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Session 1: Word List

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**
Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television
The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

buzz

v. to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

synonym: hum, murmur, whisper

(1) the **buzz** of a cicada, (2) **buzz** marketing
I heard the **buzz** of conversation from the next room.

invest

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

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym: smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

polar

adj. relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

synonym: opposing, contrary, contrasting

(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions

Polar animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

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

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

modernity

n. the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

synonym: contemporaneousness, present-day, contemporaneity

(1) spirit of **modernity**, (2) path toward **modernity**

He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's **modernity**.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym: middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal
He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym: intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task
My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds
Communal elections were held in several European countries.

rag

n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

synonym: cloth, fragment

(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll

He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym: alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

vicious

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice

synonym: malicious, spiteful, malevolent

(1) **vicious** attack, (2) **vicious** deflationary spiral

The **vicious** dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

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.

hijab

n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

synonym : veil, headscarf, cover

(1) woman's **hijab**, (2) **hijab** garment

Many Muslim women wear a **hijab** as a symbol of their religious beliefs.

headscarf

n. a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons

synonym : hijab, shawl, veil

(1) traditional **headscarf**, (2) **headscarf** cloth

Some women choose to wear a **headscarf** as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

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

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

submission

n. the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority

synonym : obedience, yielding, compliance

(1) **submission** agreement, (2) **submission** of a final report

The **submission** deadline for the project is next week.

resistance

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

synonym :

opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

rap

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

synonym: hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

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

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

maim

v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

synonym: injure, incapacitate, wound

(1) **maim** a victim, (2) **maim** his hand

The reckless driver **maimed** several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

basis

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

synonym: foundation, base, ground

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

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

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**
Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

nationality

n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country

synonym: ethnicity, race, citizenship

(1) acquisition of **nationality**, (2) **nationality** certificate
Dual **nationality** is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.

replant

v. to remove a plant from one place and transplant it in another, often to promote growth or preserve its existence; to reattach a body part, such as a finger, hand, or even a limb, that has been completely severed from the body

synonym: transplant, relocate

(1) **replant** the patient's severed arm, (2) **replant** crops
After the storm, we had to **replant** all the uprooted trees.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities
They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

radical

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

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure
The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

radicalize

v. to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices

synonym: transform, alter

(1) **radicalize** religious groups, (2) **radicalize** ideology

The extremist group aims to **radicalize** young people through its propaganda.

guilty

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

synonym: culpable, blameworthy, at fault

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

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

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

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

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

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

fragment

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

synonym : piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**

The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

shed

v. to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

synonym : discard, drop, cast off

(1) **shed** an old skin, (2) a cow **shed**

He **shed** a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

devout

adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

synonym : pious, religious, faithful

(1) **devout** Buddhist, (2) act in a **devout** manner

The **devout** monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

harmonize

v. to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible

synonym : reconcile, balance, match

(1) **harmonize** with others, (2) **harmonize** two different opinions

The musicians attempted to **harmonize** their voices for the chorus.

lesbian

n. a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women

synonym : gay woman, female homosexual, tribade

(1) **lesbian** love, (2) **lesbian** relationship

The **lesbian** couple was denied the right to marry due to the conservative laws in their state.

taboo

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

synonym : forbidden, prohibited, proscribed

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

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

breaker

n. a person or thing that breaks, disrupts, or interrupts; a large wave that collapses or breaks forcefully onto the shore or against an obstacle

synonym : wave, interrupter, obstruction

(1) record **breaker**, (2) tide **breaker**

He used a circuit **breaker** to restore power to the entire building.

indebted

adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

synonym: owing, obligated, beholden

(1) **indebted** to creditors, (2) financially **indebted**

He felt **indebted** to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym: equality, standard, balance

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

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

misdemeanor

n. a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months

synonym: infraction, offense, wrongdoing

(1) **misdemeanor** charge, (2) commit a **misdemeanor**

A **misdemeanor** conviction can have long-term consequences, such as difficulty finding employment.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

unclear

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

synonym: ambiguous, fuzzy, obscure

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

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

inordinate

adj. excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate

synonym: exorbitant, unreasonable, extreme

(1) **inordinate** ambition, (2) **inordinate** interest

She had an **inordinate** amount of work to complete before the deadline.

suspicious

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

synonym: fishy, questionable, doubtful

(1) report **suspicious** activity, (2) a person who is **suspicious**

We carefully examine each **suspicious** transaction report we receive.

pat

v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

synonym: tap, stroke, caress

(1) **pat** on the back, (2) **pat** a dog

She **patted** the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

outrage

n. an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices

synonym: indignation, fury, anger

(1) public **outrage**, (2) **outrage** over injustice

There was widespread **outrage** over the government's handling of the situation.

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

articulate

v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

synonym: express, state, utter

(1) **articulate** his position, (2) eloquently **articulate**

She was able to **articulate** her argument in the debate

clearly.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym : luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

widow

n. a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried

synonym : bereaved

(1) **widow** pension, (2) a war **widow**

She became a **widow** after her husband passed away.

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym : herd, crowd, assembly

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

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

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**.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

sari

n. a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles

synonym : shawl, wrap, veil

(1) **sari** blouse, (2) silk **sari**

She wore a beautiful **sari** to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.

wipe

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

synonym: clean, brush, swab

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

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

bind

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

synonym: tie, stick to, adhere

(1) **bind** the man's hands, (2) **bind** old letters into a bundle

The company's rules **bind** the employee's working hours.

forehead

n. the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline

synonym: brow, frontal bone, temple

(1) **forehead** wrinkles, (2) kiss on the **forehead**

The athlete had sweat dripping down her **forehead** after the intense workout.

bangle

n. a decorative piece of jewelry, often worn around the wrist, consisting of a circular or semi-circular band that may be solid or hollow and may be adorned with various embellishments

synonym: bracelet, wristlet, armlet

(1) silver **bangle**, (2) dancer's **bangles**

She wore a gold **bangle** on her wrist that shimmered in the sunlight.

bewilder

v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

synonym : perplex, confound, puzzle

(1) **bewilder** the reader, (2) **bewilder** scientists

The complex instructions on the assignment sheet **bewilder** most students.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

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.

intervene

v. to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse

synonym : interfere, mediate, intercede

(1) **intervene** in a dispute, (2) **intervene** between quarreling parties

Following international law, our country does not **intervene** in the internal affairs of our neighbors.

mutter

v. to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

synonym : grumble, mumble, complain

(1) **mutter** in a low voice, (2) **mutter** to myself

He **muttered** under his breath about the job relocation.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym : characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success"

rigorously.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

affected

adj. influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere

synonym: artificial, pretentious, stilted

(1) **affected** way of walking, (2) the **affected** part

Her **affected** accent made it difficult to take her seriously.

suffer

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

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

tutelage

n. the act or process of providing guidance, instruction, or protection to someone, especially someone who is young or inexperienced; the relationship between a mentor or teacher and their student or protégé

synonym: mentoring, guidance, apprenticeship

(1) **tutelage** of young learners, (2) provide **tutelage**

The student was under the **tutelage** of a well-known scholar.

defiant

adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms

synonym: rebellious, disobedient, insubordinate

(1) a **defiant** attitude, (2) **defiant** eye

The **defiant** student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.

feminist

adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women;
(noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

synonym : egalitarian

(1) **feminist** movement, (2) **feminist** perspective

The **feminist** ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

spark

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

synonym : start, inspire, provoke

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

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

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

equality

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

synonym : sameness, equity, parity

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

Everyone deserves **equality** regardless of their race, gender,

or socioeconomic status.

overturn

v. to turn something upside down; to upset

synonym : flip over, upset, topple

(1) **overturn** a decision, (2) **overturn** a table

The court **overturned** the original verdict.

oppressive

adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

synonym : stifling, overwhelming, depressing

(1) the atmosphere was **oppressive**, (2) **oppressive** governments

The political situation has become increasingly **oppressive**.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

organization

n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

synonym : association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**

She is the president of a large international **organization**.

barely

adv. just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort

synonym : scarcely, hardly, only just

(1) **barely** noticeable, (2) **barely** finished

I **barely** made it to the meeting on time, rushing from another appointment across town.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment

are genuine problems.

burqa

n. a loose, enveloping outer garment worn by some Muslim women, particularly in Afghanistan and other conservative societies, covering the entire body, including the face, with a mesh screen for the eyes

synonym : veil, niqab, chador

(1) traditional **burqa**, (2) Islamic **burqa**

The woman in the bright blue **burqa** stood out in the crowd.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym : proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education **advocates**

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular

profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym : academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

literacy

n. the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively

synonym : education, reading, writing

(1) digital **literacy**, (2) financial **literacy**

Many charities focus on improving **literacy** rates in underprivileged communities.

prophet

n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

synonym : oracle, visionary, seer

(1) false **prophet**, (2) words of the **prophet**

In this tribe, people believed the **prophet** would save them from many calamities.

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym : non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

invoke

v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

synonym : evoke, summon, call forth

(1) **invoke** memories, (2) **invoke** the right to remain silent

The politician **invoked** the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

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.

breeze

n. a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing

synonym: wind, gust, puff

(1) a **breeze** from an open window, (2) fresh ocean **breeze**

The summer **breeze** was refreshing after the hot day.

pray

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

synonym: implore, supplicate, entreat

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

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

feisty

adj. full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament

synonym: spunky, plucky, spirited

(1) **feisty** attitude, (2) **feisty** debate

The **feisty** little terrier refused to back down from the larger dog.

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.

independence

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

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

immense

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : enormous, giant, huge

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

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

pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic

synonym : practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

synonym : help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal

Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

refugee

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

synonym : emigrant, evacuee, exile

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

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

imam

n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

synonym : leader, cleric, spiritual guide

(1) **imam** of mosque, (2) spiritual **imam**

In some Muslim countries, the **imam's** position is appointed by the government.

faith

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

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

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

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
synonym: endure, persist, stay

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

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

slyly

adv. in a crafty or cunning manner; sneakily or deceptively
synonym: covertly, sneakily, cunningly

(1) whisper **slyly** to her friend, (2) smile **slyly**

He **slyly** slipped the note into her bag when she wasn't looking.

flatter

v. to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely

synonym: compliment, praise, butter up

(1) **flatter** his superiors, (2) **flatter** the host

She managed to **flatter** her boss into giving her a promotion.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym: instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

shrug

v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

(1) **shrug** off the importance, (2) **shrug** his shoulders sadly
I respect her ability to **shrug** off harsh criticism.

acid

n. sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

synonym: sour

(1) an **acid** reaction, (2) good source of essential amino **acids**

During pregnancy, the stomach generates less **acid** than usual.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a

specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

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

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

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

dike

n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

synonym : levee, embankment, dam

(1) water **dike**, (2) coastal **dike**

The town council plans to repair the damaged **dike** along the riverbank.

homosexual

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

synonym : gay, same-sex attracted

(1) **homosexual** rights, (2) **homosexual** marriage

The law was repealed to protect the rights of **homosexual** citizens.

occupy

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

synonym : inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

discomfort

n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

synonym :

affliction, despair, ache

(1) endure **discomfort** and pain, (2) **discomfort** in the abdomen

He felt no **discomfort** as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

prejudice

n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

synonym: bias, preconception, predisposition

(1) deep-rooted **prejudice**, (2) color **prejudice**

This community is free of social **prejudice**.

conflict

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

synonym: clash, discord, competition

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

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

nationalist

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

synonym: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

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

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

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

unbearable

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

synonym : intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

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

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

outcast

adj. excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group;
(noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

synonym : fugitive, friendless, vagabond

(1) discrimination against **outcast** people, (2) social **outcast**

He was an **outcast** from the neighboring village.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym : community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

moth

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

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

queer

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

synonym : strange, odd, unusual

(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.

founder

n. a person who establishes an organization, institution, or business; the structural component of a ship or boat that provides stability and resistance against capsizing

synonym: establisher, originator, architect

(1) **founder** of a company, (2) non-profit **founder**

The company's **founder** envisioned creating innovative technology that would change the world.

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.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym: combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

republic

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

synonym: democracy, federation, commonwealth

(1) **republic** democracy, (2) the **republic** of art

The United States is a federal presidential constitutional **republic**.

- aft** *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view
The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
- childhood** *n.* the state or time of being a child
synonym: youth, infancy, adolescence
(1) since **childhood**, (2) **childhood** development
He had fond memories of his **childhood** spent playing in the park with his friends.
- improbable** *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
synonym: unlikely, doubtful, implausible
(1) **improbable** story, (2) **improbable** event
It is **improbable** that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.
- singe** *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
synonym: sear, char, burn
(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric
I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.
- choir** *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
synonym: chorus, ensemble, club
(1) quintet **choir**, (2) **choir** performance
The gospel **choir** sang beautifully at the church service.
- demonstrate** *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
synonym: show, illustrate, display
(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

alchemy

n. a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

synonym : sorcery, magic, transmutation

(1) **alchemy** experiment, (2) **alchemy** of emotions

Today, the study of **alchemy** remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy

discord

n. lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

synonym : disharmony, disagreement, strife

(1) in **discord** with my friend, (2) **discord** between team members

Political **discord** has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.

harmony

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

synonym : balance, accord, congruence

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

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

repertoire

n. the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

synonym : collection, range, reservoir

(1) musical **repertoire**, (2) cooking **repertoire**

The chef's **repertoire** of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

anthem

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

synonym : hymn, song, paean

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

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

duet

n. a musical composition or performance featuring two performers, often on different instruments or with different vocal parts; a scene in a play or movie with two actors delivering lines or performing actions together

synonym : harmony, duo, partnership

(1) the **duet** by the two famous singers, (2) **duet** partner

The two singers performed a beautiful **duet** together on stage.

grin

v. to smile broadly

synonym : smile, smirk, chuckle

(1) **grin** from ear to ear, (2) **grin** with pleasure

He couldn't help but **grin** as he remembered the good times.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

church

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

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

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

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

concert

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

synonym: gig, musical, show

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

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

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

represent

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

synonym: depict, express, describe

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

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

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym : hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

troubadour

n. a poet and musician in the courts of Southern France in the Middle Ages, known for writing and performing love songs

synonym : minstrel, singer, composer

(1) wandering **troubadour**, (2) **troubadour** poetry

The **troubadour's** guitar accompaniment added a playful and romantic touch to his performances.

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym : canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

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.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
synonym: separate, disconnect, split

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

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

pride

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

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

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

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

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

accepting

adj. willing to receive or to take something offered

synonym: tolerant, open-minded, receptive

(1) **accepting** attitude, (2) **accepting** of diversity

He was an **accepting** person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.

strife

n. conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

synonym: conflict, disagreement, dissension

(1) at **strife** over the land, (2) civil **strife**

The country has been wracked by political **strife** for many years.

activism

n. the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change

synonym: advocacy, campaign

(1) antitrust **activism**, (2) digital **activism**

Internet **activism** has been crucial in raising awareness about critical social issues.

abduct

v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

synonym: kidnap, seize, snatch

(1) **abduct** a girl, (2) **abduct** at gunpoint

The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was **abducted**.

bloodshed

n. the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

synonym: carnage, violence, killing

(1) bloody **bloodshed**, (2) massive **bloodshed**

The negotiations failed, leading to threats of **bloodshed** between the two countries.

sermon

n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

synonym: homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

distress

n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

synonym: discomfort, despair, misery

(1) a signal of **distress**, (2) emotional **distress**
She has been in great **distress** since she was heartbroken.

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**.

bullet

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

synonym: projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train
The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

distinguish

v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

synonym: determine, differentiate, characterize

(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals

This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**
Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

jewelry

n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

synonym: accessories, ornaments, adornments

(1) **jewelry** designer, (2) precious **jewelry**
I received a beautiful piece of **jewelry** from my partner for our

anniversary.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

makeup

n. colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance

synonym: maquillage, composition, cosmetic

(1) **makeup** artist, (2) take the **makeup** off her face

Her beauty resulted from a good night's sleep rather than **makeup**.

motorcade

n. a procession of vehicles, especially automobiles, that moves slowly along a road carrying someone important accompanied by police or military escorts

synonym: convoy, parade, procession

(1) police **motorcade**, (2) victory **motorcade**

The **motorcade** of vehicles drove the president to his next destination.

passe

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

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

eventually

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

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

opposing

adj. competing, fighting, or working against each other
synonym : disagreeing, dissenting, conflicting

(1) **opposing** counsel, (2) in an **opposing** direction
We have no intention of **opposing** his idea.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force
synonym : haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down
He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

remaining

adj. left over or still present after other parts have been used, removed, or destroyed; existing or persisting in a particular state or condition

synonym : residual, leftover, lingering

(1) **remaining** time, (2) **remaining** balance

The **remaining** supplies were quickly distributed among the survivors of the natural disaster.

venue

n. a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed

synonym : location, site, arena

(1) **venue** capacity, (2) wedding **venue**

The concert **venue** was packed with excited fans.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody
synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

clip

n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

synonym : buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

tense

adj. unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid

synonym : tight, stretched, strained

(1) **tense** atmosphere, (2) have a **tense** face

This story makes me **tense**.

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

baton

n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

synonym : staff, stick, wand

(1) conducting **baton**, (2) twirl the **baton**

The police officer used his **baton** to disperse the crowd.

deliberate

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

synonym : intentional, planned, careful

(1) the **deliberate** act of provocation, (2) **deliberate** attempt

Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was **deliberate** about invasion.

untie

v. to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound

synonym : untangle, unfasten, undo

(1) **untie** the ribbon, (2) **untie** shoelaces

I needed to **untie** the knots in my shoelaces before I could put my shoes on.

embarrass

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

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

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

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

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week
They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

undress

v. to remove clothing or coverings, particularly those worn on the upper body or torso; to reveal or expose something that was previously concealed or hidden

synonym: strip, disrobe, unclothe

(1) **undress** his past, (2) **undress** before showering
She **undressed** in the privacy of her bedroom.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym: condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death
Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

acknowledged

adj. recognized or admitted as being true or valid

synonym: recognized, accepted, admitted

(1) **acknowledged** beauty, (2) publicly **acknowledged** truth

His **acknowledged** expertise in the field earned him the respect of his peers.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym: courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

humble

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

synonym: modest, unpretentious, abject

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

The nobler, the more **humble**.

righteous

adj. morally correct and just; virtuous and morally upright

synonym: just, moral, upright

(1) **righteous** deed, (2) a **righteous** war

The **righteous** person always does the right thing, no matter the consequences.

insight

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

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

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

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

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym : parade

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

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

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym : agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

suffragist

n. a person who advocates for the right to vote, typically about the women's suffrage (= the right to vote in political elections, especially in the context of democratic systems) movement

synonym : feminist, women's rights advocate

(1) **suffragist** organizations, (2) ardent **suffragist**,

The **suffragist** movement in the 19th and early 20th century fought tirelessly for women's right to vote.

gay

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

synonym : cheerful, lively, joyful

(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights

The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

parade

n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

synonym: procession, march, rally

(1) a military **parade**, (2) **parade** route

The annual Fourth of July **parade** is popular in the town square.

paraphrase

v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

synonym: rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

circumstance

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

synonym: condition, context, environment

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

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

negotiate

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

synonym: discuss, mediate, bargain

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

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

subvert

v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

synonym: overthrow, undermine, sabotage

(1) **subvert** power, (2) **subvert** expectations

The rebels could **subvert** the government's plans by leaking classified information.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

ally

n. a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war

synonym : associate, colleague, partner

(1) close **ally**, (2) **ally** with a company

Our country is a traditional **ally** of England.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

feminism

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

synonym : women's rights, gender equality

(1) radical **feminism**, (2) liberal **feminism**

She is a strong advocate for **feminism** and works tirelessly for women's rights.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym : different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

ruling

n. a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation

synonym: judgment, decision, verdict

(1) legal **ruling**, (2) supreme court **ruling**

The judge's **ruling** was in favor of the defendant.

colonize

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

synonym: settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

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

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

negotiation

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

synonym: bargaining, dialogue, haggling

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

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

marital

adj. of or relating to marriage

synonym: wedded, connubial, matrimonial

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

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

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

integrate

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

synonym : mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

aspect

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

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

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

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

challenging

adj. difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle

synonym : difficult, demanding, arduous

(1) **challenging** task, (2) mentally **challenging**

The advanced math problem was **challenging**, but the student was determined to solve it.

notion

n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

synonym : idea, concept, belief

(1) **notion** of success, (2) vague **notion**

The **notion** of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

pants

- n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

synonym: trousers, breeches, slacks

- (1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

navigate

- v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym: guide, helm, voyage

- (1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

military

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

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

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

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

reservoir

- n.* a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something

synonym: pool, supply, repertoire

- (1) a **reservoir** of facts, (2) water **reservoir**

The machine pumps up crude oil from a deep underground **reservoir**.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

security

n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

synonym : safety, protection, stock

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

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

individual

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

synonym : person, being, self

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

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

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

synonym : legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

thread

n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

synonym : filament, string, yarn

(1) **thread** a catheter, (2) start a new **thread**

The detective followed a **thread** of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym: braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

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

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

fabric

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

synonym: cloth, material, goods

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

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

sustain

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

synonym: maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

glimpse

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

synonym: glance, peek, sighting

(1) a momentary **glimpse**, (2) passing **glimpse**

Our team caught a **glimpse** of the world-class technique in this game.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

Session 2: Spelling

1. g_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
2. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
3. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
4. de____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
5. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
6. fl_____r his superiors *v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely
7. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
8. W__e off dirt *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
9. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. gay, 2. par, 3. tale, 4. descend, 5. frustrate, 6. flatter, 7. spark, 8. wipe, 9. violent

10. tu____ge of young learners *n.* the act or process of providing guidance, instruction, or protection to someone, especially someone who is young or inexperienced; the relationship between a mentor or teacher and their student or protégé
11. de____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
12. art_____te his position *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
13. tro_____ur poetry *n.* a poet and musician in the courts of Southern France in the Middle Ages, known for writing and performing love songs
14. ino_____te interest *adj.* excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate
15. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
16. words of the pr_____t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
17. suf_____st organizations *n.* a person who advocates for the right to vote, typically about the women's suffrage (= the right to vote in political elections, especially in the context of democratic systems) movement
18. twirl the ba__n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

ANSWERS: 10. tutelage, 11. descend, 12. articulate, 13. troubadour, 14. inordinate, 15. invest, 16. prophet, 17. suffragist, 18. baton

19. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
20. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
21. wandering tro_____ur *n.* a poet and musician in the courts of Southern France in the Middle Ages, known for writing and performing love songs
22. re_____t crops *v.* to remove a plant from one place and transplant it in another, often to promote growth or preserve its existence; to reattach a body part, such as a finger, hand, or even a limb, that has been completely severed from the body
23. le_____n relationship *n.* a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
24. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
25. persuade a dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
26. bu____t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
27. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
28. silk s__i *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles

ANSWERS: 19. president, 20. definitely, 21. troubadour, 22. replant, 23. lesbian, 24. insight, 25. disbeliever, 26. bullet, 27. epic, 28. sari

29. publicly ack_____ged truth *adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid
30. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
31. whisper sl__y to her friend *adv.* in a crafty or cunning manner; sneakily or deceptively
32. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
33. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
34. hom_____al marriage *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
35. digital li_____cy *n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively
36. a signal of di_____ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
37. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
38. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
39. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

ANSWERS: 29. acknowledged, 30. defy, 31. slyly, 32. individual, 33. gender, 34. homosexual, 35. literacy, 36. distress, 37. quest, 38. military, 39. definitely

40. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
41. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
42. woolly pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
43. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
44. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
45. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
46. s__d an old skin *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
47. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
48. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
49. academic ta__o *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
50. silver ba___e *n.* a decorative piece of jewelry, often worn around the wrist, consisting of a circular or semi-circular band that may be solid or hollow and may be adorned with various embellishments

ANSWERS: 40. nostalgia, 41. amazing, 42. pants, 43. bless, 44. march, 45. opportune, 46. shed, 47. achieve, 48. fabric, 49. taboo, 50. bangle

51. di____d between team members *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
52. eq____ty act *n.* the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality
53. phi______opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
54. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
55. w__e with water *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
56. ou____e over injustice *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
57. un____s his past *v.* to remove clothing or coverings, particularly those worn on the upper body or torso; to reveal or expose something that was previously concealed or hidden
58. asp____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
59. ba___y noticeable *adv.* just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort
60. a ta__o word *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom

ANSWERS: 51. discord, 52. equality, 53. philanthropy, 54. divide, 55. wipe, 56. outrage, 57. undress, 58. aspiration, 59. barely, 60. taboo

61. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
62. national se_____ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
63. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
64. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
65. a benefit co_____t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
66. de___t Buddhist *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
67. m__m his hand *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
68. a lay se___n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
69. b__k at extra work *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

ANSWERS: 61. represent, 62. security, 63. writ, 64. belong, 65. concert, 66. devout, 67. maim, 68. sermon, 69. balk

70. fresh ocean br___e *n.* a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing
71. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
72. record br_____r *n.* a person or thing that breaks, disrupts, or interrupts; a large wave that collapses or breaks forcefully onto the shore or against an obstacle
73. ma_____l fidelity *adj.* of or relating to marriage
74. opp_____ve governments *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
75. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
76. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
77. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
78. social ou_____t *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
79. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

ANSWERS: 70. breeze, 71. physically, 72. breaker, 73. marital, 74. oppressive, 75. brave, 76. tradition, 77. chant, 78. outcast, 79. underground

80. radical fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
81. deep-rooted pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
82. eloquently art_____te *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
83. an a__d reaction *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
84. be_____er the reader *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
85. liberal fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
86. domestic af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
87. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 80. feminism, 81. prejudice, 82. articulate, 83. acid, 84. bewilder, 85. feminism, 86. affair, 87. critic

88. ed____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
89. face the da____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
90. ex____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
91. ch____h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
92. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
93. emotional di____ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
94. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
95. hold a pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
96. nat____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
97. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

ANSWERS: 88. educate, 89. daunting, 90. extreme, 91. church, 92. pray, 93. distress, 94. trend, 95. protest, 96. nationalist, 97. chant

98. in_____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
99. a seafaring na_____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
100. re_____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
101. hi__b garment *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
102. del_____te attempt *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
103. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
104. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
105. in the mi__t of a scandal *n.* the middle part of people or things
106. su_____t power *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
107. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

ANSWERS: 98. intrigue, 99. nation, 100. redefine, 101. hijab, 102. deliberate, 103. accord, 104. ultimate, 105. midst, 106. subvert, 107. refugee

108. the b__z of a cicada *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
109. re____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
110. ardent suf_____st, *n.* a person who advocates for the right to vote, typically about the women's suffrage (= the right to vote in political elections, especially in the context of democratic systems) movement
111. re____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
112. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
113. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
114. a momentary gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
115. provide tu_____ge *n.* the act or process of providing guidance, instruction, or protection to someone, especially someone who is young or inexperienced; the relationship between a mentor or teacher and their student or protégé

ANSWERS: 108. buzz, 109. redefine, 110. suffragist, 111. rebuild, 112. introduction, 113. individual, 114. glimpse, 115. tutelage

116. im____e pressure *adj.* extremely large or great
117. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
118. un__e the ribbon *v.* to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound
119. the Ca____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
120. rad____ze ideology *v.* to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices
121. musical ins____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
122. antitrust ac____sm *n.* the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change
123. sta____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
124. je____y designer *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

ANSWERS: 116. immense, 117. march, 118. untie, 119. Catholic, 120. radicalize, 121. instrument, 122. activism, 123. statistics, 124. jewelry

125. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
126. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
127. excite re_____on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
128. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
129. se_____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
130. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
131. fl_____r the host *v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely
132. rad_____ze religious groups *v.* to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices

ANSWERS: 125. quest, 126. violent, 127. rebellion, 128. leap, 129. security, 130. preserve, 131. flatter, 132. radicalize

133. smile sl__y *adv.* in a crafty or cunning manner; sneakily or deceptively
134. victory mo_____de *n.* a procession of vehicles, especially automobiles, that moves slowly along a road carrying someone important accompanied by police or military escorts
135. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
136. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
137. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
138. 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
139. good source of essential amino a__ds *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
140. affect ma_____l relations *adj.* of or relating to marriage
141. ch_____od development *n.* the state or time of being a child
142. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 133. slyly, 134. motorcade, 135. independence, 136. Christ, 137. integrate, 138. label, 139. acid, 140. marital, 141. childhood, 142. accord

143. in no un_____r terms *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
144. the af_____ed part *adj.* influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere
145. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
146. domed mo____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
147. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
148. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
149. dis_____sh man from the other animals *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
150. r_g doll *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
151. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
152. water re_____ir *n.* a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something

ANSWERS: 143. unclear, 144. affected, 145. initially, 146. mosque, 147. radical, 148. institute, 149. distinguish, 150. rag, 151. determinant, 152. reservoir

153. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
154. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
155. pr____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
156. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
157. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
158. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
159. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
160. su_____n a good relationship with him *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
161. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
162. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 153. puzzle, 154. beg, 155. preserve, 156. demonstrate, 157. mathematics, 158. mathematics, 159. brilliant, 160. sustain, 161. aspect, 162. pursue

163. ac_____ng attitude *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
164. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
165. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
166. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
167. start a new th____d *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
168. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
169. sy____l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
170. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 163. accepting, 164. aft, 165. disappear, 166. relative, 167. thread, 168. invest, 169. symbol, 170. insight

171. co____ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
172. at st___e over the land *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
173. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
174. a ri____us war *adj.* morally correct and just; virtuous and morally upright
175. re____ic democracy *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
176. s__i blouse *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
177. a__y with a company *n.* a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war
178. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
179. ex____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
180. the pa____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 171. colonize, 172. strife, 173. aspect, 174. righteous, 175. republic, 176. sari, 177. ally, 178. humble, 179. extreme, 180. paradox

181. public ou_____e *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
182. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
183. have a co_____t again *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
184. under a cu___e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
185. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
186. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
187. neg_____on skills *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
188. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
189. terrestrial gl___e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
190. m___m a victim *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

ANSWERS: 181. outrage, 182. empower, 183. concert, 184. curse, 185. religion, 186. movement, 187. negotiation, 188. tradition, 189. globe, 190. maim

191. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
192. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
193. th___d a catheter *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
194. digital ac_____sm *n.* the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change
195. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
196. sh__g his shoulders sadly *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
197. tide br_____r *n.* a person or thing that breaks, disrupts, or interrupts; a large wave that collapses or breaks forcefully onto the shore or against an obstacle

ANSWERS: 191. faith, 192. symbol, 193. thread, 194. activism, 195. determinant, 196. shrug, 197. breaker

198. ov_____rn a decision	<i>v.</i>	to turn something upside down; to upset
199. nat_____ty certificate	<i>n.</i>	the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
200. bloody bl_____ed	<i>n.</i>	the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
201. acquisition of nat_____ty	<i>n.</i>	the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
202. ac_____e milestones	<i>v.</i>	to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
203. the characters that re_____nt numbers	<i>v.</i>	to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
204. not up to p_r	<i>n.</i>	a state of being equal to someone or something
205. si____t reading	<i>adj.</i>	without any or little sound
206. im_____e amount	<i>adj.</i>	extremely large or great
207. ack_____ged beauty	<i>adj.</i>	recognized or admitted as being true or valid
208. co_____al combination of funds	<i>adj.</i>	belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
209. since ch_____od	<i>n.</i>	the state or time of being a child
210. decision-making pr_____s	<i>n.</i>	a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 198. overturn, 199. nationality, 200. bloodshed, 201. nationality, 202. achieve, 203. represent, 204. par, 205. silent, 206. immense, 207. acknowledged, 208. communal, 209. childhood, 210. process

211. g__n from ear to ear *v.* to smile broadly
212. precious je____y *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
213. take the ma____p off her face *n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
214. in an op____ng direction *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
215. oc____y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
216. com____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
217. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
218. mo____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
219. conducting ba__n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
220. ab____t a girl *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

ANSWERS: 211. grin, 212. jewelry, 213. makeup, 214. opposing, 215. occupy, 216. compromise, 217. confer, 218. mobilize, 219. baton, 220. abduct

221. qu__r money	<i>adj.</i> strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
222. traditional he_____rf	<i>n.</i> a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
223. a re_____ir of facts	<i>n.</i> a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something
224. ba___y finished	<i>adv.</i> just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort
225. gr__t a new license	<i>v.</i> to agree to give or allow somebody
226. few cu___e words	<i>n.</i> a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
227. completely fas_____ng to me	<i>adj.</i> extremely interesting
228. re_____on leader	<i>n.</i> an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
229. mo_____nt of troops	<i>n.</i> a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
230. de___e my position	<i>v.</i> to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
231. re_____d communities	<i>v.</i> to build again or anew
232. dancer's ba___es	<i>n.</i> a decorative piece of jewelry, often worn around the wrist, consisting of a circular or semi-circular band that may be solid or hollow and may be adorned with various embellishments

ANSWERS: 221. queer, 222. headscarf, 223. reservoir, 224. barely, 225. grant, 226. curse, 227. fascinating, 228. rebellion, 229. movement, 230. define, 231. rebuild, 232. bangle

233. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
234. sub_____on agreement *n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
235. fo_____ad wrinkles *n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
236. ov_____rn a table *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
237. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
238. b__z marketing *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
239. color pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
240. kiss on the fo_____ad *n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
241. al_____y of emotions *n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

ANSWERS: 233. folk, 234. submission, 235. forehead, 236. overturn, 237. writ, 238. buzz, 239. prejudice, 240. forehead, 241. alchemy

242. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
243. the sacred mo____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
244. opp____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
245. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
246. te__e atmosphere *adj.* unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid
247. le____n love *n.* a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
248. su____t expectations *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
249. inc____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
250. ve__e capacity *n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed
251. mu____r in a low voice *v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath
252. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances

ANSWERS: 242. communal, 243. mosque, 244. opposition, 245. defy, 246. tense, 247. lesbian, 248. subvert, 249. incredibly, 250. venue, 251. mutter, 252. blend

253. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
254. neg_____on process *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
255. po__r regions *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
256. na____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
257. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
258. a de____t attitude *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
259. pr_____ic approach *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
260. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
261. as___t his goal *v.* to help someone in doing anything
262. pa___e route *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
263. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 253. relation, 254. negotiation, 255. polar, 256. navigate, 257. honor, 258. defiant, 259. pragmatic, 260. fin, 261. assist, 262. parade, 263. weave

264. pr_____ic politics *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
265. wi__w pension *n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
266. un_____s before showering *v.* to remove clothing or coverings, particularly those worn on the upper body or torso; to reveal or expose something that was previously concealed or hidden
267. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
268. unb_____le heat *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
269. financially in_____ed *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
270. wedding ve__e *n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed
271. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
272. stubborn dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
273. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 264. pragmatic, 265. widow, 266. undress, 267. amazing, 268. unbearable, 269. indebted, 270. venue, 271. president, 272. disbeliever, 273. passe

274. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
275. 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
276. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
277. false pr_____t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
278. re_____t the patient's severed arm *v.* to remove a plant from one place and transplant it in another, often to promote growth or preserve its existence; to reattach a body part, such as a finger, hand, or even a limb, that has been completely severed from the body
279. p_t on the back *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
280. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
281. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
282. vague no____n *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

ANSWERS: 274. resilient, 275. fin, 276. intrigue, 277. prophet, 278. replant, 279. pat, 280. brave, 281. folk, 282. notion

283. fe___y attitude *adj.* full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament
284. mis_____or charge *n.* a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months
285. de_____t eye *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
286. di_____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
287. dis_____sh these two things *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
288. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
289. r___l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
290. re_____ng balance *adj.* left over or still present after other parts have been used, removed, or destroyed; existing or persisting in a particular state or condition
291. ri_____us deed *adj.* morally correct and just; virtuous and morally upright
292. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
293. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 283. feisty, 284. misdemeanor, 285. defiant, 286. distinct, 287. distinguish, 288. survive, 289. roll, 290. remaining, 291. righteous, 292. assume, 293. elect

294. in di____d with my friend *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
295. legal ru____g *n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation
296. a br____e from an open window *n.* a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing
297. report sus____us activity *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
298. the longstanding co____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
299. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
300. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
301. non-profit fo____r *n.* a person who establishes an organization, institution, or business; the structural component of a ship or boat that provides stability and resistance against capsizing
302. research in____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 294. discord, 295. ruling, 296. breeze, 297. suspicious, 298. conflict, 299. trend, 300. drag, 301. founder, 302. institute

303. civil st___e *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
304. co_____ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
305. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
306. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
307. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
308. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
309. supreme court ru___g *n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation
310. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
311. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
312. fe_____st perspective *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

ANSWERS: 303. strife, 304. colonize, 305. drag, 306. conflict, 307. underground, 308. embarrass, 309. ruling, 310. confident, 311. relative, 312. feminist

313. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
314. act in a de____t manner *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
315. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
316. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
317. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
318. fe____y debate *adj.* full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament
319. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
320. al_____y experiment *n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious
321. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 313. military, 314. devout, 315. grant, 316. blur, 317. opportune, 318. feisty, 319. resistance, 320. alchemy, 321. incredibly

322. cooking rep_____re
n. the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
323. mentally cha_____ng
adj. difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle
324. hu___e opinion
adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
325. sh__g off the importance
v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
326. t__e of horror
n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
327. a silent pr_____t
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
328. gu___y verdict
adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
329. an___m singer
n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
330. traditional bu__a
n. a loose, enveloping outer garment worn by some Muslim women, particularly in Afghanistan and other conservative societies, covering the entire body, including the face, with a mesh screen for the eyes

ANSWERS: 322. repertoire, 323. challenging, 324. humble, 325. shrug, 326. tale, 327. protest, 328. guilty, 329. anthem, 330. burqa

331. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
332. Islamic bu__a *n.* a loose, enveloping outer garment worn by some Muslim women, particularly in Afghanistan and other conservative societies, covering the entire body, including the face, with a mesh screen for the eyes
333. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
334. op_____ng counsel *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
335. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
336. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
337. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
338. p_t a dog *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
339. re_____ng time *adj.* left over or still present after other parts have been used, removed, or destroyed; existing or persisting in a particular state or condition
340. par_____se a poem into prose *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

ANSWERS: 331. circumstance, 332. burqa, 333. surround, 334. opposing, 335. define, 336. empower, 337. pride, 338. pat, 339. remaining, 340. paraphrase

341. i__m of mosque *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
342. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
343. as___t a patient *v.* to help someone in doing anything
344. passing gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
345. cited ve___e *n.* a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme
346. endure dis_____rt and pain *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
347. close a__y *n.* a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war
348. d__t partner *n.* a musical composition or performance featuring two performers, often on different instruments or with different vocal parts; a scene in a play or movie with two actors delivering lines or performing actions together
349. he_____rf cloth *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
350. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
351. the re_____ic of art *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

ANSWERS: 341. imam, 342. surround, 343. assist, 344. glimpse, 345. verse, 346. discomfort, 347. ally, 348. duet, 349. headscarf, 350. embarrass, 351. republic

352. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
353. the d__t by the two famous singers *n.* a musical composition or performance featuring two performers, often on different instruments or with different vocal parts; a scene in a play or movie with two actors delivering lines or performing actions together
354. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
355. a hand-loomed fa___c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
356. di_____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
357. global re_____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
358. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
359. financial li_____cy *n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively

ANSWERS: 352. aspiration, 353. duet, 354. suffer, 355. fabric, 356. distinct, 357. refugee, 358. puzzle, 359. literacy

360. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
361. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
362. par_____se the meaning *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
363. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
364. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
365. musical rep_____re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
366. a person who is sus_____us *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
367. mu___r to myself *v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath
368. a cow s__d *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

ANSWERS: 360. circumstance, 361. basis, 362. paraphrase, 363. religion, 364. moth, 365. repertoire, 366. suspicious, 367. mutter, 368. shed

369. the del_____te act of provocation *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
370. break a ha_____y *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
371. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
372. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
373. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
374. su_____n a wellness lifestyle *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
375. in___e memories *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
376. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
377. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 369. deliberate, 370. harmony, 371. generation, 372. confident, 373. assume, 374. sustain, 375. invoke, 376. eventually, 377. claim

378. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
379. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
380. path toward mo_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
381. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
382. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
383. a r_g of cloud *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
384. unb_____le pain *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
385. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
386. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 378. nostalgia, 379. navigate, 380. modernity, 381. instrument, 382. integrate, 383. rag, 384. unbearable, 385. genuine, 386. mobilize

387. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
388. ino_____te ambition *adj.* excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate
389. quintet ch__r *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
390. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
391. in___e the right to remain silent *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
392. vi_____s deflationary spiral *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
393. sub_____on of a final report *n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
394. commit a mis_____or *n.* a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months
395. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
396. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 387. gay, 388. inordinate, 389. choir, 390. resilient, 391. invoke, 392. vicious, 393. submission, 394. misdemeanor, 395. introduction, 396. opposition

397. French pa____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
398. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
399. vi____s attack *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
400. a ra____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
401. 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
402. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
403. oc___y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
404. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
405. woman's hi__b *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

ANSWERS: 397. paradox, 398. flock, 399. vicious, 400. radical, 401. cult, 402. develop, 403. occupy, 404. resistance, 405. hijab

406. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
407. short video c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
408. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
409. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
410. ma___p artist *n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
411. lengthy se___n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
412. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
413. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
414. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
415. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
416. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

ANSWERS: 406. globe, 407. clip, 408. philanthropy, 409. suffer, 410. makeup, 411. sermon, 412. demonstrate, 413. belong, 414. passe, 415. genuine, 416. advocate

417. current af___rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
418. an un_____r match *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
419. be_____er scientists *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
420. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
421. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
422. spirit of mo_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
423. ch__r performance *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
424. fl__k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
425. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

ANSWERS: 417. affair, 418. unclear, 419. bewilder, 420. claim, 421. church, 422. modernity, 423. choir, 424. flock, 425. advocate

426. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
427. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
428. eq_____ty in education *n.* the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality
429. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
430. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
431. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
432. un__e shoelaces *v.* to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound
433. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
434. coastal d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

ANSWERS: 426. gender, 427. pray, 428. equality, 429. struggle, 430. oppress, 431. spark, 432. untie, 433. eventually, 434. dike

435. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
436. ab___t at gunpoint *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
437. in_____ed to creditors *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
438. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
439. e__c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
440. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
441. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
442. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 435. generation, 436. abduct, 437. indebted, 438. disappear, 439. epic, 440. nation, 441. cult, 442. process

443. cha_____ng task *adj.* difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle
444. po__r bears *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
445. imp_____le story *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
446. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
447. fo_____r of a company *n.* a person who establishes an organization, institution, or business; the structural component of a ship or boat that provides stability and resistance against capsizing
448. bu___t wound *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
449. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
450. diagnosed in _____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
451. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
452. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 443. challenging, 444. polar, 445. improbable, 446. oppress, 447. founder, 448. bullet, 449. frustrate, 450. initially, 451. negotiate, 452. nod

453. a national an___m	<i>n.</i>	a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
454. severe cr___c	<i>n.</i>	someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
455. ha_____ze two different opinions	<i>v.</i>	to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible
456. n_d at each other	<i>v.</i>	to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
457. religious fa__h	<i>n.</i>	complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
458. m__h attracted to the light	<i>n.</i>	an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
459. ho__r our ancestors	<i>n.</i>	high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
460. the atmosphere was opp_____ve	<i>adj.</i>	treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
461. a military pa___e	<i>n.</i>	a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
462. hom_____al rights	<i>adj.</i>	sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
463. give si___t consent	<i>adj.</i>	without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 453. anthem, 454. critic, 455. harmonize, 456. nod, 457. faith, 458. moth, 459. honor, 460. oppressive, 461. parade, 462. homosexual, 463. silent

464. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
465. a broken fr_____nt *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
466. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
467. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
468. tie c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
469. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
470. in_____ne in a dispute *v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
471. fe_____st movement *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
472. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
473. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 464. organization, 465. fragment, 466. brilliant, 467. singe, 468. clip, 469. statistics, 470. intervene, 471. feminist, 472. confer, 473. roll

474. b__k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
475. ac_____ng of diversity *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
476. seem like a da_____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
477. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
478. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
479. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
480. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
481. pajama pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
482. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting

ANSWERS: 474. balk, 475. accepting, 476. daunting, 477. elect, 478. basis, 479. environment, 480. nationalist, 481. pants, 482. fascinating

493. af____ed way of walking *adj.* influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere
494. g__n with pleasure *v.* to smile broadly
495. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
496. 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
497. spiritual i__m *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
498. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
499. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
500. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
501. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
502. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
503. feel a bit gu___y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

ANSWERS: 493. affected, 494. grin, 495. compromise, 496. label, 497. imam, 498. develop, 499. survive, 500. aft, 501. independence, 502. divide, 503. guilty

504. imp_____le event *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
505. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
506. police mo_____de *n.* a procession of vehicles, especially automobiles, that moves slowly along a road carrying someone important accompanied by police or military escorts
507. ha_____ze with others *v.* to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible
508. water d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
509. a war wi__w *n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
510. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
511. dis_____rt in the abdomen *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
512. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

ANSWERS: 504. improbable, 505. pride, 506. motorcade, 507. harmonize, 508. dike, 509. widow, 510. blur, 511. discomfort, 512. bless

513. ed____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
514. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
515. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
516. b__d the man's hands *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
517. massive bl_____ed *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
518. a ha_____y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
519. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
520. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
521. in_____ne between quarreling parties *v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse

ANSWERS: 513. educate, 514. environment, 515. leap, 516. bind, 517. bloodshed, 518. harmony, 519. rap, 520. physically, 521. intervene

522. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
523. have a te__e face *adj.* unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid
524. pu____e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
525. get a r_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
526. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
527. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
528. b__d old letters into a bundle *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
529. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
530. qu__r fashion *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
531. discrimination against ou____t people *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

ANSWERS: 522. ultimate, 523. tense, 524. pursue, 525. rap, 526. organization, 527. struggle, 528. bind, 529. relation, 530. queer, 531. outcast

532. fr____nt of a text

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

ANSWERS: 532. fragment

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The machine pumps up crude oil from a deep underground _____.
n. a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something

2. He _____ slipped the note into her bag when she wasn't looking.
adv. in a crafty or cunning manner; sneakily or deceptively

3. In this tribe, people believed the _____ would save them from many calamities.
n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

4. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

5. The community warmly welcomed the _____.
n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

6. He used a circuit _____ to restore power to the entire building.
n. a person or thing that breaks, disrupts, or interrupts; a large wave that collapses or breaks forcefully onto the shore or against an obstacle

7. The _____ movement in the 19th and early 20th century fought tirelessly for women's right to vote.
n. a person who advocates for the right to vote, typically about the women's suffrage (= the right to vote in political elections, especially in the context of democratic systems) movement

ANSWERS: 1. reservoir, 2. slyly, 3. prophet, 4. religion, 5. refugees, 6. breaker, 7. suffragist

8. This community is free of social _____.
- n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
9. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
10. The two singers performed a beautiful _____ together on stage.
- n.* a musical composition or performance featuring two performers, often on different instruments or with different vocal parts; a scene in a play or movie with two actors delivering lines or performing actions together
11. Please _____ your sweat with this towel.
- v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
12. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v.* to cease to exist or be visible
13. He _____ a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.
- v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
14. The country has been wracked by political _____ for many years.
- n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
15. The behavior of the clown at the party was quite _____.
- adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

ANSWERS: 8. prejudice, 9. institutes, 10. duet, 11. wipe, 12. disappear, 13. shed, 14. strife, 15. queer

16. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
17. The judge's _____ was in favor of the defendant.
- n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation
18. He felt _____ to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.
- adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
19. Some women choose to wear a _____ as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.
- n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
20. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
21. The oil price continued their downward _____.
- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
22. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
- n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
23. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
- n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

ANSWERS: 16. critics, 17. ruling, 18. indebted, 19. headscarf, 20. introduction, 21. trend, 22. nostalgia, 23. tales

24. The _____ couple was denied the right to marry due to the conservative laws in their state.
- n.* a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
25. Our country is a traditional _____ of England.
- n.* a country that has officially agreed to assist and support another country, particularly in the event of a war
26. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.
- v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
27. The gospel _____ sang beautifully at the church service.
- n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
28. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
29. The _____ little terrier refused to back down from the larger dog.
- adj.* full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament
30. He was a _____ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.
- adj.* practical rather than idealistic
31. She managed to _____ her boss into giving her a promotion.
- v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely

ANSWERS: 24. lesbian, 25. ally, 26. integrate, 27. choir, 28. process, 29. feisty, 30. pragmatic, 31. flatter

32. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

33. 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

34. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

35. He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's _____.

n. the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

36. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

37. He left his wife an _____ fortune.

adj. extremely large or great

38. Shares in the company finally fell below their _____ value.

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

39. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

ANSWERS: 32. amazing, 33. begged, 34. claim, 35. modernity, 36. leap, 37. immense, 38. par, 39. sustain

40. Many Muslim women wear a _____ as a symbol of their religious beliefs.
n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
41. The _____ supplies were quickly distributed among the survivors of the natural disaster.
adj. left over or still present after other parts have been used, removed, or destroyed; existing or persisting in a particular state or condition
42. During pregnancy, the stomach generates less _____ than usual.
n. sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
43. The rebels could _____ the government's plans by leaking classified information.
v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
44. The stray _____ went through the window and hit the wall.
n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
45. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.
adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type
46. The athlete had sweat dripping down her _____ after the intense workout.
n. the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
47. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

ANSWERS: 40. hijab, 41. remaining, 42. acid, 43. subvert, 44. bullet, 45. distinct, 46. forehead, 47. protest

48. He fastens some sheets of paper with a _____.
- n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
49. The _____ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.
- n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
50. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
51. He _____ the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.
- v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
52. The police officer used his _____ to disperse the crowd.
- n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
53. The law was repealed to protect the rights of _____ citizens.
- adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
54. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
- v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 48. clip, 49. notion, 50. movement, 51. paraphrased, 52. baton, 53. homosexual, 54. nodded

55. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
56. The _____ dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.
adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
57. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.
adj. extremely interesting
58. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
59. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.
v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
60. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
61. She wore a gold _____ on her wrist that shimmered in the sunlight.
n. a decorative piece of jewelry, often worn around the wrist, consisting of a circular or semi-circular band that may be solid or hollow and may be adorned with various embellishments
62. The musicians attempted to _____ their voices for the chorus.
v. to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible

ANSWERS: 55. assumes, 56. vicious, 57. fascinating, 58. divide, 59. preserve, 60. instrument, 61. bangle, 62. harmonize

63. There are many theories to explain this _____.
- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
64. He had fond memories of his _____ spent playing in the park with his friends.
- n.* the state or time of being a child
65. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
66. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.
- n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
67. The advanced math problem was _____ but the student was determined to solve it.
- adj.* difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle
68. She has been in great _____ since she was heartbroken.
- n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
69. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
70. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
- adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 63. paradox, 64. childhood, 65. resistance, 66. flock, 67. challenging, 68. distress, 69. frustrate, 70. nationalist

71. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
72. The court _____ the original verdict.
v. to turn something upside down; to upset
73. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
74. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
v. to build again or anew
75. Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.
n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
76. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
v. to pull or haul with force
77. The military ____ between the two armies was one for the history books.
n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
78. There was widespread _____ over the government's handling of the situation.
n. an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices

ANSWERS: 71. moth, 72. overturned, 73. aft, 74. rebuild, 75. curse, 76. dragged, 77. epic, 78. outrage

79. In this society, discussing politics in public is a _____ subject.

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

80. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

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

81. 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

82. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

83. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

84. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

85. It is _____ that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

86. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

87. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 79. taboo, 80. suffers, 81. fins, 82. silent, 83. symbol, 84. president, 85. improbable, 86. surround, 87. statistics

88. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
89. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
90. _____ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.
adj. relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
91. In some Muslim countries, the _____ position is appointed by the government.
n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
92. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
93. I always wear _____ when I go outside, even in the summer.
n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
94. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.
n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
95. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 88. singed, 89. military, 90. Polar, 91. imam's, 92. globe, 93. pants, 94. pride, 95. oppressed

96. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
- n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
97. She tried to ____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
- v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
98. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
99. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
100. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
- adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
101. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
102. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.
- v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
103. The new ____ album is getting a lot of attention.
- n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

ANSWERS: 96. generation, 97. defy, 98. eventually, 99. prayed, 100. physically, 101. tradition, 102. sparked, 103. rap

104. This story makes me _____.

adj. unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid

105. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

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

106. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

107. He has a flair for _____.

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

108. The United States is a federal presidential constitutional _____.

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

109. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

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

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

111. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 104. tense, 105. basis, 106. puzzle, 107. mathematics, 108. republic, 109. navigate, 110. nation, 111. violent

112. Following international law, our country does not _____ in the internal affairs of our neighbors.
- v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
113. His _____ expertise in the field earned him the respect of his peers.
- adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid
114. The complex instructions on the assignment sheet _____ most students.
- v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
115. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.
- adv.* at the beginning; at first
116. The _____ deadline for the project is next week.
- n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
117. She became a _____ after her husband passed away.
- n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
118. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
- n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
119. The company's _____ envisioned creating innovative technology that would change the world.
- n.* a person who establishes an organization, institution, or business; the structural component of a ship or boat that provides stability and resistance against capsizing

ANSWERS: 112. intervene, 113. acknowledged, 114. bewilder, 115. initially, 116. submission, 117. widow, 118. fabrics, 119. founder

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

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

121. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

122. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

123. I received a beautiful piece of _____ from my partner for our anniversary.

n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

124. The _____ student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.

adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms

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

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

126. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

127. Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was _____ about invasion.

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

ANSWERS: 120. represent, 121. incredibly, 122. opposition, 123. jewelry, 124. defiant, 125. resilient, 126. catholic, 127. deliberate

128. The town council plans to repair the damaged _____ along the riverbank.
n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
129. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
130. Internet _____ has been crucial in raising awareness about critical social issues.
n. the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change
131. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
132. 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
133. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
134. Her beauty resulted from a good night's sleep rather than _____.
n. colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
135. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

ANSWERS: 128. dike, 129. independence, 130. activism, 131. relatives, 132. affair, 133. descended, 134. makeup, 135. ultimate

136. He was an _____ from the neighboring village.

adj. excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

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

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

138. The woman in the bright blue _____ stood out in the crowd.

n. a loose, enveloping outer garment worn by some Muslim women, particularly in Afghanistan and other conservative societies, covering the entire body, including the face, with a mesh screen for the eyes

139. She _____ in the privacy of her bedroom.

v. to remove clothing or coverings, particularly those worn on the upper body or torso; to reveal or expose something that was previously concealed or hidden

140. The politician _____ the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

141. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

142. The political situation has become increasingly _____.

adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

143. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

ANSWERS: 136. outcast, 137. negotiation, 138. burqa, 139. undressed, 140. invoked, 141. demonstrate, 142. oppressive, 143. blessed

144. 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

145. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.

- v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

146. We have no intention of _____ his idea.

- adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other

147. The preacher delivered a powerful _____ on the importance of forgiveness.

- n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

148. He couldn't help but _____ as he remembered the good times.

- v.* to smile broadly

149. We are always happy to _____ a discount.

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

150. Our team caught a _____ of the world-class technique in this game.

- n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

151. I needed to _____ the knots in my shoelaces before I could put my shoes on.

- v.* to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound

ANSWERS: 144. cult, 145. compromised, 146. opposing, 147. sermon, 148. grin, 149. negotiate, 150. glimpse, 151. untie

152. 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
153. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
154. I heard the _____ of conversation from the next room.
v. to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
155. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
156. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.
v. to mix or combine two or more substances
157. He felt no _____ as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.
n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
158. 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
159. After the storm, we had to _____ all the uprooted trees.
v. to remove a plant from one place and transplant it in another, often to promote growth or preserve its existence; to reattach a body part, such as a finger, hand, or even a limb, that has been completely severed from the body

ANSWERS: 152. label, 153. passe, 154. buzz, 155. Communal, 156. blend, 157. discomfort, 158. rolled, 159. replant

160. We worked in perfect _____.

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

161. The antigovernment _____ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

- n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

162. She is the president of a large international _____.

- n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

163. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

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

164. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

- n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

165. The company's rules _____ the employee's working hours.

- v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

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

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

167. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

- v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

ANSWERS: 160. harmony, 161. rebellion, 162. organization, 163. aspects, 164. Mosque, 165. bind, 166. unbearable, 167. granted

168. The _____ monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.
adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
169. She was able to _____ her argument in the debate clearly.
v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
170. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
171. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
172. The summer _____ was refreshing after the hot day.
n. a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing
173. The _____ person always does the right thing, no matter the consequences.
adj. morally correct and just; virtuous and morally upright
174. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
175. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 168. devout, 169. articulate, 170. determinant, 171. chant, 172. breeze, 173. righteous, 174. Advocates, 175. struggle

176. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.

- v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

177. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

- n.* a written legal order or command

178. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

- adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

179. The _____ of vehicles drove the president to his next destination.

- n.* a procession of vehicles, especially automobiles, that moves slowly along a road carrying someone important accompanied by police or military escorts

180. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

181. I'm not _____ in our victory.

- adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

182. The student was under the _____ of a well-known scholar.

- n.* the act or process of providing guidance, instruction, or protection to someone, especially someone who is young or inexperienced; the relationship between a mentor or teacher and their student or protégé

183. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.

- v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 176. intrigues, 177. writ, 178. definitely, 179. motorcade, 180. define, 181. confident, 182. tutelage, 183. redefined

184. The ___ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

185. Political _____ has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.

n. lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

186. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

187. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.

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

188. The reckless driver _____ several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

189. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

190. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.

v. to help someone in doing anything

191. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

192. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

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

ANSWERS: 184. gay, 185. discord, 186. philanthropy, 187. radical, 188. maimed, 189. occupy, 190. assist, 191. marched, 192. circumstances

193. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.
- n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
194. The concert _____ was packed with excited fans.
- n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed
195. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
196. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
197. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
198. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
199. It is important not to undertake tasks with _____ objectives to improve productivity.
- adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive

ANSWERS: 193. security, 194. venue, 195. Christmas, 196. gender, 197. insights, 198. conflicts, 199. unclear

200. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.

n. the middle part of people or things

201. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

202. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

203. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

204. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

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

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

206. She wore a beautiful _____ to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.

n. a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles

207. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 200. midst, 201. colonized, 202. elected, 203. achieve, 204. folk, 205. equality, 206. sari, 207. belong

208. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

209. The _____ ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

210. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

211. He was an _____ person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.

adj. willing to receive or to take something offered

212. She is a strong advocate for _____ and works tirelessly for women's rights.

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

213. The _____ of the country was played during the ceremony.

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

214. The negotiations failed, leading to threats of _____ between the two countries.

n. the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

215. We carefully examine each _____ transaction report we receive.

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

ANSWERS: 208. survive, 209. feminist, 210. extreme, 211. accepting, 212. feminism, 213. anthem, 214. bloodshed, 215. suspicious

216. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

217. Many charities focus on improving _____ rates in underprivileged communities.

- n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively

218. Is this painting _____ or forged?

- adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

219. The military _____ troops to the border.

- v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

220. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.

- v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

221. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

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

222. The _____ guitar accompaniment added a playful and romantic touch to his performances.

- n.* a poet and musician in the courts of Southern France in the Middle Ages, known for writing and performing love songs

ANSWERS: 216. develop, 217. literacy, 218. genuine, 219. mobilized, 220. educate, 221. faith, 222. troubadour's

223. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny _____ of pottery found at the dig site.

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

224. He has an _____ to become a doctor.

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

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

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

226. The chef's _____ of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.

n. the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

227. She intends to _____ a political career.

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

228. I _____ made it to the meeting on time, rushing from another appointment across town.

adv. just enough; hardly; with great difficulty or effort

229. The nobler, the more _____.

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

230. She _____ the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

ANSWERS: 223. fragments, 224. aspiration, 225. individual, 226. repertoire, 227. pursue, 228. barely, 229. humble, 230. patted

231. This study _____ four different ways to run a business.

- v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

232. He used an old ____ to clean the grease off the car's engine.

- n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

233. 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

234. The organization finally signed a peace _____.

- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have

235. The annual Fourth of July _____ is popular in the town square.

- n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

236. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.

- n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

237. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

238. He _____ under his breath about the job relocation.

- v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

ANSWERS: 231. distinguished, 232. rag, 233. verse, 234. accord, 235. parade, 236. disbeliever, 237. opportune, 238. muttered

239. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.
adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
240. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
241. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't _____ at trying again.
v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
242. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.
adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
243. I respect her ability to _____ off harsh criticism.
v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
244. More and more people are utilizing counselors to help resolve their _____ problems.
adj. of or relating to marriage
245. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
246. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 239. daunting, 240. blur, 241. balk, 242. brave, 243. shrug, 244. marital, 245. environment, 246. empowered

247. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

248. Today, the study of _____ remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy

- n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

249. The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was _____.

- v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

250. Her _____ accent made it difficult to take her seriously.

- adj.* influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere

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

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

252. She had an _____ amount of work to complete before the deadline.

- adj.* excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate

253. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

- adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 247. confer, 248. alchemy, 249. abducted, 250. affected, 251. invest, 252. inordinate, 253. brilliant

254. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

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

255. Dual _____ is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.

- n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country

256. The detective followed a _____ of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

- n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

257. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

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

258. This artist always packs the _____ halls.

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

259. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.

- v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

260. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

- n.* a long or challenging search for something

261. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

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

ANSWERS: 254. embarrass, 255. nationality, 256. thread, 257. church, 258. concert, 259. weaves, 260. quest, 261. relations

262. The extremist group aims to _____ young people through its propaganda.
- v.* to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices
263. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.
- adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
264. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
- adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
265. A _____ conviction can have long-term consequences, such as difficulty finding employment.
- n.* a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months
266. I claim on my _____ that it is true.
- n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

ANSWERS: 262. radicalize, 263. guilty, 264. underground, 265. misdemeanor, 266. honor