplessness**

He tried various treatments for his **sleeplessness**, but nothing seemed to work.

## constant

*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

*synonym* : ceaseless, stable, unchanging



(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature  
**Constant** dropping wears away the stone.

**fee** *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service  
*synonym*: charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**  
The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

**isolation** *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups  
*synonym*: aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**  
That incident led to his **isolation**.

**loneliness** *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people  
*synonym*: isolation, alienation, desolation

(1) a strong sense of **loneliness**, (2) remedy **loneliness**  
I realize the **loneliness** of a single life.

**isolate** *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things  
*synonym*: separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient  
You should not **isolate** them from the community.

**precise** *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited  
*synonym*: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs  
The content is **precise** and informative for me.

**moth** *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light  
The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

- theme** *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation  
*synonym*: subject, topic, motif  
(1) **theme** park, (2) central **theme**  
The **theme** of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.
- candor** *n.* the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense  
*synonym*: frankness, honesty, openness  
(1) **candor** policy, (2) speak with **candor**  
Her **candor** in admitting her mistake was refreshing and earned her respect.
- brutal** *adj.* harsh or cruel  
*synonym*: harsh, cruel, barbarous  
(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty  
The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.
- honesty** *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles  
*synonym*: sincerity, integrity, truthfulness  
(1) **honesty** policy, (2) **honesty** box  
A culture of **honesty** in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.
- critic** *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.  
*synonym*: pundit, analyst, attacker  
(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**  
Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.
- collective** *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people  
*synonym*: composite, concerted, cumulative  
(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership  
Product development is a **collective** effort.

## 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.

## survey

*n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

*synonym*: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

## probable

*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

*synonym*: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

## cult

*n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

*synonym*: sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

## ritual

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

*synonym*: tradition, ceremony, routine

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

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

## ceremony

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

*synonym*: ritual, rite, observance

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

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

## nuclear

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

*synonym*: atomic

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

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

## offset

*v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence

*synonym*: balance, cancel out, countervail

(1) **offset** deposits and withdrawals, (2) **offset** a loss

Strong growth in core business **offsets** losses in other business segments.

## miscarriage

*n.* the spontaneous loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week; the failure of an effort or plan to come to fruition

*synonym*: stillbirth, abortion

(1) **miscarriage** prevention, (2) early **miscarriage**

Doctors can sometimes detect warning signs of potential **miscarriage** and take steps to prevent it.

## calibrate

*v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

*synonym*: adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

## grateful

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

*synonym*: thankful, appreciative, indebted

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

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

## **mourning**

*n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

*synonym*: grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

## **amaze**

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

*synonym*: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

## **crawl**

*v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

*synonym*: creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

## **surrounding**

*adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something

*synonym*: circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

## **gut**

*n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

*synonym*: belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

## **sham**

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym* : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

## frank

*adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

*synonym* : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

## genetically

*adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

*synonym* : hereditary, inherited, family-related

(1) **genetically** inherited traits, (2) **genetically** manipulated plant

The **genetically** modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

## engineer

*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

*synonym* : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

## flood

*n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

*synonym* : deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

## interact

*v.* to communicate or react with somebody

*synonym* : cooperate, combine, collaborate

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

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

## woodwork

*n.* the craft or activity of working with wood to create structures or objects; the inner workings or background details of a situation or event that were previously unknown or hidden

*synonym* : carpentry, woodworking

(1) finest **woodwork**, (2) **woodwork** tools

The intricate designs on the **woodwork** were hand-carved by a master craftsman.

## reassure

*v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

*synonym* : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

## invisible

*adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

*synonym* : hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

## rite

*n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

*synonym* : ceremony, ritual, practice

(1) perform the **rite**, (2) **rite** of passage into adulthood

The bishop performed the **rite** of consecration for the new church.

## funeral

*n.* a ceremony or ritual honoring and remembering a deceased person, typically involving the burial or cremation of the body; a gathering or service to mourn the loss of someone who has died

*synonym* : burial, memorial, ceremony

(1) **funeral** arrangements, (2) **funeral** service

The somber **funeral** procession went through the streets, with mourners walking behind the hearse.

## celebrate

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

*synonym*: praise, glorify, honor

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

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

## traumatic

*adj.* relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury

*synonym*: distressing

(1) **traumatic** event, (2) **traumatic** brain injury

The experience was so **traumatic** that it left a lasting impact on the survivor's mental health.

## astound

*v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

*synonym*: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

## awful

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

*synonym*: terrible, appalling, horrible

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

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

## spouse

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

*synonym*: partner, mate, wife

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

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

## decline

*v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

*synonym*: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.



## aspect

*n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.  
*synonym*: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

## dramatically

*adv.* in a very impressive manner

*synonym*: greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

## miracle

*n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

*synonym*: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

## childbirth

*n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby

*synonym*: delivery, labor, parturition

(1) natural **childbirth**, (2) assisted **childbirth**

He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.

## couch

*n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

*synonym*: sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the weekends.

## stumble

*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

*synonym*: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

## label

*n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

*synonym*: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym*: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## imaginable

*adj.* capable of being imagined

*synonym*: conceivable, plausible, possible

(1) easily **imaginable**, (2) worst **imaginable** case

This is the only **imaginable** strategy.

## comprise

*v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

*synonym*: consist of, include, be composed of

(1) **comprise** a large percentage, (2) **comprise** the recent past

The team **comprises** players from different countries.

## independence

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

*synonym*: freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

## precipitous

*adj.* extremely steep or rapid; hasty or impulsive, often with negative consequences; (of science) relating to or characterized by rapid, abrupt changes

*synonym*: steep, sudden, sheer

(1) **precipitous** behavior, (2) **precipitous** mountain

The sudden, **precipitous** drop in temperature caught everyone off guard.

## marital

*adj.* of or relating to marriage

*synonym* : wedded, connubial, matrimonial

(1) **marital** fidelity, (2) affect **marital** relations

More and more people are utilizing counselors to help resolve their **marital** problems.

## satisfaction

*n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

*synonym* : delight, pleasure, content

(1) a sense of **satisfaction**, (2) customer **satisfaction**

The mediated settlement brought **satisfaction** to both sides.

## align

*v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

*synonym* : coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

## broad

*adj.* very wide; general

*synonym* : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

## chasm

*n.* a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups

*synonym* : gap, ravine, crevasse

(1) a deep and wide **chasm**, (2) **chasm** of death

The **chasm** of misunderstanding between the two sides seemed impossible to bridge.

## proverb

*n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

*synonym*: adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

## convertible

*adj.* capable of being converted, transformed, or adapted, often used to describe something that can be changed or modified into a different form or function

*synonym*: transformable, adaptable, exchangeable

(1) **convertible** car, (2) **convertible** currency

We bought a **convertible** sofa for the guest room to be used as a bed when we have overnight visitors.

## despondent

*adj.* in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom

*synonym*: hopeless, despairing, discouraged

(1) feel **despondent**, (2) a **despondent** mood

After her dog passed away, she was **despondent** for weeks, unable to find joy.

## shock

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

*synonym*: amazement, surprise, stunner

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

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

## incredible

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym*: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

## 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.

## baseline

*n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

*synonym* : standard, criterion

(1) **baseline** budget, (2) establish a **baseline**

The products they sell are the **baseline** for performance in the industry.

## arguably

*adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true

*synonym* : probably, possibly

(1) she is **arguably** the best singer, (2) **arguably** the greatest discovery

He is **arguably** regarded as the finest actor of his generation.

## layer

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

*synonym* : stratum, sheet, coating

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

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

## teeny

*adj.* extremely small; tiny

*synonym* : tiny, mini, minuscule

(1) **teeny** bit, (2) so **teeny** tiny

The ring was so **teeny** that it almost looked like a toy.

## rocket

*n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

*synonym* : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

## utter

*adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

*synonym* : absolute, complete, total

(1) **utter** nonsense, (2) **utter** a big sigh

The **utter** chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

## adulation

*n.* excessive or insincere admiration or praise; flattery or adoration that is often exaggerated or not genuine

*synonym* : praise, admiration, worship

(1) public **adulation**, (2) the **adulation** of the followers

The actress received **adulation** from her fans after her exceptional performance on stage.

## plummet

*v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

*synonym* : drop, plunge, fall

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

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

## depth

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

*synonym* : deepness, profoundness, extent

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

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

## despair

*n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

*synonym* : dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

## **lithium**

*n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder

*synonym* : lithy, Li, salt

(1) **lithium** carbonate, (2) **lithium** mining

**Lithium-ion** batteries are commonly used in laptops, smartphones, and electric vehicles.

## **stable**

*adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

*synonym* : sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

## **hedge**

*n.* a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions

*synonym* : border, fence, barrier

(1) snip at a **hedge**, (2) **hedge** fund firm

The best way to **hedge** financial risks is to diversify your portfolio.

## **utterly**

*adv.* completely or absolutely

*synonym* : absolutely, completely, perfectly

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

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

## **transform**

*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

*synonym* : alter, convert, change

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

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

## **goosebump**

*n.* a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps

*synonym* : horripilation, gooseflesh, piloomotor reflex

(1) **goosebump** sensation, (2) **goosebump** moment

The cold wind gave her **goosebumps** on her arms and legs.

## claustrophobia

*n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces

(1) overcome **claustrophobia**,

(2) **claustrophobia-inducing**

She suffered from **claustrophobia** and couldn't take elevators.

## transcendent

*adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

*synonym* : beyond human experience, divine, spiritual

(1) **transcendent** wisdom, (2) **transcendent** joy

The **transcendent** beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.

## resubmit

*v.* to submit again or a second time; to revise and resubmit, often in response to feedback, criticism, or rejection

*synonym* : resend, return, reapply

(1) **resubmit** assignment, (2) **resubmit** proposal

Please **resubmit** your application with the updated information.

## gratify

*v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite

*synonym* : please, satisfy, fulfill

(1) **gratify** desires, (2) **gratify** curiosity

I always try to **gratify** my boss by achieving the sales target every month.

## security

*n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a



financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

*synonym* : safety, protection, stock

(1) national **security**, (2) **security** analyst

The building's **security** system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

## contentment

*n.* a state of satisfaction, happiness, or fulfillment; a feeling of being pleased and at ease with one's current situation or circumstances

*synonym* : satisfaction, happiness, fulfillment

(1) **contentment** in life, (2) inner **contentment**

He achieved a sense of **contentment** by simplifying his life and focusing on what truly mattered.

## viol

*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

*synonym* : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

## bonus

*n.* an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work

*synonym* : extra, perk, compensation

(1) **bonus** appraisal, (2) annual **bonus**

The committee abolished the controversial **bonus** system.

## reserve

*v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

*synonym* : keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

## absolutely

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

*synonym* : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

## venture

*n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring

*synonym*: enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

## capitalism

*n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

*synonym*: commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

**Capitalism** also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

## categorical

*adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories

*synonym*: absolute, unconditional, unqualified

(1) **categorical** denial, (2) law of **categorical** judgment

She made a **categorical** statement that she would never eat sushi.

## 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.

## thrill

*n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

*synonym*: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

## phase

*n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development

*synonym*: degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

## scarce

*adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

*synonym*: rare, limited, sparse

(1) **scarce** resources, (2) capital- **scarce** country

Fresh water is becoming increasingly **scarce** in many parts of the world.

## passionate

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

*synonym*: ardent, fervent, intense

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

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

## 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.

## upward

*adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

*synonym*: skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend  
The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

## gap

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

*synonym*: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**  
Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

## partnership

*n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

*synonym*: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

## excite

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

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

## trek

*n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot

*synonym*: journey, expedition, hike

(1) horseback **trek**, (2) **trek** expedition

He was preparing for a long **trek** through the mountains.

## prop

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

*synonym*: support, buttress, column

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

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

## psychology

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

## sake

*n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done

*synonym*: purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

## candid

*adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

*synonym*: honest, frank, straightforward

(1) **candid** conversation, (2) in my **candid** opinion

The **candid** photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ro\_\_\_t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
2. attract br\_\_d attention *adj.* very wide; general
3. feelings of gr\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
4. a ta\_\_o word *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
5. an in\_\_\_\_\_le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
6. id\_\_\_\_\_fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
7. exh\_\_\_\_\_ing view *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
8. em\_\_\_\_\_al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
9. a comprehensive su\_\_\_y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
10. dis\_\_\_\_\_ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
11. yearn for the de\_\_\_t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

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24. gl\_\_\_y lipstick *adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish
25. inc\_\_\_\_\_us stare *adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful
26. re\_\_\_\_\_re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
27. su\_\_\_\_\_be to the service *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
28. economic mi\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
29. te\_\_y bit *adj.* extremely small; tiny
30. get ne\_\_\_\_\_s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
31. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
32. re\_\_\_\_\_ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
33. the rem\_\_\_\_\_le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
34. at inc\_\_\_\_\_le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 24. glossy, 25. incredulous, 26. reassure, 27. subscribe, 28. miracle, 29. teeny, 30. nervous, 31. terrifying, 32. relevance, 33. remarkable, 34. incredible



35. ger\_\_\_\_\_cs specialist *n.* a branch of medicine specializing in the healthcare of elderly individuals, including the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases and conditions that affect older adults
36. sur\_\_\_\_\_ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
37. not up to p\_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
38. con\_\_\_\_\_nt in life *n.* a state of satisfaction, happiness, or fulfillment; a feeling of being pleased and at ease with one's current situation or circumstances
39. a pr\_\_\_\_\_nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
40. s\_\_t film *n.* obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt
41. ca\_\_\_\_d conversation *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
42. trading in bi\_\_\_\_y options *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
43. gen\_\_\_\_\_ly manipulated plant *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
44. re\_\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 35. geriatrics, 36. surrounding, 37. par, 38. contentment, 39. profound, 40. smut, 41. candid, 42. binary, 43. genetically, 44. relation

45. d\_\_e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
46. sc\_\_\_e resources *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
47. pr\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
48. national se\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
49. de\_\_\_e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
50. a s\_\_m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
51. li\_\_\_\_te population *adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic

ANSWERS: 45. dive, 46. scarce, 47. process, 48. security, 49. decide, 50. sham, 51. literate

52. art cr\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
53. an aw\_\_l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
54. su\_\_\_\_\_l art *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
55. li\_\_\_\_\_m carbonate *n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder
56. aff\_\_\_\_\_ate relationship *adj.* showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others
57. blood ve\_\_\_ls *n.* a ship or large boat
58. have a st\_\_\_e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
59. development of the ne\_\_\_\_\_s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
60. se\_\_\_\_\_ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
61. co\_\_\_\_\_re styles *n.* a person's hairstyle, especially an elaborate one; the art or practice of arranging or styling hair

ANSWERS: 52. critic, 53. awful, 54. surreal, 55. lithium, 56. affectionate, 57. vessel, 58. stable, 59. nervous, 60. security, 61. coiffure

62. mo\_\_\_\_\_ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
63. app\_\_\_\_\_ng retirement *adj.* drawing nearer in time or space; coming close to someone or something
64. em\_\_\_\_\_al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
65. have no re\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
66. de\_\_h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
67. beat sle\_\_\_\_\_ess *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
68. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
69. re\_\_\_\_\_re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
70. perform the r\_\_e *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
71. gen\_\_\_\_\_ly inherited traits *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
72. cr\_\_l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

ANSWERS: 62. mourning, 63. approaching, 64. emotional, 65. relevance, 66. depth, 67. sleeplessness, 68. eventually, 69. reassure, 70. rite, 71. genetically, 72. crawl

73. make a fr\_\_k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
74. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
75. par\_\_\_\_\_ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
76. horseback t\_\_k *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
77. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
78. go out of fa\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
79. finest wo\_\_\_\_\_rk *n.* the craft or activity of working with wood to create structures or objects; the inner workings or background details of a situation or event that were previously unknown or hidden
80. in\_\_\_t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
81. c\_\_t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
82. follow his ins\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
83. translate li\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

ANSWERS: 73. frank, 74. absolutely, 75. partnership, 76. trek, 77. obvious, 78. fashion, 79. woodwork, 80. invest, 81. cult, 82. instruction, 83. literally

84. law of cat\_\_\_\_\_al judgment *adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
85. pre-mo\_\_\_n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
86. co\_\_\_\_\_al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
87. the ma\_\_\_\_\_de of the disaster *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
88. co\_\_\_\_\_se a large percentage *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
89. a mailing la\_\_l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
90. su\_\_\_\_\_l number *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
91. put a gr\_\_\_\_\_ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
92. al\_\_n with a historical trend *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
93. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 84. categorical, 85. modern, 86. communal, 87. magnitude, 88. comprise, 89. label, 90. surreal, 91. grateful, 92. align, 93. process

94. par\_\_\_\_\_te in the program      *v.* to take part in something
95. d\_p a pen in ink      *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
96. r\_\_e of passage into adulthood      *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
97. di\_\_\_\_\_le intentions      *v.* to conceal or disguise one's true feelings, intentions, or beliefs; to pretend or act falsely to deceive others
98. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt wind      *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
99. a co\_\_h potato      *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
100. she is ar\_\_\_\_\_ly the best singer      *adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true
101. d\_\_y authorized      *adv.* in a manner that is proper, appropriate, or expected; following the correct procedures, rules, or protocols
102. needs of pr\_\_\_\_\_nt women      *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
103. ch\_\_m of death      *n.* a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups
104. is\_\_\_\_\_e a patient      *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

ANSWERS: 94. participate, 95. dip, 96. rite, 97. disassemble, 98. constant, 99. couch, 100. arguably, 101. duly, 102. pregnant, 103. chasm, 104. isolate

105. the suppression of he\_\_\_y *n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion
106. ro\_\_\_t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
107. ca\_\_\_r policy *n.* the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense
108. en\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
109. service f\_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
110. pl\_\_\_\_t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
111. some une\_\_\_\_ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
112. ter\_\_\_\_ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
113. sh\_\_k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
114. ar\_\_\_\_ly the greatest discovery *adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true
115. ut\_\_\_\_y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
116. gr\_\_\_\_y curiosity *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite

ANSWERS: 105. heresy, 106. rocket, 107. candor, 108. engineer, 109. fee, 110. plummet, 111. unexpected, 112. terrifying, 113. shock, 114. arguably, 115. utterly, 116. gratify



117. in\_\_\_\_\_le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
118. the degree of dif\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
119. la\_\_\_\_h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
120. so te\_\_y tiny *adj.* extremely small; tiny
121. pro\_\_\_\_\_tic model *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
122. capital-sc\_\_\_e country *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
123. pre\_\_\_\_\_us mountain *adj.* extremely steep or rapid; hasty or impulsive, often with negative consequences; (of science) relating to or characterized by rapid, abrupt changes
124. ut\_\_r nonsense *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
125. fra\_\_\_\_\_nt alteration of data *adj.* involving deception or dishonesty; intended to deceive or defraud; false or misleading

ANSWERS: 117. invisible, 118. difficulty, 119. launch, 120. teeny, 121. probabilistic, 122. scarce, 123. precipitous, 124. utter, 125. fraudulent

126. demonstrate an up\_\_\_d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
127. new fa\_\_\_\_\_n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
128. rem\_\_\_\_\_le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
129. con\_\_\_\_\_ty plan *n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
130. right to col\_\_\_\_\_ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
131. pr\_\_\_\_\_le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
132. st\_\_\_\_\_ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
133. leather co\_\_h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
134. re\_\_\_\_\_e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
135. individual ins\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
136. ger\_\_\_\_\_cs clinic *n.* a branch of medicine specializing in the healthcare of elderly individuals, including the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases and conditions that affect older adults

ANSWERS: 126. upward, 127. fashion, 128. remarkable, 129. continuity, 130. collective, 131. probable, 132. straight, 133. couch, 134. reserve, 135. instruction, 136. geriatrics

137. re\_\_\_\_\_e the right      *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
138. app\_\_\_\_\_ng deadline      *adj.* drawing nearer in time or space; coming close to someone or something
139. a debt of gr\_\_\_\_\_de      *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
140. fu\_\_\_\_\_l service      *n.* a ceremony or ritual honoring and remembering a deceased person, typically involving the burial or cremation of the body; a gathering or service to mourn the loss of someone who has died
141. 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.
142. vi\_\_d colors      *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
143. an une\_\_\_\_\_ed visitor      *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
144. am\_\_e everyone      *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
145. pr\_\_\_\_\_n usage      *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
146. de\_\_\_\_\_e a job offer      *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

ANSWERS: 137. reserve, 138. approaching, 139. gratitude, 140. funeral, 141. hop, 142. vivid, 143. unexpected, 144. amaze, 145. pronoun, 146. decline

147. inner con\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a state of satisfaction, happiness, or fulfillment; a feeling of being pleased and at ease with one's current situation or circumstances
148. g\_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
149. establish a par\_\_\_\_\_ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
150. establish a ba\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
151. nontechnical as\_\_\_\_ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
152. fl\_\_d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
153. sle\_\_\_\_\_ess disorder *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
154. su\_\_\_\_\_nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
155. m\_\_h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
156. protect the database from mi\_\_\_\_e *n.* the act of using something in an unsuitable way or for the wrong purpose

ANSWERS: 147. contentment, 148. gut, 149. partnership, 150. baseline, 151. aspect, 152. flood, 153. sleeplessness, 154. surround, 155. moth, 156. misuse

157. de\_\_\_\_r at the future      *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
158. the blind g\_t      *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
159. br\_\_\_\_l bully      *adj.* harsh or cruel
160. fu\_\_\_\_l arrangements      *n.* a ceremony or ritual honoring and remembering a deceased person, typically involving the burial or cremation of the body; a gathering or service to mourn the loss of someone who has died
161. col\_\_\_\_ve ownership      *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
162. ba\_\_\_\_ne budget      *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
163. a sense of sat\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
164. two-ph\_\_e structure      *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
165. a l\_\_e house in the field      *adj.* solitary or single
166. 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.

ANSWERS: 157. despair, 158. gut, 159. brutal, 160. funeral, 161. collective, 162. baseline, 163. satisfaction, 164. phase, 165. lone, 166. hop

167. la\_\_l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
168. ad\_\_\_\_\_se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
169. bridal sh\_\_\_r *n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child
170. al\_\_n the economic interest of each other *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
171. a ge\_\_\_\_\_us and thoughtful person *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
172. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
173. in\_\_\_t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
174. get inc\_\_\_\_\_ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
175. mis\_\_\_\_\_ge prevention *n.* the spontaneous loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week; the failure of an effort or plan to come to fruition

ANSWERS: 167. label, 168. advertise, 169. shower, 170. align, 171. generous, 172. absolutely, 173. invest, 174. incredibly, 175. miscarriage

176. early mis\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the spontaneous loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week; the failure of an effort or plan to come to fruition
177. th\_\_e park *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
178. an endless st\_\_\_m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
179. sc\_\_\_m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
180. above p\_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
181. nu\_\_\_\_\_r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
182. snip at a he\_\_e *n.* a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
183. affect ma\_\_\_\_\_l relations *adj.* of or relating to marriage
184. con\_\_\_\_\_ty of service *n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
185. a stone wall su\_\_\_\_\_nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 176. miscarriage, 177. theme, 178. stream, 179. scream, 180. par, 181. nuclear, 182. hedge, 183. marital, 184. continuity, 185. surround

186. ve\_\_\_\_\_e capital *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
187. naval ve\_\_\_\_ls *n.* a ship or large boat
188. inc\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
189. as\_\_\_\_\_d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
190. de\_\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
191. ex\_\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
192. easily ima\_\_\_\_\_le *adj.* capable of being imagined
193. the mi\_\_\_\_e of company money *n.* the act of using something in an unsuitable way or for the wrong purpose
194. distance g\_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
195. tra\_\_\_\_\_ent joy *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
196. use of nu\_\_\_\_r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
197. 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: 186. venture, 187. vessel, 188. incredibly, 189. astound, 190. decide, 191. excite, 192. imaginable, 193. misuse, 194. gap, 195. transcendent, 196. nuclear, 197. literally



198. he confessed dra\_\_\_\_\_lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
199. fra\_\_\_\_\_nt activity *adj.* involving deception or dishonesty; intended to deceive or defraud; false or misleading
200. pas\_\_\_\_\_te speech *adj.* showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
201. annual bo\_\_s *n.* an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work
202. overcome cla\_\_\_\_\_bia *n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
203. sp\_\_n a new concept *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
204. ce\_\_\_\_\_te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
205. is\_\_\_\_\_e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
206. emotional p\_\_p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
207. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 198. dramatically, 199. fraudulent, 200. passionate, 201. bonus, 202. claustrophobia, 203. spawn, 204. celebrate, 205. isolate, 206. prop, 207. transform

208. h\_\_l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
209. la\_\_r of paint *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
210. sc\_\_\_m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
211. d\_p a chip in the sauce *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
212. 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.
213. an ina\_\_\_\_\_te income *adj.* not sufficient or enough
214. the g\_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
215. natural chi\_\_\_\_\_th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
216. br\_\_\_\_\_g air *adj.* refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability
217. modern co\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a person's hairstyle, especially an elaborate one; the art or practice of arranging or styling hair
218. for the s\_\_e of argument *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done

ANSWERS: 208. heel, 209. layer, 210. scream, 211. dip, 212. humanity, 213. inadequate, 214. gap, 215. childbirth, 216. bracing, 217. coiffure, 218. sake

219. tr\_\_\_\_\_ic brain injury *adj.* relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury
220. h\_\_l wrestler *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
221. cla\_\_\_\_\_bia-inducing *n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
222. advance cap\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
223. a ri\_\_\_l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
224. a st\_\_\_\_\_ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
225. a gr\_\_\_\_\_ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
226. v\_\_l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
227. he\_\_e fund firm *n.* a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
228. ca\_\_\_\_\_te measurements *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

ANSWERS: 219. traumatic, 220. heel, 221. claustrophobia, 222. capitalism, 223. ritual, 224. straight, 225. grateful, 226. viol, 227. hedge, 228. calibrate

229. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
230. persons co\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
231. feel des\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom
232. pas\_\_\_\_\_te kiss *adj.* showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
233. co\_\_\_\_\_t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
234. ina\_\_\_\_\_te funding *adj.* not sufficient or enough
235. turn out to be all s\_\_m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
236. the de\_\_h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
237. morning ri\_\_\_l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
238. the th\_\_\_l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
239. cr\_\_l away from a car *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

ANSWERS: 229. eventually, 230. concerned, 231. despondent, 232. passionate, 233. conduct, 234. inadequate, 235. sham, 236. depth, 237. ritual, 238. thrill, 239. crawl

240. ut\_\_r a big sigh *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
241. li\_\_\_\_\_m mining *n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder
242. take a quick sh\_\_\_\_r *n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child
243. persecution for he\_\_\_\_y *n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion
244. fleshly de\_\_\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
245. pro\_\_\_\_\_tic approach *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
246. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
247. c\_\_t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 240. utter, 241. lithium, 242. shower, 243. heresy, 244. desire, 245. probabilistic, 246. psychology, 247. cult

248. d\_\_y notified *adv.* in a manner that is proper, appropriate, or expected; following the correct procedures, rules, or protocols
249. sp\_\_\_e tax deduction *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
250. central th\_\_e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
251. su\_\_\_\_\_be a petition *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
252. dis\_\_\_\_\_ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
253. pl\_\_\_\_\_ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
254. s\_\_t fungi *n.* obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt
255. con\_\_\_\_\_le car *adj.* capable of being converted, transformed, or adapted, often used to describe something that can be changed or modified into a different form or function
256. look up\_\_\_d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

ANSWERS: 248. dully, 249. spouse, 250. theme, 251. subscribe, 252. disconnect, 253. plummet, 254. smut, 255. convertible, 256. upward

257. ad\_\_\_\_\_se on social media      *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
258. he was ov\_\_\_\_\_lmed with gratitude      *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
259. of\_\_\_t deposits and withdrawals      *v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
260. be\_\_t fear      *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
261. pr\_\_\_\_\_e analyses      *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
262. tra\_\_\_\_\_ent wisdom      *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
263. dif\_\_\_\_\_ty in breathing      *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
264. a wide range of color li\_\_\_\_p      *n.* the schedule of programs for a particular event; a list of people brought together to form a team or take part in an event
265. remedy lon\_\_\_\_\_ss      *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
266. a joint ve\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
267. severe cr\_\_\_\_c      *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 257. advertise, 258. overwhelm, 259. offset, 260. beget, 261. precise, 262. transcendent, 263. difficulty, 264. lineup, 265. loneliness, 266. venture, 267. critic

268. mo\_\_\_n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
269. fr\_\_k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
270. am\_\_e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
271. pr\_\_\_\_\_le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
272. la\_\_\_h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
273. f\_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
274. de\_\_\_\_\_e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
275. gl\_\_\_\_\_n with dew *v.* to shine or sparkle with reflected light; to appear bright and shiny
276. a des\_\_\_\_\_nt mood *adj.* in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom
277. re\_\_\_\_\_it assignment *v.* to submit again or a second time; to revise and resubmit, often in response to feedback, criticism, or rejection
278. co\_\_\_\_\_t me with dignity *v.* to behave or conduct oneself in a particular manner; to be consistent or in harmony with something
279. a de\_\_\_t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

ANSWERS: 268. modern, 269. frank, 270. amaze, 271. probable, 272. launch, 273. fee, 274. decline, 275. glisten, 276. despondent, 277. resubmit, 278. comport, 279. decent



280. a fence sur\_\_\_\_\_ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
281. par\_\_\_\_\_te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
282. digitally li\_\_\_\_\_te *adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
283. br\_\_\_\_l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel
284. still vi\_\_d in my memory *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
285. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
286. voice of inc\_\_\_\_\_us disbelief *adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful
287. p\_\_p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
288. a volunteer nu\_\_e *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
289. ca\_\_\_\_\_te machinery *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

ANSWERS: 280. surrounding, 281. participate, 282. literate, 283. brutal, 284. vivid, 285. constant, 286. incredulous, 287. prop, 288. nurse, 289. calibrate

290. 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.
291. em\_\_\_\_\_ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
292. cat\_\_\_\_\_al denial *adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
293. mo\_\_\_\_\_ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
294. a bi\_\_\_\_y number *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
295. inc\_\_\_\_\_le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
296. a weather ch\_\_t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
297. as\_\_\_\_ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
298. wo\_\_\_\_\_rk tools *n.* the craft or activity of working with wood to create structures or objects; the inner workings or background details of a situation or event that were previously unknown or hidden
299. advocate a he\_\_\_\_\_al doctrine *adj.* departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion

ANSWERS: 290. humanity, 291. embarrass, 292. categorical, 293. mourning, 294. binary, 295. incredible, 296. chart, 297. aspect, 298. woodwork, 299. heretical

300. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
301. br\_\_\_\_\_g walk *adj.* refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability
302. in st\_\_\_e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
303. ce\_\_\_\_\_te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
304. speak with ca\_\_\_r *n.* the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense
305. a deep and wide ch\_\_m *n.* a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups
306. the ad\_\_\_\_\_on of the followers *n.* excessive or insincere admiration or praise; flattery or adoration that is often exaggerated or not genuine
307. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
308. st\_\_\_\_\_e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
309. con\_\_\_\_\_le currency *adj.* capable of being converted, transformed, or adapted, often used to describe something that can be changed or modified into a different form or function
310. tr\_\_\_\_\_ic event *adj.* relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury

ANSWERS: 300. psychology, 301. bracing, 302. stable, 303. celebrate, 304. candor, 305. chasm, 306. adulation, 307. extraordinary, 308. stumble, 309. convertible, 310. traumatic

311. mi\_\_\_\_e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
312. in\_\_\_\_ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
313. the st\_\_\_\_m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
314. effective ta\_\_\_\_e *n.* a memorable slogan or catchphrase used in advertising or entertainment to promote a product, cause, or idea; a brief statement or phrase that sums up the essence of something
315. incredible th\_\_\_\_l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
316. enter on the last ph\_\_\_\_e *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
317. su\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
318. bo\_\_s appraisal *n.* an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work
319. co\_\_\_\_al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
320. the li\_\_\_\_p of new models *n.* the schedule of programs for a particular event; a list of people brought together to form a team or take part in an event

ANSWERS: 311. miracle, 312. interact, 313. stream, 314. tagline, 315. thrill, 316. phase, 317. suddenly, 318. bonus, 319. communal, 320. lineup

321. co\_\_\_\_\_ed citizen *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
322. customer sat\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
323. ce\_\_\_\_\_ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
324. d\_\_e into anime communities *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
325. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
326. is\_\_\_\_\_on booth *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
327. go\_\_\_\_\_mp moment *n.* a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps
328. ov\_\_\_\_\_lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
329. under the umbrella of cap\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
330. sp\_\_\_e visa *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

ANSWERS: 321. concerned, 322. satisfaction, 323. ceremony, 324. dive, 325. embarrass, 326. isolation, 327. goosebump, 328. overwhelm, 329. capitalism, 330. spouse

331. make dr\_\_\_\_ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
332. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
333. a hackneyed pr\_\_\_\_b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
334. financial ind\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
335. a star of the first ma\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
336. untold de\_\_\_\_r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
337. nu\_\_\_e practitioner *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
338. re\_\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
339. show af\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a feeling of fondness, love, or attachment towards someone or something; a gentle or tender feeling; often used to describe a warm or caring relationship between individuals
340. a ge\_\_\_\_us reward *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

ANSWERS: 331. dramatic, 332. excite, 333. proverb, 334. independence, 335. magnitude, 336. despair, 337. nurse, 338. relation, 339. affection, 340. generous

341. as\_\_\_\_\_d the viewer      *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
342. gr\_\_\_\_\_y desires      *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
343. co\_\_\_\_\_t research      *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
344. recent su\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
345. id\_\_\_\_\_fy handwriting      *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
346. gl\_\_\_\_\_n in the sunlight      *v.* to shine or sparkle with reflected light; to appear bright and shiny
347. in\_\_\_\_\_ct with one another      *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
348. a fl\_\_d of questions      *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
349. die su\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
350. the cabin pressure fell dra\_\_\_\_\_lly      *adv.* in a very impressive manner
351. la\_\_r cake      *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
352. estimate pr\_\_\_\_\_e costs      *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

ANSWERS: 341. astound, 342. gratify, 343. conduct, 344. survey, 345. identify, 346. glisten, 347. interact, 348. flood, 349. suddenly, 350. dramatically, 351. layer, 352. precise

353. a statistical ch\_\_t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
354. in my ca\_\_\_d opinion *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
355. ma\_\_\_\_\_l fidelity *adj.* of or relating to marriage
356. a br\_\_d mind *adj.* very wide; general
357. st\_\_\_\_\_e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
358. the country's is\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
359. re\_\_\_\_\_it proposal *v.* to submit again or a second time; to revise and resubmit, often in response to feedback, criticism, or rejection
360. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
361. sp\_\_n in spring *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
362. unsatisfied de\_\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
363. t\_\_k expedition *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
364. co\_\_\_\_\_t with the rules *v.* to behave or conduct oneself in a particular manner; to be consistent or in harmony with something
365. the pr\_\_\_\_\_nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 353. chart, 354. candid, 355. marital, 356. broad, 357. stumble, 358. isolation, 359. resubmit, 360. obvious, 361. spawn, 362. desire, 363. trek, 364. comport, 365. profound



366. mindless ba\_\_\_e *n.* the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech
367. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
368. a strong sense of lon\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
369. advertising ta\_\_\_e *n.* a memorable slogan or catchphrase used in advertising or entertainment to promote a product, cause, or idea; a brief statement or phrase that sums up the essence of something
370. ho\_\_\_\_\_y policy *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
371. be\_\_t children *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
372. ho\_\_\_\_\_y box *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
373. do aw\_\_l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
374. worst ima\_\_\_\_\_le case *adj.* capable of being imagined
375. academic ta\_\_o *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
376. possessive pr\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

ANSWERS: 366. babble, 367. engineer, 368. loneliness, 369. tagline, 370. honesty, 371. beget, 372. honesty, 373. awful, 374. imaginable, 375. taboo, 376. pronoun

377. pre\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* extremely steep or rapid; hasty or impulsive, often with negative consequences; (of science) relating to or characterized by rapid, abrupt changes
378. ind\_\_\_\_\_nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
379. an exh\_\_\_\_\_ing drink *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
380. a l\_\_e flight *adj.* solitary or single
381. aff\_\_\_\_\_ate kiss *adj.* showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others
382. di\_\_\_\_\_le emotions *v.* to conceal or disguise one's true feelings, intentions, or beliefs; to pretend or act falsely to deceive others
383. for your own s\_\_e *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
384. v\_\_l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
385. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
386. deep af\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a feeling of fondness, love, or attachment towards someone or something; a gentle or tender feeling; often used to describe a warm or caring relationship between individuals

ANSWERS: 377. precipitous, 378. independence, 379. exhilarating, 380. lone, 381. affectionate, 382. dissemble, 383. sake, 384. viol, 385. extraordinary, 386. affection

387. regard the view as he\_\_\_\_\_al      *adj.* departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion
388. public ad\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* excessive or insincere admiration or praise; flattery or adoration that is often exaggerated or not genuine
389. a dr\_\_\_\_\_ic rescue at sea      *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
390. of\_\_\_\_t a loss      *v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
391. death from sh\_\_k      *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
392. ce\_\_\_\_\_ny location      *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

ANSWERS: 387. heretical, 388. adulation, 389. dramatic, 390. offset, 391. shock, 392. ceremony

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of misunderstanding between the two sides seemed impossible to bridge.
  - n.* a deep and wide crack or hole in the ground, especially one that is difficult or impossible to cross; a profound difference between two people or groups
2. We bought a \_\_\_\_\_ sofa for the guest room to be used as a bed when we have overnight visitors.
  - adj.* capable of being converted, transformed, or adapted, often used to describe something that can be changed or modified into a different form or function
3. He narrated the \_\_\_\_\_ story of his adventure.
  - adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
4. I always try to \_\_\_\_\_ my boss by achieving the sales target every month.
  - v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
5. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
  - adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
6. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your application with the updated information.
  - v.* to submit again or a second time; to revise and resubmit, often in response to feedback, criticism, or rejection
7. He was preparing for a long \_\_\_\_\_ through the mountains.
  - n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot

ANSWERS: 1. chasm, 2. convertible, 3. extraordinary, 4. gratify, 5. obvious, 6. resubmit, 7. trek

8. This pie \_\_\_\_\_ represents our market share.  
*n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
9. The magazine cover had a \_\_\_\_\_ finish, making the images shine.  
*adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish
10. He earned a \_\_\_\_\_ salary at his job.  
*adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
11. In a \_\_\_\_\_ system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.  
*adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
12. The audience was \_\_\_\_\_ at the magician's trick, trying to figure out how he did it.  
*adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ traveler walked along the deserted road.  
*adj.* solitary or single
14. Many people are working together to close the gender \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.  
*n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring

ANSWERS: 8. chart, 9. glossy, 10. decent, 11. probabilistic, 12. incredulous, 13. lone, 14. gap, 15. venture

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious threat to the farm's output.  
*n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
17. He was sick for five \_\_\_\_\_ days.  
*adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.  
*n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
19. The pond's \_\_\_\_\_ was around five feet.  
*n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.  
*n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
21. They needed further \_\_\_\_\_ to perform their duties efficiently.  
*n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
22. She made a \_\_\_\_\_ statement that she would never eat sushi.  
*adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
23. In this society, discussing politics in public is a \_\_\_\_\_ subject.  
*adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom

ANSWERS: 16. moth, 17. straight, 18. label, 19. depth, 20. theme, 21. instruction, 22. categorical, 23. taboo

24. He got a new job for the \_\_\_\_\_ of his family.

*n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done

25. It seems \_\_\_\_\_ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

26. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

*v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

27. The cold wind gave her \_\_\_\_\_ on her arms and legs.

*n.* a small bump that appears on the skin due to cold, fear, or excitement; a physiological response that causes the skin to contract and produce small bumps

28. Please \_\_\_\_\_ up a bucketful of water from the well.

*v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again

29. Our marketing team is brainstorming to come up with a new \_\_\_\_\_ for our product launch.

*n.* a memorable slogan or catchphrase used in advertising or entertainment to promote a product, cause, or idea; a brief statement or phrase that sums up the essence of something

30. Shares in the company finally fell below their \_\_\_\_\_ value.

*n.* a state of being equal to someone or something

31. The final result was nothing short of \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

ANSWERS: 24. sake, 25. probable, 26. subscribe, 27. goosebumps, 28. dip, 29. tagline, 30. par, 31. astounding

32. You can easily \_\_\_\_\_ seats over the telephone.
- v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
33. That \_\_\_\_\_ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
- n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
34. Relations between the two countries have been relatively \_\_\_\_\_ due to the summit meeting.
- adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
35. That incident led to his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
36. Doctors can sometimes detect warning signs of potential \_\_\_\_\_ and take steps to prevent it.
- n.* the spontaneous loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week; the failure of an effort or plan to come to fruition
37. This is the only \_\_\_\_\_ strategy.
- adj.* capable of being imagined
38. I realize the \_\_\_\_\_ of a single life.
- n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
39. The \_\_\_\_\_ chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.
- adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

ANSWERS: 32. reserve, 33. survey, 34. stable, 35. isolation, 36. miscarriage, 37. imaginable, 38. loneliness, 39. utter



40. The morning sun made the ocean \_\_\_\_\_ like diamonds.  
*v.* to shine or sparkle with reflected light; to appear bright and shiny
41. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
42. The sudden, \_\_\_\_\_ drop in temperature caught everyone off guard.  
*adj.* extremely steep or rapid; hasty or impulsive, often with negative consequences; (of science) relating to or characterized by rapid, abrupt changes
43. The wedding \_\_\_\_\_ was a beautiful and emotional event.  
*n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
44. The salmon swims upstream to \_\_\_\_\_ in the place they were released.  
*v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
45. The statement had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on house prices.  
*adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
46. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.  
*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
47. The majority of students actively \_\_\_\_\_ in the college's intramural sports program.  
*v.* to take part in something
48. The sperm whale can \_\_\_\_\_ to 1,000 meters.  
*v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

ANSWERS: 40. glisten, 41. excited, 42. precipitous, 43. ceremony, 44. spawn, 45. dramatic, 46. suddenly, 47. participated, 48. dive

49. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.

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

50. My father's death \_\_\_\_\_ my life completely.

*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

51. Fresh water is becoming increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ in many parts of the world.

*adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

52. We have finally lost our last \_\_\_\_\_.

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

53. In English, personal \_\_\_\_\_ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

*n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

54. She suffered from \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't take elevators.

*n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces

55. She was \_\_\_\_\_ for the help he provided.

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

56. We are \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to any form of terrorism.

*adv.* completely or absolutely

57. The intricate designs on the \_\_\_\_\_ were hand-carved by a master craftsman.

*n.* the craft or activity of working with wood to create structures or objects; the inner workings or background details of a situation or event that were previously unknown or hidden

ANSWERS: 49. modern, 50. transformed, 51. scarce, 52. prop, 53. pronouns, 54. claustrophobia, 55. grateful, 56. utterly, 57. woodwork

58. The experience was so \_\_\_\_\_ that it left a lasting impact on the survivor's mental health.

*adj.* relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury

59. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.

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

60. The \_\_\_\_\_ modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

*adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

61. Police will \_\_\_\_\_ random breath testing for drunk driving.

*v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

62. \_\_\_\_\_ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

*n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

63. The corporation \_\_\_\_\_ dominated the entire tobacco business.

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

64. His professional experience includes all \_\_\_\_\_ of media production.

*n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

65. Human \_\_\_\_\_ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

ANSWERS: 58. traumatic, 59. Communal, 60. genetically, 61. conduct, 62. Capitalism, 63. eventually, 64. aspects, 65. emotional

66. 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
67. Jet \_\_\_\_\_ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
68. The \_\_\_\_\_ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.
- adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
69. That style is no longer in \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
70. She vacated the position when she got \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
71. The \_\_\_\_\_ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
- adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
72. 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
73. The documents were \_\_\_\_\_ signed and submitted to the authorities for approval.
- adv.* in a manner that is proper, appropriate, or expected; following the correct procedures, rules, or protocols

ANSWERS: 66. invest, 67. streams, 68. surrounding, 69. fashion, 70. pregnant, 71. unexpected, 72. relations, 73. duly

74. He tried various treatments for his \_\_\_\_\_ but nothing seemed to work.
- n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
75. Drug \_\_\_\_\_ is associated with mental health disorders.
- n.* the act of using something in an unsuitable way or for the wrong purpose
76. The \_\_\_\_\_ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
77. The famous \_\_\_\_\_ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.
- n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
78. She \_\_\_\_\_ over the tree root.
- v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
79. The elderly couple always stayed \_\_\_\_\_ towards each other throughout their marriage.
- adj.* showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others
80. I love to relax on the \_\_\_\_\_ and watch movies on the weekends.
- n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

ANSWERS: 74. sleeplessness, 75. misuse, 76. cult, 77. proverb, 78. stumbled, 79. affectionate, 80. couch

81. The phenomenon is \_\_\_\_\_ at optical wavelengths.

*adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

82. The committee abolished the controversial \_\_\_\_\_ system.

*n.* an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work

83. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

*n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

84. The best way to \_\_\_\_\_ financial risks is to diversify your portfolio.

*n.* a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions

85. I am \_\_\_\_\_ about the safety of the children playing in the park.

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

86. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

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

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

88. I am \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to his idea because of morality.

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 81. invisible, 82. bonus, 83. magnitude, 84. hedge, 85. concerned, 86. process, 87. independence, 88. absolutely

89. He suffers from \_\_\_\_\_ breakdowns.

*adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

90. The pilot tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the customers that the planes were safe.

*v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

91. Her \_\_\_\_\_ in admitting her mistake was refreshing and earned her respect.

*n.* the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense

92. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.

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

93. The doctrine was considered \_\_\_\_\_ by the mainstream church.

*n.* an opinion or belief that goes against the traditional or generally accepted view, especially in religion

94. The \_\_\_\_\_ department focuses on the healthcare needs of elderly patients.

*n.* a branch of medicine specializing in the healthcare of elderly individuals, including the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases and conditions that affect older adults

95. The company was involved in a \_\_\_\_\_ scheme to scam customers out of money.

*adj.* involving deception or dishonesty; intended to deceive or defraud; false or misleading

96. Product development is a \_\_\_\_\_ effort.

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

ANSWERS: 89. nervous, 90. reassure, 91. candor, 92. critics, 93. heresy, 94. geriatrics, 95. fraudulent, 96. collective

97. The \_\_\_\_\_ storm clouds filled the sky with ominous darkness.  
*adj.* drawing nearer in time or space; coming close to someone or something
98. The \_\_\_\_\_ of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.  
*n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
99. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.  
*adj.* very frightening or intimidating
100. The athlete performed some \_\_\_\_\_ exercises to warm up before the game.  
*adj.* refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability
101. The \_\_\_\_\_ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.  
*n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
102. I regretted making an \_\_\_\_\_ mistake in my final exam.  
*adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
103. She made a \_\_\_\_\_ impression.  
*adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
104. The defendant attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ under cross-examination but was eventually caught in a lie.  
*v.* to conceal or disguise one's true feelings, intentions, or beliefs; to pretend or act falsely to deceive others
105. The lawyer's \_\_\_\_\_ for the case was \$10,000.  
*n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service

ANSWERS: 97. approaching, 98. layer, 99. terrifying, 100. bracing, 101. viol, 102. awful, 103. vivid, 104. dissemble, 105. fee



106. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.  
*n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
107. His irresponsible behavior may \_\_\_\_\_ many problems for him in the future.  
*v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
108. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.  
*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
109. The content is \_\_\_\_\_ and informative for me.  
*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
110. His friend's death drove him to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
111. More and more people are utilizing counselors to help resolve their \_\_\_\_\_ problems.  
*adj.* of or relating to marriage
112. \_\_\_\_\_ dropping wears away the stone.  
*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
113. Both parties are now entirely ideologically \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
114. He achieved a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ by simplifying his life and focusing on what truly mattered.  
*n.* a state of satisfaction, happiness, or fulfillment; a feeling of being pleased and at ease with one's current situation or circumstances

ANSWERS: 106. spouse, 107. beget, 108. engineer, 109. precise, 110. despair, 111. marital, 112. Constant, 113. aligned, 114. contentment

115. He is \_\_\_\_\_ regarded as the finest actor of his generation.

*adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true

116. The opponent team has a strong \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the schedule of programs for a particular event; a list of people brought together to form a team or take part in an event

117. Skydiving is an overwhelming \_\_\_\_\_ for many people.

*n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

118. The \_\_\_\_\_ photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

*adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

119. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of \_\_\_\_\_ weapons.

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

120. Her unwavering \_\_\_\_\_ for animals led her to become a veterinarian.

*n.* a feeling of fondness, love, or attachment towards someone or something; a gentle or tender feeling; often used to describe a warm or caring relationship between individuals

121. Please avoid using excessive jargon or too much technological \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech

122. The election was a \_\_\_\_\_ success for the Whigs.

*adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 115. arguably, 116. lineup, 117. thrill, 118. candid, 119. nuclear, 120. affection, 121. babble, 122. remarkable

123. The \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in port the following day.

*n.* a ship or large boat

124. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

125. Their \_\_\_\_\_ argument lasted for hours, neither willing to back down.

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

126. She had a master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

127. Low sexual \_\_\_\_\_ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

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

128. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

129. The bishop performed the \_\_\_\_\_ of consecration for the new church.

*n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

130. \_\_\_\_\_ batteries are commonly used in laptops, smartphones, and electric vehicles.

*n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder

131. A \_\_\_\_\_ star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.

*n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1

ANSWERS: 123. vessel, 124. declines, 125. passionate, 126. psychology, 127. desire, 128. crawl, 129. rite, 130. Lithium-ion, 131. binary

132. The company is set to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product line next month.

- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

133. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

- n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

134. After her dog passed away, she was \_\_\_\_\_ for weeks, unable to find joy.

- adj.* in low spirits; feeling or showing extreme discouragement or gloom

135. These heavy rains caused flash \_\_\_\_\_ on several islands.

- n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

136. She expressed her \_\_\_\_\_ towards the kind stranger who helped her.

- n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

137. The weather forecast predicted a \_\_\_\_\_ in the afternoon.

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

138. She wore black clothing as a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ for her grandmother.

- n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

ANSWERS: 132. launch, 133. relevance, 134. despondent, 135. floods, 136. gratitude, 137. shower, 138. mourning

139. She wore high \_\_\_\_\_ to the party.

*n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

140. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial \_\_\_\_\_ of history.

*n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development

141. The \_\_\_\_\_ beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.

*adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

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

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

143. This teacher is \_\_\_\_\_ in his grading.

*adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

144. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

*v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

145. The magician's tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

146. The dictator was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ and oppressive regime.

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

ANSWERS: 139. heels, 140. phase, 141. transcendent, 142. profound, 143. generous, 144. calibrate, 145. amazed, 146. cruel

147. The mediated settlement brought \_\_\_\_\_ to both sides.

*n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

148. The comedian's jokes were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and double entendres, making some in the audience uncomfortable.

*n.* obscene or indecent language or material, particularly about sexually explicit content; a black or sooty mark or smudge caused by smoke or dirt

149. The \_\_\_\_\_ launch platform is visible from this hill.

*n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

150. He should \_\_\_\_\_ more with his colleagues.

*v.* to communicate or react with somebody

151. The team \_\_\_\_\_ players from different countries.

*v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

152. 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.

153. The ring was so \_\_\_\_\_ that it almost looked like a toy.

*adj.* extremely small; tiny

154. 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

ANSWERS: 147. satisfaction, 148. smut, 149. rocket, 150. interact, 151. comprises, 152. hopped, 153. teeny, 154. literally

155. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ our company through your media.

- v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

156. The company adjusted the revenue \_\_\_\_\_.

- adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

157. A culture of \_\_\_\_\_ in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

- n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

158. The military \_\_\_\_\_ between the two countries created tension in the international community.

- n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

159. He looked for an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ that actor in public.

- v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

160. He \_\_\_\_\_ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

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

161. I made the \_\_\_\_\_ suggestion that it might be better to withdraw from the business.

- adj.* departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion

ANSWERS: 155. advertise, 156. upward, 157. honesty, 158. partnership, 159. embarrass, 160. celebrated, 161. heretical

162. Full involvement means \_\_\_\_\_ and prompt responses.

*adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

163. She kept \_\_\_\_\_ for an ambulance.

*v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

164. Too much variety may \_\_\_\_\_ and confuse viewers.

*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

165. The night shift \_\_\_\_\_ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

*n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

166. The doctors said that her recovery was a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

167. The \_\_\_\_\_ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

*adj.* harsh or cruel

168. The products they sell are the \_\_\_\_\_ for performance in the industry.

*n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

169. On three sides, mountains \_\_\_\_\_ the settlement.

*v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 162. frank, 163. screaming, 164. overwhelm, 165. nurse, 166. miracle, 167. brutal, 168. baseline, 169. surround



170. Life expectancy has grown \_\_\_\_\_ this century.

*adv.* in a very impressive manner

171. I will introduce you to how to \_\_\_\_\_ the leading causes of the malfunction.

*v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

172. 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.

173. The actress received \_\_\_\_\_ from her fans after her exceptional performance on stage.

*n.* excessive or insincere admiration or praise; flattery or adoration that is often exaggerated or not genuine

174. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

175. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

176. She finally decided to \_\_\_\_\_ herself from the company.

*v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

177. He needs to \_\_\_\_\_ himself professionally during the meeting.

*v.* to behave or conduct oneself in a particular manner; to be consistent or in harmony with something

ANSWERS: 170. dramatically, 171. identify, 172. humanity, 173. adulation, 174. sham, 175. decide, 176. disconnect, 177. comport

178. He was present at the \_\_\_\_\_ of his children.

*n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby

179. He has \_\_\_\_\_ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

*n.* a condition or state that causes problems

180. Several cities are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ high unemployment rates.

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

181. She went to the salon for a fancy \_\_\_\_\_ for her sister's wedding.

*n.* a person's hairstyle, especially an elaborate one; the art or practice of arranging or styling hair

182. He told me a \_\_\_\_\_ truth about my parent's death.

*n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

183. The woman of the house does the holy \_\_\_\_\_ of lighting two candles.

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

184. He got an electric \_\_\_\_\_ at work.

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

185. The stock prices have \_\_\_\_\_ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

*v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

ANSWERS: 178. childbirth, 179. difficulty, 180. incredibly, 181. coiffure, 182. gut-wrenching, 183. ritual, 184. shock, 185. plummeted

186. The small budget was \_\_\_\_\_ to cover all the necessary expenses for the project.  
*adj.* not sufficient or enough
187. Strong growth in core business \_\_\_\_\_ losses in other business segments.  
*v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
188. He accumulated wealth across a \_\_\_\_\_ spectrum of assets.  
*adj.* very wide; general
189. The sudden departure of the team leader disrupted the project's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
190. The somber \_\_\_\_\_ procession went through the streets, with mourners walking behind the hearse.  
*n.* a ceremony or ritual honoring and remembering a deceased person, typically involving the burial or cremation of the body; a gathering or service to mourn the loss of someone who has died
191. Bungee jumping was an \_\_\_\_\_ experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.  
*adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
192. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.  
*adj.* unbelievable; enormous
193. The building's \_\_\_\_\_ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.  
*n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

ANSWERS: 186. inadequate, 187. offsets, 188. broad, 189. continuity, 190. funeral,

191. exhilarating, 192. incredible, 193. security

194. Being \_\_\_\_\_ in multiple languages can open up many opportunities for travel and work.

*adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic

195. The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a \_\_\_\_\_ feel.

*adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

196. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ them from the community.

*v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

ANSWERS: 194. literate, 195. surreal, 196. isolate