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Session 1: Word List

grub

n. the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously

synonym : larva, food, chow

(1) cook up some **grubs**, (2) **grub** for potatoes

The garden was infested with beetle **grubs**, causing damage to the plant roots.

heap

n. an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something

synonym : pile, accumulation, stack

(1) a **heap** of trash, (2) top of the **heap**

A **heap** of old clothes was lying in the room.

lord

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym : master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

pillage

n. the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or

valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way

synonym : looting, plunder, raid

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

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

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

improvisation

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

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

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

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

spinning

n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

synonym : whirling, rotating, spinning wheel

(1) **spinning** machine, (2) **spinning** wheel

She took a **spinning** class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.

plat

n. a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes

synonym : map, chart, diagram

(1) **plat** book, (2) a former **plat** of farmland

The city planning department keeps detailed **plats** of all the local properties.

procrastinate

v. to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring

synonym: delay, dawdle, hesitate

(1) **procrastinate** about a big challenge, (2) **procrastinate** on my homework

He **procrastinated** the matter until it was almost too late.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

mate

n. a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game

synonym: companion, partner, spouse

(1) smoking **mate**, (2) dog-loving **mate**

I need to find a **mate** for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.

roll

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

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

reef

n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface

(1) barrier **reef**, (2) coral **reefs**

The vessel ran aground on a **reef**.

- rum** *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
synonym : liquor, spirits, alcohol
(1) **rum** cocktail, (2) spiced **rum**
The **rum** in the pina colada gave the drink its signature kick.
- twin** *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room
Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.
- tattoo** *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
synonym : emblem, symbol
(1) a **tattoo** artist, (2) a person who has a **tattoo**
Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital **tattoo** for life.
- bum** *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
synonym : hobo, vagrant, tramp
(1) homeless **bum**, (2) lazy **bum**
He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up **bum** with nothing to show.
- chum** *n.* a close friend; a companion; also refers to bait used in fishing to attract fish
synonym : friend, companion, mate
(1) school **chum**, (2) new **chum**
He always had a **chum** to play with when he was a child.
- relative** *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym : mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

crocodile

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

synonym : alligator, gator, croc

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

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

sealed

adj. closed or secured with

synonym : closed, impenetrable

(1) **sealed** orders, (2) **sealed** jar

We packed and shipped the product in **sealed** containers.

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym : ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

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.

frail *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength
synonym : weak, delicate, fragile
(1) **frail** body, (2) **frail** condition
My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite **frail**.

platinum *n.* a dense, precious, silvery-white metal with the atomic number 78 and the symbol Pt that is highly resistant to corrosion and tarnishing, often used in jewelry, coins, and industrial applications
synonym : Pt, white gold
(1) **platinum** record, (2) **platinum** jewelry
The chemist worked with a **platinum** catalyst to speed up the reaction.

helmet *n.* a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress
synonym : headgear, head protector, safety hat
(1) **helmet** size, (2) safety **helmet**
The worker survived the impact because they were wearing sturdy **helmets**.

row *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
synonym : line, sequence, layer
(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees
He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

thatch *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
synonym : straw, grass, reed
(1) cover with **thatch**, (2) **thatch** of hair
The **thatch** roof was made from local grasses and was a

traditional design.

creed

n. a system of beliefs or principles

synonym: doctrine, belief, principle

(1) political **creed**, (2) **creed** of faith

The **creed** of the organization emphasized hard work and dedication.

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym: stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

succumb

v. to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

synonym: surrender, break down, die

(1) **succumb** to cancer, (2) **succumb** to old age

He finally **succumbed** to temptation.

gorgon

n. in Greek mythology, a female creature with snakes for hair whose gaze turned people to stone; something or someone that causes terror or fear

synonym: medusa, monster, demon

(1) **gorgon** hair, (2) **gorgon** stone

After that last exam, the professor was a total **gorgon** to anyone who tried to ask for clarification.

stare

v. to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

synonym: gaze, look, gawk

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

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

surrender

v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority

synonym : yield, submit, relinquish

(1) **surrender** at discretion, (2) **surrender** an insurance policy

The enemy was forced to **surrender** after a long battle.

retreat

n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

synonym : escape, withdrawal, vacation

(1) **retreat** deeper into their territory, (2) **retreat** in a mountain region

Many people go on a **retreat** to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

gentle

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

synonym : mild, delicate, soft

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

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

cosmetic

adj. relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive

synonym: adorning, embellishing, ornamental

(1) minor **cosmetic** changes, (2) **cosmetic** fenders on cars
Cosmetic surgery is becoming more common in Asia due to lowering prices.

surgeon

n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body

synonym: sawbones, doctor

(1) an excellent brain **surgeon**, (2) army **surgeon**

He is a skilled **surgeon** that has many years of training and experience.

railroad

n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

synonym: railway, track, railway system

(1) coast-to-coast **railroad**, (2) **railroad** industry

The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the **railroad**, and it grew rapidly as a result.

stoke

v. to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict

synonym: stir up, fuel, ignite

(1) **stoke** a fire, (2) **stoke** passions

The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to **stoke** a sense of vibrancy in their painting.

qualm

n. an uneasy feeling of doubt, uncertainty, or apprehension, often about the morality or propriety of action; a sudden fit or attack of pain or nausea

synonym : unease, apprehension, doubt

(1) **qualms** of conscience, (2) moral **qualms**

The politician didn't seem to have any **qualms** about lying to his constituents.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

weep

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

synonym : cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

folly

n. a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit

synonym : absurdity, foolishness, irrationality

(1) economic **folly**, (2) act of **folly**

It was **folly** for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.

wage

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

synonym : payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**

His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

vain

adj. having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being

unsuccessful

synonym : conceited, narcissistic, egotistic

(1) **vain** hope, (2) **vain** pursuit

He is in **vain** searching for a new job since he has no experience in the field.

stitch

n. one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn

(1) a **stitch** in a garment, (2) pattern **stitch**

The wound was so deep that it needed a surgical procedure and **stitches**.

nip

v. to pinch or squeeze with the fingers or a tool; to seize suddenly or quickly; to give a small bite or pinch; to decrease or reduce the size or amount of something by a small amount

synonym : pinch, squeeze, bite

(1) **nip** a bud, (2) **nip** into the room

I need to **nip** the thread to sew this button on.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym : insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

foretell

v. to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future

synonym : predict, prophesy, forecast

(1) **foretell** the attack, (2) **foretell** the end of the world

The fortune teller was able to **foretell** the future by reading tarot cards.

womb

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

synonym : uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

forswear

v. to renounce or reject something, particularly under oath or to break a promise; to give up or swear off something

synonym : renounce, abandon, reject

(1) **forswear** tobacco, (2) **forswear** his criminal lifestyle

I will **forswear** all unhealthy habits and commit to a healthier lifestyle.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym : decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

caress

v. to touch or stroke gently and affectionately; to express love or tenderness with physical contact

synonym : stroke, fondle, pet

(1) **caress** her hair, (2) **caress** his cheek

The mother gently **caressed** her child's forehead to soothe

their fever.

cease

v. to stop an action or event

synonym : stop, end, terminate

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

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

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym : skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym : quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

blessing

n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

synonym : favor, benediction, boon

(1) count your **blessings**, (2) bestowed **blessings**

Receiving support from his friends was a great **blessing** in his time of need.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym : mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted
Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

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

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

sneer

v. to show contempt or ridicule for someone or something through a facial expression or tone of voice; (noun) a contemptuous or scornful smile or remark

synonym: mock, deride, ridicule

(1) **sneer** openly at him, (2) **sneer** hatefully

She **sneered** at his attempts to impress her.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

bumble

v. to move or act clumsily or awkwardly; to speak or behave in an inept or confused manner

synonym: stumble, fumble, blunder

(1) **bumble** his way into a high-paying job, (2) **bumble** through his speeches

She tends to **bumble** through her work, making careless errors along the way.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym: matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

infancy

n. the state or period of being a baby or very young child

synonym: childhood, babyhood, juvenescence

(1) **infancy** stage, (2) in early **infancy**

The technology is still in its **infancy** and has much room for improvement.

corrupt

adj. characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted;
(verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

synonym: dishonest, unethical, immoral

(1) **corrupt** good manners, (2) **corrupt** discipline

The **corrupt** politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

sin

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

synonym: misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

moderate

adj. being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme

synonym: average, middle-of-the-road, tempered

(1) **moderate** growth, (2) **moderate** risk

He had a **moderate** understanding of the topic but needed further research.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic
Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

blunt

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp;
straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point
of being rude or insensitive

synonym : dull, obtuse, insensitive

(1) **blunt** criticism, (2) **blunt** force

The **blunt** knife made it difficult to cut through the tough
steak.

ignorant

adj. lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated
or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or
information

synonym : uninformed, uneducated, unaware

(1) **ignorant** remark, (2) blissfully **ignorant**

He was **ignorant** of the fact that the meeting had been
moved to a different location.

hail

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a
distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with
enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the
form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

synonym : greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast

People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of
public transportation options.

reign

n. the period of time during which a monarch or
government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen

synonym : rule, governance, sovereignty

(1) **reign** of a dictator, (2) **reign** as sovereign

The dictator's **reign** was characterized by widespread human
rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym : foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

Jovian

adj. relating to Jupiter or its characteristics

synonym: Jupiter, giant planet

(1) **Jovian** satellites, (2) **Jovian** planet

The **Jovian** moon Europa is believed to have an ocean beneath its icy surface.

sorcery

n. the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft

synonym: magic, witchcraft, enchantment

(1) mystical **sorcery**, (2) dark **sorcery**

He claimed that he could perform **sorcery** and cast spells.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

celebrity

n. someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry

synonym: figure, star, VIP

(1) baseball **celebrity**, (2) **celebrity** known worldwide

The popularity of the show made her an instant **celebrity**.

worship

v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

synonym: adore, idolize

(1) **worship** god, (2) absolutely **worship**

They traditionally **worship** their guru.

- 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.
- titanic**
- adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
- synonym* : colossal, massive, immense
- (1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound
- The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.
- siren**
- n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
- synonym* : alarm, warning, alert
- (1) fire truck **siren**, (2) police **siren**
- I heard the **siren** of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.
- temple**
- n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
- synonym* : shrine, mosque, synagogue
- (1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**
- He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.
- justice**
- n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
- synonym* : fairness, equity, impartiality
- (1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven
- The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and

fairness.

servant

n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

synonym: attendant, helper, assistant

(1) **servant** of God, (2) fellow **servant**

The faithful **servant** had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

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.

upstart

n. a person who has recently risen to a position of power, especially one who behaves arrogantly; an ambitious or presumptuous newcomer

synonym: parvenu, newbie, newcomer

(1) **upstart** company, (2) ambitious **upstart**

The **upstart** politician made a splash in the election, challenging the established incumbents.

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym: fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**

When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

resort

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

synonym: vacation spot, hotel, (verb) address

(1) **resort** to desperate measures, (2) a last **resort**

If both countries **resort** to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

mass

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

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

extol

v. to praise or laud highly; to exalt or elevate someone or something by highlighting their positive qualities or attributes

synonym: praise, admire, acclaim

(1) **extol** the beauty, (2) **extol** the benefits

The teacher **extolled** the virtues of hard work and dedication to her students.

convenience

n. the state of being suitable or opportune

synonym: availability, usefulness, amenity

(1) **convenience** goods, (2) for **convenience** sake

They offered the **convenience** of an installment plan.

aye

adv. an outdated word meaning "yes," used to indicate agreement or assent, particularly in official contexts such as voting or parliamentary procedures; forever or always; (noun) agreement or affirmation

synonym: yes, certainly, indeed

(1) **aye** vote, (2) **aye** claimed

The captain nodded in **aye**, showing his agreement with the plan.

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**.

godchild

n. a child or young person who is baptized and sponsored by a godparent, typically chosen from among close family or friends

synonym: godson, goddaughter

(1) **godchild's** christening, (2) baptized **godchild**

I feel honored that they asked me to be their daughter's **godchild**.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym : bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

fawn

adj. having a light yellowish-brown or tawny color, often resembling the color of a young deer; excessively flattering or obsequious to seek favor or attention

synonym : pale, beige, sandy

(1) **fawn** coat, (2) white-tailed **fawn**

She had a **fawn-colored** dress that looked perfect for the wedding.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym : daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

resentment

n. bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly

synonym : bitterness, enmity, animosity

(1) abiding **resentment**, (2) bitter **resentment**

She felt **resentment** towards her boss for not giving her a promotion.

rage

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

synonym: fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**

She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

wax

n. a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large

(1) **wax** finish, (2) **wax** and wane

He sealed the letter with a **wax** seal.

pit

n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

synonym: hole, depression, indentation

(1) the bottomless **pit**, (2) the **pit** of the stomach

The **pit** of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

flux

n. the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place

synonym: flow, change, motion

(1) **flux** density, (2) **flux** of particles

The town's population was in **flux**, with many people moving in and out.

lava

n. molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

synonym : molten rock, magma, volcanic rock

(1) **lava** flow, (2) molten **lava**

The volcano's eruption caused a **lava** river to flow down the mountainside.

wrath

n. extreme anger

synonym : fury, irritation, anger

(1) **wrath** of God, (2) a high person's **wrath**

He finally exploded with **wrath** due to the team's repeated failures.

wary

adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

synonym : cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

novelty

n. the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual

synonym : originality, newness, wonder

(1) bit of a **novelty**, (2) the **novelty** of an invention

In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a **novelty**.

wane

v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity

synonym : decrease, diminish, fade

(1) **wane** over time, (2) **wane** in popularity

The fragrance of this material **wanes** over weeks to months.

bloody

adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

synonym : gory, gruesome, savage

(1) **bloody** massacre, (2) **bloody** diarrhea

The crime scene was **bloody** and gruesome.

terror

n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

synonym : fear, alarm, horror

(1) **terror** attack, (2) **terror** group

The bomb blast spread **terror** among the people.

feign

v. to pretend to have or to be affected by something, usually to deceive or trick someone

synonym : pretend, simulate, falsify

(1) **feign** a stomachache, (2) **feign** a false laugh

Some animals **feign** death when in danger.

mighty

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

synonym : potent, powerful, robust

(1) **mighty** works, (2) struck a **mighty** blow

Only the **mighty** God has the power to brighten this dark land.

rival

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

synonym : adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

guile

n. the use of deceit or cunning to achieve one's goals; sly or cunning behavior, often with the intent to deceive

synonym : cunning, deceit, trickery

(1) cunning **guile**, (2) political **guile**

She used a combination of charm and **guile** strategy to work her way up in the company.

bluster

v. to speak or act in a loud, noisy, and forceful way, often in an attempt to intimidate or impress others; to boast or brag in a threatening or blustery manner; (noun) loud, aggressive, or indignant talk with little substance

synonym : boast, brag, blow

(1) **bluster** him into the belief, (2) theatrical **bluster**

The politician **blustered** about the importance of his new policy.

batter

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
synonym: beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box

He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

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**.

bluff

v. to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion

synonym: abrupt, cliff, precipice

(1) **bluff** the other side, (2) riverside **bluff**

He **bluffed** a person out of going.

trinket

n. a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities

synonym: bauble, ornament, trifle

(1) vintage **trinket**, (2) cheap **trinket**

The little girl loved to collect **trinkets** and display them on her dresser.

bauble

n. a small, decorative trinket or ornament; a showy or gaudy item of little value or significance

synonym: trinket, ornament, decoration

(1) shiny **bauble**, (2) decorative **bauble**

The Christmas tree was adorned with colorful **baubles** and twinkling lights.

sly

adj. having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals

synonym: crafty, sneaky, devious

(1) **sly** tactics, (2) **sly** fox

He had a **sly** smile on his face as he told his joke.

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

synonym: noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

sty

n. a small enclosure or pen for domesticated pigs or other farm animals; a dirty, messy, or disorganized place

synonym: pigsty, pigpen, hog wallow

(1) **sty** in my eye, (2) messy **sty**

The farmer cleaned out the pig **sty** before the new piglets arrived.

feast

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

synonym: banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

revelry

n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

synonym: festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

rut

n. a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action

synonym : groove, track, estrus

(1) falling into a **rut**, (2) boring routine **rut**

The company seems stuck in a **rut** and needs to try something new.

muck

n. dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste

synonym : dirt, mud, droppings

(1) construction **muck**, (2) **muck** on clothes

The horses waded through the **muck** in the field after the rainstorm.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym : hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

arrow

n. a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

synonym : shaft, dart, projectile

(1) **arrow** pointing, (2) **arrow** diagram

The archer aimed his **arrow** carefully at the target.

stomach

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

synonym : belly, abdomen, gut

(1) upset **stomach**, (2) **stomach** virus

I have a **stomach** ache after overeating junk food.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym : ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

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.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

clinic

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

synonym: hospital, infirmary

(1) visit to the veterinary **clinic**, (2) a dental **clinic**

She holds a **clinic** on Tuesday mornings.

beg

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

synonym: plead, implore, entreat

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

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

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.

evil

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

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

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

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

glorious

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

synonym: exquisite, magnificent, majestic

(1) a **glorious** victory, (2) photo in **glorious** color

I choose a **glorious** death rather than a shameful life.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

verse

n. a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme

synonym: poetry, rhyme, stanza

(1) cited **verse**, (2) **verse** play

The poet recited a **verse** from her latest collection.

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.

clone

n. a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation

synonym: duplicate, imitation, reproduction

(1) **clone** embryo, (2) recombinant **clone**
He is like an exact **clone** of his brother.

navigation

n. the act of directing a ship or airplane from place to place; advice or information intended to resolve a problem or challenge, especially as given by someone in authority

synonym : sailing, seafaring, pilotage

(1) **navigation** system, (2) visual **navigation**

The plane's **navigation** system had problems, which mechanics found.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

neanderthalensis

n. a species of the genus Homo that lived in Europe and western and central Asia from about 200,000 to 30,000 years ago

(1) Homo **neanderthalensis**, (2) **neanderthalensis** DNA

The discovery of a **neanderthalensis** burial site was a breakthrough for the team of archaeologists.

bastardize

v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

synonym : corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning through poor translations.

hunt

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

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge
Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music
Mozart was a musical **genius**.

assemble

v. to collect in one place as a single group

synonym: gather, congregate, collect

(1) **assemble** your colleagues, (2) **assemble** a jigsaw puzzle

The president began to **assemble** an army.

iota

n. an extremely small amount or quantity; a tiny or insignificant element or part; the 9th letter of the Greek alphabet

synonym: bit, particle, jot

(1) without an **iota** of forgiveness, (2) an **iota** of truth
I didn't understand an **iota** of what the professor was saying during the lecture.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

cocaine

n. a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor

synonym: narcotic, coke, snow

(1) powder **cocaine**, (2) **cocaine** overdose
The drug dealer was arrested for possession of **cocaine**.

inferno

n. a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs

synonym: hell, fiery pit, furnace

(1) a raging **inferno**, (2) devastating **inferno**

The building was consumed by an **inferno**, reducing it to ashes.

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym: unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

offshoot

n. a subsidiary or secondary branch or part of something; a new development or idea that has grown out of a larger one

synonym: branch, derivation, offspring

(1) an **offshoot** of the company, (2) cultural **offshoot**

The new program is an **offshoot** of the main curriculum for students with specific interests.

erect

v. to construct or build something; to cause to rise;
(adjective) upright or vertical

synonym: build, set up, construct

(1) **erect** structure, (2) keep the flagpole **erect**

The workers were able to **erect** the tent in just a few minutes.

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.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym: absolutely, completely, perfectly

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

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

pale

adj. having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness

synonym : sallow, faint, ashen

(1) a **pale** complexion, (2) **pale** pink

She turned **pale** when she heard the news.

listless

adj. lacking energy, enthusiasm, or interest; marked by a feeling of lethargy or apathy

synonym : lethargic, languid, apathetic

(1) **listless** mood, (2) spend a **listless** day

After a long day at work, I felt **listless** and unable to do anything productive.

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.

mistress

n. a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others

synonym : lover, paramour, concubine

(1) a **mistress** of comedy, (2) keep a **mistress**

She used to be his **mistress** before the death of his first wife.

hoard

v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly;
(*noun*) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

synonym : stockpile, accumulation, stash

(1) **hoard** my possessions, (2) plutonium **hoard**

They **hoarded** a common secret instead of sharing it.

savor

v. to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor

synonym : enjoy, relish, appreciate

(1) **savor** the moment, (2) **savor** the taste

I always like to **savor** a good cup of coffee in the morning.

crystal

n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

synonym : quartz

(1) liquid **crystal**, (2) **crystal** analyses

A vast **crystal** chandelier glittered brightly above us.

crave

v. to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

synonym : desire, yearn, long for

(1) **crave** chocolate, (2) **crave** advice from others

She **craves** success and is always pushing herself to do better.

hem

n. the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish

synonym : edge, border, margin

(1) the **hem** of a dress, (2) **hem** the skirt

The **hem** length of her dress was perfect for the evening event.

dabble

v. to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid

synonym : toy with, tinker with, play at

(1) **dabble** in a hobby, (2) **dabble** at French

They often **dabble** in new business ventures but only commit partially.

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**.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym : refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym : craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

scrabble

v. to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

synonym : scramble, jumble, mix

(1) **scrabble** through her purse, (2) **scrabble** words

The kids eagerly **scrabbled** to find the hidden Easter eggs in the garden.

absent

adj. not present in a particular place at a particular time

synonym : missing, away, not present

(1) **absent-minded**, (2) **absent** without leave

He was **absent** from the meeting and missed all the important updates.

haggard

adj. looking exhausted, worn out, or gaunt, as from fatigue, illness, or overwork; having a worn or wild appearance,

as if from lack of food or rest

synonym : gaunt, emaciated, exhausted

(1) **haggard** complexion, (2) **haggard** appearance

The prisoners looked **haggard** and emaciated due to the inhumane conditions in the jail.

limp

adj. having no strength or energy; walking with difficulty because of pain, injury, or disability in one's leg or foot

synonym : unsteady, weak, faltering

(1) **limp** handshake, (2) **limp** hair

The steak was so undercooked that it was almost raw and had a **limp** texture.

pimp

n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

synonym : pandar, procurer, hustler

(1) **pimp** lifestyle, (2) **pimp** culture

The lazy **pimp** controlled and exploited the women working for him.

babel

n. a loud noise, typically referring to the confusion of many voices talking at once, derived from the biblical story of the Tower of Babel, in which God caused confusion among people by making them speak different languages

synonym : confusion, chaos, disorder

(1) a **babel** of confusion, (2) **babel** of languages

The classroom was a **babel** of excitement as the students prepared for their field trip.

tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

synonym : despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

slave

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

synonym: captive, bondservant, hard worker

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

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

covet

v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

synonym: desire, yearn, crave

(1) **covet** wealth, (2) **covet** fame

She couldn't help but **covet** her friend's designer handbag.

spur

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

synonym: encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

abyss

n. a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void

synonym: chasm, cavity, gulf

(1) the **abyss** of time, (2) an **abyss** of hopelessness

The deep sea is an **abyss** of mystery and discovery.

Session 2: Spelling

1. l__n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
2. the local chamber of co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
3. a h__p of trash *n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something
4. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
5. the su____e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
6. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
7. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
8. pro_____ate about a big challenge *v.* to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring
9. shiny ba___e *n.* a small, decorative trinket or ornament; a showy or gaudy item of little value or significance

ANSWERS: 1. lean, 2. commerce, 3. heap, 4. hell, 5. supreme, 6. acknowledge, 7. empire, 8. procrastinate, 9. bauble

10. p__e pink *adj.* having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
11. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
12. h__l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
13. the national con_____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
14. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
15. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
16. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

ANSWERS: 10. pale, 11. fantastic, 12. hail, 13. constitution, 14. slave, 15. acknowledge, 16. poem

17. s_y fox *adj.* having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals
18. sn__r openly at him *v.* to show contempt or ridicule for someone or something through a facial expression or tone of voice; (noun) a contemptuous or scornful smile or remark
19. fo____ar his criminal lifestyle *v.* to renounce or reject something, particularly under oath or to break a promise; to give up or swear off something
20. 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
21. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
22. fo____ll the attack *v.* to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future
23. th___h of hair *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
24. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
25. 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: 17. sly, 18. sneer, 19. forswear, 20. miracle, 21. row, 22. foretell, 23. thatch, 24. destroy, 25. cult

26. increase in the minimum w__e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
27. su_____er an insurance policy *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
28. w_x finish *n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large
29. school c__m *n.* a close friend; a companion; also refers to bait used in fishing to attract fish
30. an of_____ot of the company *n.* a subsidiary or secondary branch or part of something; a new development or idea that has grown out of a larger one
31. mystical so_____y *n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
32. ambitious up_____t *n.* a person who has recently risen to a position of power, especially one who behaves arrogantly; an ambitious or presumptuous newcomer
33. book of po____y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
34. g__b for potatoes *n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously

ANSWERS: 26. wage, 27. surrender, 28. wax, 29. chum, 30. offshoot, 31. sorcery, 32. upstart, 33. poetry, 34. grub

35. mindless ba___e *n.* the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech
36. keep the flagpole er__t *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
37. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
38. dark so_____y *n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
39. se___d orders *adj.* closed or secured with
40. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
41. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
42. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
43. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
44. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
45. sc_____le through her purse *v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

ANSWERS: 35. babble, 36. erect, 37. evil, 38. sorcery, 39. sealed, 40. brand, 41.

shrink, 42. beg, 43. beg, 44. fin, 45. scrabble

46. re____y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
47. ha____d appearance *adj.* looking exhausted, worn out, or gaunt, as from fatigue, illness, or overwork; having a worn or wild appearance, as if from lack of food or rest
48. up____t company *n.* a person who has recently risen to a position of power, especially one who behaves arrogantly; an ambitious or presumptuous newcomer
49. fire truck si__n *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
50. a person who has a ta____o *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
51. sh____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
52. pattern st____h *n.* one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn
53. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
54. 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

ANSWERS: 46. revelry, 47. haggard, 48. upstart, 49. siren, 50. tattoo, 51. shyness, 52. stitch, 53. lord, 54. nurse

55. powder co____e *n.* a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor
56. spiced r_m *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
57. st____h virus *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
58. fe__n a stomachache *v.* to pretend to have or to be affected by something, usually to deceive or trick someone
59. r_m cocktail *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
60. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
61. s_y in my eye *n.* a small enclosure or pen for domesticated pigs or other farm animals; a dirty, messy, or disorganized place
62. mo____te growth *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme

ANSWERS: 55. cocaine, 56. rum, 57. stomach, 58. feign, 59. rum, 60. improvisation, 61. sty, 62. moderate

63. the ba___e of a crowd *n.* the sound of many people speaking simultaneously; meaningless talk or speech
64. falling into a r_t *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
65. cheap tr____t *n.* a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities
66. m__k on clothes *n.* dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste
67. in_____ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
68. current af___rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
69. co____t discipline *adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest
70. co____t good manners *adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

ANSWERS: 63. babble, 64. rut, 65. trinket, 66. muck, 67. injustice, 68. affair, 69. corrupt, 70. corrupt

71. 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
72. s_n of omission *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
73. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
74. sn__r hatefully *v.* to show contempt or ridicule for someone or something through a facial expression or tone of voice; (noun) a contemptuous or scornful smile or remark
75. police si__n *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
76. dog-loving m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
77. fo____ar tobacco *v.* to renounce or reject something, particularly under oath or to break a promise; to give up or swear off something
78. bu___e through his speeches *v.* to move or act clumsily or awkwardly; to speak or behave in an inept or confused manner

ANSWERS: 71. label, 72. sin, 73. hunt, 74. sneer, 75. siren, 76. mate, 77. forswear, 78. bumble

79. spend a li____ss day *adj.* lacking energy, enthusiasm, or interest; marked by a feeling of lethargy or apathy
80. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
81. act of fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
82. visual nav_____on *n.* the act of directing a ship or airplane from place to place; advice or information intended to resolve a problem or challenge, especially as given by someone in authority
83. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
84. bl__t force *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
85. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
86. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
87. in_____y stage *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child

ANSWERS: 79. listless, 80. hunt, 81. folly, 82. navigation, 83. shock, 84. blunt, 85. torch, 86. doom, 87. infancy

88. pl____um jewelry *n.* a dense, precious, silvery-white metal with the atomic number 78 and the symbol Pt that is highly resistant to corrosion and tarnishing, often used in jewelry, coins, and industrial applications
89. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
90. struck a mi___y blow *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
91. a burning th___t *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
92. pi_____e gold and other treasures *n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
93. fr__l body *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength
94. vintage tr____t *n.* a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities
95. molten l__a *n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

ANSWERS: 88. platinum, 89. improvisation, 90. mighty, 91. thirst, 92. pillage, 93. frail, 94. trinket, 95. lava

96. ha__t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
97. st__e blankly *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
98. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
99. make a pr__t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
100. tumor of w__b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
101. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
102. ce__e to exist *v.* to stop an action or event
103. p__p culture *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
104. without an i__a of forgiveness *n.* an extremely small amount or quantity; a tiny or insignificant element or part; the 9th letter of the Greek alphabet
105. n_p into the room *v.* to pinch or squeeze with the fingers or a tool; to seize suddenly or quickly; to give a small bite or pinch; to decrease or reduce the size or amount of something by a small amount

ANSWERS: 96. haunt, 97. stare, 98. dawn, 99. profit, 100. womb, 101. mass, 102. cease, 103. pimp, 104. iota, 105. nip

106. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
107. w__e over time *v.* to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
108. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
109. the ba___r's box *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
110. ty____y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
111. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
112. cover with th___h *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
113. a ge____us reward *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
114. riverside bl__f *v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion
115. justice of the su____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance

ANSWERS: 106. roll, 107. wane, 108. flee, 109. batter, 110. tyranny, 111. automatically, 112. thatch, 113. generous, 114. bluff, 115. supreme

116. ce_____ty known worldwide *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
117. count your bl_____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
118. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
119. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
120. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
121. s__r of the moment *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
122. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
123. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
124. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
125. fr__l condition *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

ANSWERS: 116. celebrity, 117. blessing, 118. dot, 119. poem, 120. threaten, 121. spur, 122. historic, 123. planet, 124. torch, 125. frail

126. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
127. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
128. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
129. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
130. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
131. an excellent brain su_____n *n.* a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
132. plutonium ho__d *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
133. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
134. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
135. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 126. din, 127. fin, 128. pervasive, 129. gentle, 130. dawn, 131. surgeon, 132. hoard, 133. mass, 134. bully, 135. defend

136. upset st____h *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
137. l__a flow *n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material
138. give a menacing st__e *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
139. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
140. cl__e embryo *n.* a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation
141. cr_____le hide *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
142. 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
143. as____le your colleagues *v.* to collect in one place as a single group

ANSWERS: 136. stomach, 137. lava, 138. stare, 139. unbelievable, 140. clone, 141. crocodile, 142. generous, 143. assemble

144. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
145. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
146. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
147. ra____ad industry *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
148. l__p handshake *adj.* having no strength or energy; walking with difficulty because of pain, injury, or disability in one's leg or foot
149. cr____l analyses *n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
150. tr____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
151. ti____c compound *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
152. ab____t without leave *adj.* not present in a particular place at a particular time
153. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
154. bl____r him into the belief *v.* to speak or act in a loud, noisy, and forceful way, often in an attempt to intimidate or impress others; to boast or brag in a threatening or blustery manner; (noun) loud, aggressive, or indignant talk with little substance

ANSWERS: 144. historic, 145. flee, 146. ancestor, 147. railroad, 148. limp, 149. crystal, 150. transform, 151. titanic, 152. absent, 153. defend, 154. bluster

155. gr___e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
156. s_y tactics *adj.* having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals
157. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
158. cook up some g__bs *n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
159. co__t fame *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
160. a_e claimed *adv.* an outdated word meaning "yes," used to indicate agreement or assent, particularly in official contexts such as voting or parliamentary procedures; forever or always; (noun) agreement or affirmation
161. pro_____ate on my homework *v.* to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring
162. go___n hair *n.* in Greek mythology, a female creature with snakes for hair whose gaze turned people to stone; something or someone that causes terror or fear
163. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

ANSWERS: 155. grieve, 156. sly, 157. commerce, 158. grub, 159. covet, 160. aye, 161. procrastinate, 162. gorgon, 163. dot

164. sa__r the moment *v.* to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor
165. 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
166. boring routine r_t *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
167. cited ve__e *n.* a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme
168. su_____b to old age *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
169. visit to the veterinary cl___c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
170. f__x density *n.* the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place
171. bestowed bl_____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

ANSWERS: 164. savor, 165. sham, 166. rut, 167. verse, 168. succumb, 169. clinic, 170. flux, 171. blessing

172. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
173. cr__e chocolate *v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
174. arbitrary bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
175. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
176. keep a mi_____ss *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
177. su_____b to cancer *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
178. wo_____p god *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
179. bl___y diarrhea *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
180. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 172. calm, 173. crave, 174. bureaucracy, 175. debate, 176. mistress, 177. succumb, 178. worship, 179. bloody, 180. probable

181. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
182. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
183. economic fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
184. te___r group *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
185. p__p lifestyle *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
186. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
187. ve__e play *n.* a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme
188. nea_____sis DNA *n.* a species of the genus Homo that lived in Europe and western and central Asia from about 200,000 to 30,000 years ago
189. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
190. re__n of a dictator *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen

ANSWERS: 181. ancestor, 182. trump, 183. folly, 184. terror, 185. pimp, 186. automatically, 187. verse, 188. neanderthalensis, 189. planet, 190. reign

191. an i__a of truth *n.* an extremely small amount or quantity; a tiny or insignificant element or part; the 9th letter of the Greek alphabet
192. bl__f the other side *v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion
193. l__p hair *adj.* having no strength or energy; walking with difficulty because of pain, injury, or disability in one's leg or foot
194. saltwater cr_____le *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
195. re_____t in a mountain region *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
196. new c__m *n.* a close friend; a companion; also refers to bait used in fishing to attract fish
197. photo in gl_____us color *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
198. ba__l of languages *n.* a loud noise, typically referring to the confusion of many voices talking at once, derived from the biblical story of the Tower of Babel, in which God caused confusion among people by making them speak different languages

ANSWERS: 191. iota, 192. bluff, 193. limp, 194. crocodile, 195. retreat, 196. chum, 197. glorious, 198. babel

199. Homo nea_____sis *n.* a species of the genus Homo that lived in Europe and western and central Asia from about 200,000 to 30,000 years ago
200. a last re___t *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
201. a w__y statesman *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
202. fall into a r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
203. s__r a momentum of economic growth *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
204. coast-to-coast ra_____ad *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
205. li_____ss mood *adj.* lacking energy, enthusiasm, or interest; marked by a feeling of lethargy or apathy
206. gross in_____ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
207. he___t size *n.* a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress
208. lose some of my sh_____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

ANSWERS: 199. neanderthalensis, 200. resort, 201. wary, 202. rage, 203. spur, 204. railroad, 205. listless, 206. injustice, 207. helmet, 208. shyness

209. mo____te risk *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
210. for con_____ce sake *n.* the state of being suitable or opportune
211. bit of a no____y *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
212. as____le a jigsaw puzzle *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
213. fe__n a false laugh *v.* to pretend to have or to be affected by something, usually to deceive or trick someone
214. the p_t of the stomach *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
215. 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
216. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
217. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
218. a p__e complexion *adj.* having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
219. ju_____e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

ANSWERS: 209. moderate, 210. convenience, 211. novelty, 212. assemble, 213. feign, 214. pit, 215. miracle, 216. evil, 217. crack, 218. pale, 219. justice

229. blissfully ig_____nt *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
230. minor co_____ic changes *adj.* relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive
231. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
232. liquid cr_____l *n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
233. the ab__s of time *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
234. theatrical bl_____r *v.* to speak or act in a loud, noisy, and forceful way, often in an attempt to intimidate or impress others; to boast or brag in a threatening or blustery manner; (noun) loud, aggressive, or indignant talk with little substance
235. decorative ba_____e *n.* a small, decorative trinket or ornament; a showy or gaudy item of little value or significance
236. cultural of_____ot *n.* a subsidiary or secondary branch or part of something; a new development or idea that has grown out of a larger one

ANSWERS: 229. ignorant, 230. cosmetic, 231. unbelievable, 232. crystal, 233. abyss, 234. bluster, 235. bauble, 236. offshoot

237. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
238. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
239. w_x and wane *n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large
240. ca___s his cheek *v.* to touch or stroke gently and affectionately; to express love or tenderness with physical contact
241. a_e vote *adv.* an outdated word meaning "yes," used to indicate agreement or assent, particularly in official contexts such as voting or parliamentary procedures; forever or always; (noun) agreement or affirmation
242. ar__w diagram *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
243. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
244. the bottomless p_t *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
245. ri__l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

ANSWERS: 237. absolutely, 238. upset, 239. wax, 240. caress, 241. aye, 242. arrow, 243. calm, 244. pit, 245. rival

246. th____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
247. devastating in____o *n.* a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs
248. fellow se____t *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
249. bas____ze culture *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
250. co____ic fenders on cars *adj.* relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive
251. baseball ce____ty *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
252. go____n stone *n.* in Greek mythology, a female creature with snakes for hair whose gaze turned people to stone; something or someone that causes terror or fear
253. su____er at discretion *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
254. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 246. threaten, 247. inferno, 248. servant, 249. bastardize, 250. cosmetic, 251. celebrity, 252. gorgon, 253. surrender, 254. bully

255. qu__ms of conscience *n.* an uneasy feeling of doubt, uncertainty, or apprehension, often about the morality or propriety of action; a sudden fit or attack of pain or nausea
256. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
257. se_____t of God *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
258. bu___e his way into a high-paying job *v.* to move or act clumsily or awkwardly; to speak or behave in an inept or confused manner
259. abiding res_____nt *n.* bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
260. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
261. mi___y works *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
262. h_m the skirt *n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish
263. Jo___n satellites *adj.* relating to Jupiter or its characteristics
264. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

ANSWERS: 255. qualm, 256. twin, 257. servant, 258. bumble, 259. resentment, 260. enslave, 261. mighty, 262. hem, 263. Jovian, 264. slave

265. ha____d complexion *adj.* looking exhausted, worn out, or gaunt, as from fatigue, illness, or overwork; having a worn or wild appearance, as if from lack of food or rest
266. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
267. ha__t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
268. a fe__t for the eyes *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
269. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
270. fo____ll the end of the world *v.* to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future
271. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
272. te____r attack *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
273. v__n pursuit *adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
274. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 265. haggard, 266. relative, 267. haunt, 268. feast, 269. shock, 270. foretell, 271. lord, 272. terror, 273. vain, 274. trump

275. nu__e practitioner	<i>n.</i>	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
276. the pe__l of the sea	<i>n.</i>	serious and great danger or risk
277. a nightly fe__t	<i>n.</i>	a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
278. co_____e overdose	<i>n.</i>	a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor
279. unpaid w__es	<i>n.</i>	a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
280. cr__d of faith	<i>n.</i>	a system of beliefs or principles
281. a st___h in a garment	<i>n.</i>	one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn
282. barrier r__f	<i>n.</i>	a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
283. the def_____on of a word	<i>n.</i>	a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
284. bitter res_____nt	<i>n.</i>	bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
285. an ab__s of hopelessness	<i>n.</i>	a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
286. em___e building	<i>n.</i>	a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

ANSWERS: 275. nurse, 276. peril, 277. feast, 278. cocaine, 279. wage, 280. creed, 281. stitch, 282. reef, 283. definition, 284. resentment, 285. abyss, 286. empire

287. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
288. ca___s her hair *v.* to touch or stroke gently and affectionately; to express love or tenderness with physical contact
289. re___t to desperate measures *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
290. er__t structure *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
291. the h_m of a dress *n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish
292. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
293. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
294. ti____c battle *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
295. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

ANSWERS: 287. deny, 288. caress, 289. resort, 290. erect, 291. hem, 292. genius, 293. lean, 294. titanic, 295. tuck

296. w__y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
297. a mi____ss of comedy *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
298. homeless b_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
299. v__n hope *adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
300. uncontrollable r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
301. ut____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
302. sp____ng wheel *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
303. sc____le words *v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

ANSWERS: 296. wary, 297. mistress, 298. bum, 299. vain, 300. rage, 301. utterly, 302. spinning, 303. scrabble

304. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
305. da___e at French *v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid
306. sc_____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
307. ab___t-minded *adj.* not present in a particular place at a particular time
308. con_____ce goods *n.* the state of being suitable or opportune
309. messy s_y *n.* a small enclosure or pen for domesticated pigs or other farm animals; a dirty, messy, or disorganized place
310. w__e in popularity *v.* to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
311. ar__w pointing *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
312. a former p__t of farmland *n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
313. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
314. a ba__l of confusion *n.* a loud noise, typically referring to the confusion of many voices talking at once, derived from the biblical story of the Tower of Babel, in which God caused confusion among people by making them speak different languages

ANSWERS: 304. upset, 305. dabble, 306. scatter, 307. absent, 308. convenience, 309. sty, 310. wane, 311. arrow, 312. plat, 313. utterly, 314. babel

315. army su____n *n.* a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
316. co__t wealth *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
317. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
318. bas_____ze a recipe *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
319. political gu__e *n.* the use of deceit or cunning to achieve one's goals; sly or cunning behavior, often with the intent to deceive
320. w__b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
321. in early in____y *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child
322. go_____ld's christening *n.* a child or young person who is baptized and sponsored by a godparent, typically chosen from among close family or friends
323. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
324. brutal ty____y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

ANSWERS: 315. surgeon, 316. covet, 317. pervasive, 318. bastardize, 319. guile, 320. womb, 321. infancy, 322. godchild, 323. fantastic, 324. tyranny

325. a gl____us victory *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
326. wr__h of God *n.* extreme anger
327. ex__l the beauty *v.* to praise or laud highly; to exalt or elevate someone or something by highlighting their positive qualities or attributes
328. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
329. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
330. ce__e drinking *v.* to stop an action or event
331. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
332. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
333. sp_____ng machine *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
334. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk

ANSWERS: 325. glorious, 326. wrath, 327. extol, 328. absolutely, 329. roll, 330. cease, 331. bureaucracy, 332. debate, 333. spinning, 334. peril

335. ig____nt remark *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
336. festival re____y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
337. se____d jar *adj.* closed or secured with
338. w__p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
339. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
340. pl____um record *n.* a dense, precious, silvery-white metal with the atomic number 78 and the symbol Pt that is highly resistant to corrosion and tarnishing, often used in jewelry, coins, and industrial applications
341. forgive a s_n *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
342. violent pi____e *n.* the act of looting or plundering, particularly during times of war or conflict; the theft or destruction of property or valuables; (verb) to rob, loot, or plunder a place or area, usually in a violent and destructive way
343. gr____e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

ANSWERS: 335. ignorant, 336. revelry, 337. sealed, 338. weep, 339. destroy, 340. platinum, 341. sin, 342. pillage, 343. grieve

344. Jo___n planet *adj.* relating to Jupiter or its characteristics
345. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
346. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
347. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
348. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
349. lazy b_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
350. f__n coat *adj.* having a light yellowish-brown or tawny color, often resembling the color of a young deer; excessively flattering or obsequious to seek favor or attention
351. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
352. baptized go_____ld *n.* a child or young person who is baptized and sponsored by a godparent, typically chosen from among close family or friends
353. ex__l the benefits *v.* to praise or laud highly; to exalt or elevate someone or something by highlighting their positive qualities or attributes

ANSWERS: 344. Jovian, 345. row, 346. probable, 347. shrink, 348. twin, 349. bum, 350. fawn, 351. crack, 352. godchild, 353. extol

354. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
355. construction m__k *n.* dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste
356. merge with a ri__l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
357. h__l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
358. ho__d my possessions *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
359. da___e in a hobby *v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid
360. bl___y massacre *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
361. safety he___t *n.* a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress
362. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 354. transform, 355. muck, 356. rival, 357. hail, 358. hoard, 359. dabble, 360. bloody, 361. helmet, 362. profit

363. recombinant cl__e *n.* a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation
364. criminal ju____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
365. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
366. cr__e advice from others *v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
367. in a ge___e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
368. a raging in____o *n.* a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs
369. moral qu__ms *n.* an uneasy feeling of doubt, uncertainty, or apprehension, often about the morality or propriety of action; a sudden fit or attack of pain or nausea
370. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
371. nav_____on system *n.* the act of directing a ship or airplane from place to place; advice or information intended to resolve a problem or challenge, especially as given by someone in authority

ANSWERS: 363. clone, 364. justice, 365. brand, 366. crave, 367. gentle, 368. inferno, 369. qualm, 370. doom, 371. navigation

372. th__t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
373. white-tailed f__n *adj.* having a light yellowish-brown or tawny color, often resembling the color of a young deer; excessively flattering or obsequious to seek favor or attention
374. sa__r the taste *v.* to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor
375. w__p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
376. a high person's wr__h *n.* extreme anger
377. a ta___o artist *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
378. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
379. bl__t criticism *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
380. st__e a fire *v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict

ANSWERS: 372. thirst, 373. fawn, 374. savor, 375. weep, 376. wrath, 377. tattoo, 378. hell, 379. blunt, 380. stoke

381. top of the h__p *n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something
382. p__t book *n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
383. re____t deeper into their territory *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
384. 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
385. re__n as sovereign *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
386. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
387. cunning gu__e *n.* the use of deceit or cunning to achieve one's goals; sly or cunning behavior, often with the intent to deceive
388. absolutely wo____p *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
389. coral r__fs *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
390. domestic af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 381. heap, 382. plat, 383. retreat, 384. sham, 385. reign, 386. genius, 387. guile, 388. worship, 389. reef, 390. affair

391. sc____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
392. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
393. f__x of particles *n.* the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place
394. n_p a bud *v.* to pinch or squeeze with the fingers or a tool; to seize suddenly or quickly; to give a small bite or pinch; to decrease or reduce the size or amount of something by a small amount
395. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
396. ba___r the eggs *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
397. the no____y of an invention *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
398. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
399. political cr__d *n.* a system of beliefs or principles
400. modern po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
401. 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

ANSWERS: 391. scatter, 392. temple, 393. flux, 394. nip, 395. deny, 396. batter, 397. novelty, 398. definition, 399. creed, 400. poetry, 401. label

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She was filled with a burning _____ at the injustice she had witnessed.
n. a strong feeling of anger or violence
2. She felt _____ towards her boss for not giving her a promotion.
n. bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
3. The lazy _____ controlled and exploited the women working for him.
n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
4. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.
adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
5. The politician didn't seem to have any _____ about lying to his constituents.
n. an uneasy feeling of doubt, uncertainty, or apprehension, often about the morality or propriety of action; a sudden fit or attack of pain or nausea
6. The _____ of the city was overwhelming.
n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
7. He finally exploded with _____ due to the team's repeated failures.
n. extreme anger
8. The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the _____ and it grew rapidly as a result.
n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

ANSWERS: 1. rage, 2. resentment, 3. pimp, 4. calm, 5. qualms, 6. din, 7. wrath, 8. railroad,

9. The vessel ran aground on a _____.
n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
10. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.
n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
11. The politician _____ about the importance of his new policy.
v. to speak or act in a loud, noisy, and forceful way, often in an attempt to intimidate or impress others; to boast or brag in a threatening or blustery manner; (noun) loud, aggressive, or indignant talk with little substance
12. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
13. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
14. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
15. Many people go on a _____ to recharge and reconnect with themselves.
n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
16. The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to _____ a sense of vibrancy in their painting.
v. to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict

ANSWERS: 9. reef, 10. injustice, 11. blustered, 12. begged, 13. shock, 14. probable, 15. retreat, 16. stoke

17. Some animals _____ death when in danger.

- v.* to pretend to have or to be affected by something, usually to deceive or trick someone

18. The mother gently _____ her child's forehead to soothe their fever.

- v.* to touch or stroke gently and affectionately; to express love or tenderness with physical contact

19. I will _____ all unhealthy habits and commit to a healthier lifestyle.

- v.* to renounce or reject something, particularly under oath or to break a promise; to give up or swear off something

20. 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

21. He _____ the matter until it was almost too late.

- v.* to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring

22. This shirt will _____ in the wash.

- v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

23. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.

- n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

24. I need to find a _____ for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.

- n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game

ANSWERS: 17. feign, 18. caressed, 19. forswear, 20. generous, 21. procrastinated, 22. shrink, 23. wages, 24. mate

25. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
26. The _____ of the organization emphasized hard work and dedication.
- n.* a system of beliefs or principles
27. The horses waded through the _____ in the field after the rainstorm.
- n.* dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste
28. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
- n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
29. A vast _____ chandelier glittered brightly above us.
- n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
30. The company decided to _____ production of the product.
- v.* to stop an action or event
31. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.
- v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
32. In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a _____.
- n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual

ANSWERS: 25. commerce, 26. creed, 27. muck, 28. poem, 29. crystal, 30. cease, 31. tuck, 32. novelty

33. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.
- n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
34. They traditionally _____ their guru.
- v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
35. I have a _____ ache after overeating junk food.
- n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
36. The crime scene was _____ and gruesome.
- adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
37. He finally _____ to temptation.
- v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
38. The city planning department keeps detailed _____ of all the local properties.
- n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
39. The classroom was a _____ of excitement as the students prepared for their field trip.
- n.* a loud noise, typically referring to the confusion of many voices talking at once, derived from the biblical story of the Tower of Babel, in which God caused confusion among people by making them speak different languages

ANSWERS: 33. affair, 34. worship, 35. stomach, 36. bloody, 37. succumbed, 38. plats, 39. babel

40. He had a ____ smile on his face as he told his joke.

adj. having or showing a secretive or deceptive nature; cunning or crafty in achieving one's goals

41. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

42. The poet recited a _____ from her latest collection.

n. a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme

43. The town's population was in _____ with many people moving in and out.

n. the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place

44. The discovery of a _____ burial site was a breakthrough for the team of archaeologists.

n. a species of the genus Homo that lived in Europe and western and central Asia from about 200,000 to 30,000 years ago

45. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

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

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

47. The plane's _____ system had problems, which mechanics found.

n. the act of directing a ship or airplane from place to place; advice or information intended to resolve a problem or challenge, especially as given by someone in authority

ANSWERS: 40. sly, 41. relatives, 42. verse, 43. flux, 44. neanderthalensis, 45. absolutely, 46. transformed, 47. navigation

48. She used a combination of charm and _____ strategy to work her way up in the company.
- n.* the use of deceit or cunning to achieve one's goals; sly or cunning behavior, often with the intent to deceive
49. The steak was so undercooked that it was almost raw and had a _____ texture.
- adj.* having no strength or energy; walking with difficulty because of pain, injury, or disability in one's leg or foot
50. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
51. He read books to quench his _____ for knowledge.
- n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
52. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
53. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
- n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
54. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to _____ the performer long after the show ended.
- v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
55. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.
- n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

ANSWERS: 48. guile, 49. limp, 50. historic, 51. thirst, 52. fins, 53. definition, 54. haunt, 55. lord

56. The garden was infested with beetle _____ causing damage to the plant roots.
- n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
57. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
- n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
58. She _____ at his attempts to impress her.
- v.* to show contempt or ridicule for someone or something through a facial expression or tone of voice; (noun) a contemptuous or scornful smile or remark
59. _____ surgery is becoming more common in Asia due to lowering prices.
- adj.* relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive
60. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
- adj.* extremely good; excellent
61. The threat of losing his job was the _____ he needed to work harder.
- n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
62. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 56. grubs, 57. bully, 58. sneered, 59. Cosmetic, 60. fantastic, 61. spur, 62. cult

63. She turned _____ when she heard the news.

adj. having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness

64. He finally overcame his _____.

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

65. The prisoners looked _____ and emaciated due to the inhumane conditions in the jail.

adj. looking exhausted, worn out, or gaunt, as from fatigue, illness, or overwork; having a worn or wild appearance, as if from lack of food or rest

66. The deep sea is an _____ of mystery and discovery.

n. a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void

67. Please avoid using excessive jargon or too much technological _____.

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

68. They often _____ in new business ventures but only commit partially.

v. to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid

69. The teacher _____ the virtues of hard work and dedication to her students.

v. to praise or laud highly; to exalt or elevate someone or something by highlighting their positive qualities or attributes

70. The bomb blast spread _____ among the people.

n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

ANSWERS: 63. pale, 64. shyness, 65. haggard, 66. abyss, 67. babble, 68. dabble, 69. extolled, 70. terror

71. If both countries _____ to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.
- n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
72. The company seems stuck in a ____ and needs to try something new.
- n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
73. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.
- n.* serious and great danger or risk
74. The captain nodded in _____ showing his agreement with the plan.
- adv.* an outdated word meaning "yes," used to indicate agreement or assent, particularly in official contexts such as voting or parliamentary procedures; forever or always; (noun) agreement or affirmation
75. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.
- adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
76. We packed and shipped the product in _____ containers.
- adj.* closed or secured with
77. The little girl loved to collect _____ and display them on her dresser.
- n.* a small decorative item or piece of jewelry that is often of little value or practical use but is cherished for its sentimental or aesthetic qualities
78. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 71. resort, 72. rut, 73. peril, 74. aye, 75. pervasive, 76. sealed, 77. trinkets, 78. trump

79. The dictator's _____ was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.
- n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
80. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.
- n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
81. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.
- adv.* without needing a direct human control
82. He claimed that he could perform _____ and cast spells.
- n.* the use of magic, often associated with evil or supernatural powers; witchcraft
83. The _____ politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.
- adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest
84. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
85. The _____ attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear
- n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
86. She couldn't help but _____ her friend's designer handbag.
- v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

ANSWERS: 79. reign, 80. justice, 81. automatically, 82. sorcery, 83. corrupt, 84. ancestor, 85. crocodile, 86. covet

87. This business yields little _____.

- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

88. The street was filled with _____ on New Year's Eve.

- n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

89. He was _____ from the meeting and missed all the important updates.

- adj.* not present in a particular place at a particular time

90. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.

- n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

91. My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite _____.

- adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

92. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.

- n.* poems in general as a genre of literature

93. He is in _____ searching for a new job since he has no experience in the field.

- adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful

94. She _____ the loss of her parents.

- v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

ANSWERS: 87. profit, 88. revelry, 89. absent, 90. row, 91. frail, 92. poetry, 93. vain, 94. grieved

95. The building was consumed by an _____ reducing it to ashes.
n. a place or condition of intense suffering, especially Hell, in traditional Christian beliefs
96. The ____ in the pina colada gave the drink its signature kick.
n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
97. 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
98. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
99. He never _____ his fault.
v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
100. She was _____ of meeting new people because of past experiences.
adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
101. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would _____ in sympathy if I saw that movie.
v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
102. He had a _____ understanding of the topic but needed further research.
adj. being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme

ANSWERS: 95. inferno, 96. rum, 97. nurse, 98. flee, 99. acknowledged, 100. wary, 101. weep, 102. moderate

103. The wound was so deep that it needed a surgical procedure and _____.
- n.* one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn
104. He sealed the letter with a ____ seal.
- n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large
105. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
- n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
106. Receiving support from his friends was a great _____ in his time of need.
- n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
107. I heard the _____ of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.
- n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
108. The farmer cleaned out the pig ____ before the new piglets arrived.
- n.* a small enclosure or pen for domesticated pigs or other farm animals; a dirty, messy, or disorganized place
109. He _____ a person out of going.
- v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion
110. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 103. stitches, 104. wax, 105. dots, 106. blessing, 107. siren, 108. sty, 109. bluffed, 110. improvisation

111. The kids eagerly _____ to find the hidden Easter eggs in the garden.

- v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

112. The volcano's eruption caused a _____ river to flow down the mountainside.

- n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

113. I feel honored that they asked me to be their daughter's _____.

- n.* a child or young person who is baptized and sponsored by a godparent, typically chosen from among close family or friends

114. The _____ ship sank on its maiden voyage.

- adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

115. He was _____ of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.

- adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

116. After that last exam, the professor was a total _____ to anyone who tried to ask for clarification.

- n.* in Greek mythology, a female creature with snakes for hair whose gaze turned people to stone; something or someone that causes terror or fear

117. Mozart was a musical _____.

- n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

ANSWERS: 111. scrabbled, 112. lava, 113. godchild, 114. titanic, 115. ignorant, 116. gorgon, 117. genius

118. The ____ length of her dress was perfect for the evening event.

- n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish

119. She used to be his _____ before the death of his first wife.

- n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others

120. He got so angry that he _____ the door down.

- v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

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

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

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

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

123. The archer aimed his _____ carefully at the target.

- n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

124. The ____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

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

125. Hounds ____ their prey by using their keen scent.

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

ANSWERS: 118. hem, 119. mistress, 120. battered, 121. slave, 122. rolled, 123. arrow, 124. mass, 125. hunt

126. He always had a _____ to play with when he was a child.

n. a close friend; a companion; also refers to bait used in fishing to attract fish

127. The _____ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

128. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

129. He is like an exact _____ of his brother.

n. a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation

130. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

131. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

132. 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

133. They _____ a common secret instead of sharing it.

v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

ANSWERS: 126. chum, 127. pit, 128. twin, 129. clone, 130. unbelievable, 131. brand, 132. miracle, 133. hoarded

134. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

135. The _____ moon Europa is believed to have an ocean beneath its icy surface.

adj. relating to Jupiter or its characteristics

136. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

137. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

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

138. The country was ruled by a _____ that oppressed its citizens.

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

139. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.

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

140. The _____ politician made a splash in the election, challenging the established incumbents.

n. a person who has recently risen to a position of power, especially one who behaves arrogantly; an ambitious or presumptuous newcomer

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

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

ANSWERS: 134. temple, 135. Jovian, 136. debate, 137. evil, 138. tyranny, 139. gentle, 140. upstart, 141. defend

142. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country
- n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
143. The _____ knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.
- adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
144. Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital _____ for life.
- n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
145. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.
- n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
146. The faithful _____ had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.
- n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
147. A _____ of old clothes was lying in the room.
- n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something
148. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
- v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
149. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
- v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 142. constitution, 143. blunt, 144. tattoo, 145. dawn, 146. servant, 147. heap, 148. denying, 149. crack

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

adv. completely or absolutely

151. The president began to _____ an army.

v. to collect in one place as a single group

152. The technology is still in its _____ and has much room for improvement.

n. the state or period of being a baby or very young child

153. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

154. The fortune teller was able to _____ the future by reading tarot cards.

v. to predict or reveal something that will happen in the future

155. The enemy was forced to _____ after a long battle.

v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority

156. 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

157. The worker survived the impact because they were wearing sturdy _____.

n. a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress

158. People in the area were forced to _____ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

ANSWERS: 150. utterly, 151. assemble, 152. infancy, 153. empire, 154. foretell, 155. surrender, 156. label, 157. helmets, 158. hail

159. The fragrance of this material _____ over weeks to months.
v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
160. The new program is an _____ of the main curriculum for students with specific interests.
n. a subsidiary or secondary branch or part of something; a new development or idea that has grown out of a larger one
161. I choose a _____ death rather than a shameful life.
adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
162. He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up ___ with nothing to show.
n. a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
163. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.
n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
164. The Christmas tree was adorned with colorful _____ and twinkling lights.
n. a small, decorative trinket or ornament; a showy or gaudy item of little value or significance
165. She took a _____ class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.
n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
166. The royal _____ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.
n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

ANSWERS: 159. wanes, 160. offshoot, 161. glorious, 162. bum, 163. torch, 164. baubles, 165. spinning, 166. feast

167. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

168. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

169. 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

170. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

171. The _____ roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.

n. a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

172. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the _____.

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

173. Her beauty _____ me completely.

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

174. It was _____ for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.

n. a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit

ANSWERS: 167. supreme, 168. sins, 169. sham, 170. threatening, 171. thatch, 172. womb, 173. enslaved, 174. folly

175. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.
- n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
176. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
- n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
177. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
178. We do not want to _____ the text's original meaning through poor translations.
- v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
179. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
180. She _____ success and is always pushing herself to do better.
- v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
181. The popularity of the show made her an instant _____.
- n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
182. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

ANSWERS: 175. rivals, 176. hell, 177. destroyed, 178. bastardize, 179. planet, 180. craves, 181. celebrity, 182. doom

183. ____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

184. I always like to ____ a good cup of coffee in the morning.

v. to enjoy or appreciate something fully; to relish or delight in something delicious or enjoyable; to preserve or season with a savory flavor

185. The army's village _____ left the residents without food or shelter.

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

186. They offered the _____ of an installment plan.

n. the state of being suitable or opportune

187. She holds a _____ on Tuesday mornings.

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

188. I need to ____ the thread to sew this button on.

v. to pinch or squeeze with the fingers or a tool; to seize suddenly or quickly; to give a small bite or pinch; to decrease or reduce the size or amount of something by a small amount

189. He couldn't help but _____ at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.

v. to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

ANSWERS: 183. Lean, 184. savor, 185. pillage, 186. convenience, 187. clinic, 188. nip, 189. stare

190. He was awfully _____ by the news.

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

191. I didn't understand an _____ of what the professor was saying during the lecture.

n. an extremely small amount or quantity; a tiny or insignificant element or part; the 9th letter of the Greek alphabet

192. The drug dealer was arrested for possession of _____.

n. a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor

193. She tends to _____ through her work, making careless errors along the way.

v. to move or act clumsily or awkwardly; to speak or behave in an inept or confused manner

194. After a long day at work, I felt _____ and unable to do anything productive.

adj. lacking energy, enthusiasm, or interest; marked by a feeling of lethargy or apathy

195. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

196. He is a skilled _____ that has many years of training and experience.

n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body

197. The chemist worked with a _____ catalyst to speed up the reaction.

n. a dense, precious, silvery-white metal with the atomic number 78 and the symbol Pt that is highly resistant to corrosion and tarnishing, often used in jewelry, coins, and industrial applications

ANSWERS: 190. upset, 191. iota, 192. cocaine, 193. bumble, 194. listless, 195. scattered, 196. surgeon, 197. platinum

198. She had a _____ dress that looked perfect for the wedding.

adj. having a light yellowish-brown or tawny color, often resembling the color of a young deer; excessively flattering or obsequious to seek favor or attention

199. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

200. The workers were able to _____ the tent in just a few minutes.

v. to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical

201. Only the _____ God has the power to brighten this dark land.

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

ANSWERS: 198. fawn-colored, 199. bureaucracy, 200. erect, 201. mighty