

# Englist.me



## Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

*Maira Kalman: The illustrated woman | TED Talk*

[https://www.ted.com/talks/maira\\_kalman\\_the\\_illustrated\\_woman](https://www.ted.com/talks/maira_kalman_the_illustrated_woman)

### All Words

#### IMPORTANT

This material is a commentary and does not contain any copyrighted material of the reference source. We strongly recommend accessing/buying the reference source at the same time.

## Session 1: Word List

### session

*n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

*synonym*: conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

### simplicity

*n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

*synonym*: easiness, plainness, modesty

(1) a life of **simplicity**, (2) refined **simplicity**

He liked the car because of the **simplicity** of the design.

### simple-minded

*adj.* tending to see things straightforwardly or naively; lacking mental complexity or sophistication

*synonym*: simple, naive, unintelligent

(1) **simple-minded** thinking, (2) **simple-minded** appearance

His **simple-minded** approach to life allowed him to find joy in the smallest things.

### yell

*v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way

*synonym*: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

## norm

*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard  
*synonym*: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

## fortunate

*adj.* having good luck or lucky

*synonym*: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

## torture

*n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

*synonym*: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

## 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.

## ignore

*v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

*synonym*: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

## fabulous

*adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories

*synonym*: amazing, wonderful, astonishing

(1) a **fabulous** price, (2) a **fabulous** monster

Thank you for inviting such a **fabulous** party tonight.

## daydreaming

*n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

*synonym*: reverie, cloud-castle, imagination

(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**

I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

## 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**.

## 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.

## poetry

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

*synonym*: ode, poesy, verse

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

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

## knit

*v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine

*synonym*: weave, crochet, knot

(1) **knit** my eyebrows, (2) **knit** a pair of socks

The grandmother **knit** a warm sweater for her grandchild.

## sweat

*n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

*synonym*:

perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

## 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.

## wretchedness

*n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed

*synonym*: misery, unhappiness, distress

(1) emotional **wretchedness**, (2) economic **wretchedness**

The book delves into the **wretchedness** and misery of life in a war-torn country.

## decide

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

*synonym*: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## awful

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

*synonym*: terrible, appalling, horrible

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

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

## purple

*adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue

*synonym*: violet

(1) deep **purple**, (2) **purple** sweet potatoes

The plant has a stunning **purple** blossom.

## prose

*n.* a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme

*synonym*: narrative, writing, story

(1) **prose** fiction, (2) rhythmical **prose**

The novel was written in **prose**, with no rhyme or meter.

## narrative

*n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

*synonym*: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

## editorial

*adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

*synonym*: comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

## illustrate

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

*synonym*: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

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

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

## sheer

*adj.* complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent

*synonym*: absolute, pure, utter

(1) **sheer** cliff, (2) **sheer** fabric

The **sheer** beauty of the sunset left us in awe.

## ignorance

*n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

*synonym*: unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss

His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

## studio

*n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

*synonym*: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

## premise

*n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

*synonym*: assumption, postulate, supposition

(1) the major **premise**, (2) make a **premise**

The book's **premise** is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

## stymie

*v.* to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement

*synonym*: hinder, obstruct, impede

(1) **stymie** progress, (2) **stymie** plans

The new regulations will **stymie** the growth of small businesses in the area.

## boundary

*n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

*synonym*: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

## absurd

*adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

*synonym*: ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

## collective

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

*synonym*: composite, concerted, cumulative

(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership

Product development is a **collective** effort.

## crazy

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

*synonym*: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

## attempt

*n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

*synonym*: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless

**attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

## humorous

*adj.* characterized by humor; funny, amusing, or entertaining; causing laughter or mirth

*synonym*: funny, comical, amusing

(1) **humorous** remark, (2) **humorous** movie

Her **humorous** anecdotes always left us laughing until our stomachs hurt.

## hop

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

*synonym*: jump, bounce, skip

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

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

## succeed

*v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

*synonym* : achieve, accomplish, triumph

(1) **succeed** beyond expectations, (2) **succeed** academically

I hope to **succeed** in my career and live a happy life.

## normally

*adv.* usually; under normal conditions

*synonym* : commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

## humor

*n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

*synonym* : comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

## elegance

*n.* the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner

*synonym* : grace, refinement, poise

(1) austere **elegance**, (2) natural **elegance**

The **elegance** of her dress was breathtaking.

## humanity

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

*synonym* : humankind, society, human race

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

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

## impersonal

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

*synonym* : detached, unemotional

(1) **impersonal** communication, (2) **impersonal** treatment



The high-rise office building had an **impersonal** atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.

## packaging

*n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging

*synonym* : wrapping, packing, boxing

(1) **packaging** materials, (2) biodegradable **packaging**

The **packaging** for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.

## wrap

*v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

*synonym* : surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

**Wrap** the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

## journalist

*n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

*synonym* : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

## invention

*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

*synonym* : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

## imaginary

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

*synonym* : fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

## complicated

*adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

*synonym*: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly

### **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

## crank

*n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

*synonym*: eccentric, oddball, kook

(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller

The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.

## transition

*n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

*synonym*: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

## forth

*adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

*synonym*: forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand

I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

## immature

*adj.* not fully developed or grown; not fully mature

*synonym*: young, inexperienced, undeveloped

(1) an **immature** youth, (2) developmentally **immature**

His **immature** behavior often gets him into trouble.

## 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.

## drawing

*n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

*synonym* : sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for her artwork.

## gorgeous

*adj.* wonderful and attractive

*synonym* : beautiful, stunning, attractive

(1) a **gorgeous** meal, (2) **gorgeous** sunset

She wore a **gorgeous** dress to the party, which everyone admired.

## doodle

*v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs

*synonym* : scribble, sketch, draw

(1) **doodle** my way through life, (2) **doodle** in a notebook

When on the phone, he likes to **doodle** little sketches in the margins of his notepad.

## comprehension

*n.* the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience

*synonym* : understanding, knowledge, insight

(1) **comprehension** level, (2) a listening **comprehension** test

Her **comprehension** of the material was impressive for someone so young.

## possibility

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

*synonym* : chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

## condense

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

*synonym*: compress, compact, shorten

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

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

## edit

*v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

*synonym*: revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

## whimsical

*adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

*synonym*: capricious, impulsive, flighty

(1) **whimsical** reasons, (2) a **whimsical** person

Much of his painting has a **whimsical** quality.

## background

*n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

*synonym*: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

## dialogue

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

*synonym*: conversation, discussion, talk

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

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

## evolve

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

*synonym*: develop, mature, grow

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

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

## journal

*n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

*synonym*: periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

## plot

*n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

*synonym*: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

## scare

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

*synonym*: frighten, spook, intimidate

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

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

## random

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

*synonym*: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## fantastic

*adj.* extremely good; excellent

*synonym* : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

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

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

## gown

*n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women

*synonym* : dress, robe, garment

(1) a judge's **gown**, (2) **gown** for the prom

She looked stunning in her long, flowing **gown** at the formal event.

## alphabet

*n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

*synonym* : ABC's

(1) letters of an **alphabet**, (2) an **alphabet** of manual signs

He strove to memorize the Hebrew **alphabet**.

## utter

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

*synonym* : absolute, complete, total

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

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

## tribe

*n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

*synonym* : family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

## insult

*n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect;  
(verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

*synonym* : affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

## Alzheimer

*n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

*synonym* : dementia, memory loss, cognitive decline

(1) **Alzheimer's** brain, (2) **Alzheimer's** risk factors

My grandmother has **Alzheimer's** disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

## cape

*n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

*synonym* : shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym* : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## inspiration

*n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

*synonym* : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

## element

*n.* a fundamental or essential part of something

*synonym* : component, feature, essence

(1) new design **elements**, (2) nonmetallic **elements**

Natural selection is an essential **element** in Darwin's theory of evolution.

## poem

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

*synonym*: ballad, lyric, verse

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

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

## flunk

*v.* to fail a test, examination, or course; to perform poorly or not meet the required standard

*synonym*: fail, bomb, flop

(1) **flunk** an exam, (2) **flunk** a job interview

He was so ill-prepared that he **flunked** the driving test on his first attempt.

## 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.

## lift

*v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

*synonym*: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

## illustration

*n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

*synonym*: picture, diagram, explanation

(1) educational **illustration**, (2) **illustration** artist



The **illustration** in the book helped me understand the concept better.

## convinced

*adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

*synonym*: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

## estate

*n.* a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation

*synonym*: property, domain, land

(1) **estate** agent, (2) real **estate** transaction

The wealthy businessman left his entire **estate** to his children when he died.

## intersection

*n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

*synonym*: crossroad, junction, hub

(1) busy **intersection**, (2) the **intersection** of coordinate axes

Take a right turn at the next **intersection**.

## polish

*n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

*synonym*: shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**

I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

## wasp

*n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

*synonym*: insect, hornet, yellow jacket

(1) **wasp** nest, (2) **wasp** sting

A giant **wasp** flew into the room, and everyone panicked.

## **mess**

*n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

*synonym*: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

## **grammar**

*n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

*synonym*: syntax, elements

(1) **grammar** checker, (2) Latin **grammar**

Mastering **grammar** takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

## **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.

## **sand**

*n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

*synonym*: grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

## **stain**

*v.* to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove

*synonym*: discolor, tarnish, defile

(1) **stain** the carpet, (2) red wine **stain**

The allegations of corruption **stained** her reputation, and she struggled to regain public trust.

## understatement

*n.* an expression that describes something as less important or serious than it really is

*synonym*: minimization, underplay, underrating

(1) with a certain **understatement**, (2) master of **understatement**

It's just a small fire, the firefighter said, in a classic **understatement**.

## murder

*n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

*synonym*: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

## mystery

*n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

*synonym*: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

## theme

*n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

*synonym*: subject, topic, motif

(1) **theme** park, (2) central **theme**

The **theme** of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

## obscure

*adj.* not well known to many people

*synonym*: esoteric, vague, unrecognized

(1) **obscure** answer, (2) **obscure** artist

This information was primarily **obscured** in the first release.

## tongue

*n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

*synonym*: lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

## paralyze

*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

*synonym*: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

## loathe

*v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something

*synonym*: despise, hate, abominate

(1) **loathe** violence, (2) **loathe** broccoli

I absolutely **loathe** spiders and can't stand to be near them.

## 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.

## adore

*v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence

*synonym*: cherish, worship, idolize

(1) truly **adore** him, (2) **adore** the way she styles her hair

Children seem to **adore** chocolate ice cream no matter where they're from.

## commit

*v.* to do something illegal or wrong

*synonym*: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

## compose

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

*synonym*: compile, constitute, build

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

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

## amateur

*adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional

*synonym*: novice, inexperienced, non-professional

(1) an **amateur** magician, (2) an **amateur** musician

The **amateur** photographer captured some stunning shots during the sunset.

## professional

*adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

*synonym*: skilled, competent, accomplished

(1) **professional** athlete, (2) certified **professional** secretary

He has a **professional** demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

## clatter

v. to make a loud, rattling sound, often produced by objects repeatedly striking or colliding with each other; to create a noisy, chaotic disturbance

*synonym*: clack, rattle, resonate

(1) **clatter** dishes in the sink, (2) **clatter** across the rooftops

The pots and pans **clattered** loudly as they were dropped into the sink.

## slink

v. to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky

*synonym*: sneak, slither, crawl

(1) **slink** back home, (2) **slink** in the shadows

The thief tried to **slink** away unnoticed, but the security guard caught him.

## suppose

*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible  
*synonym*: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

## phenomenally

*adv.* extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising

*synonym*: exceptionally, amazingly, remarkably

(1) **phenomenally** quick, (2) **phenomenally** gifted

He became **phenomenally** successful in the entertainment industry.

## op-ed

*adj.* denoting or relating to a piece of writing or article that expresses the author's opinion or point of view on a particular topic, usually published in a newspaper or magazine on the page opposite the editorial page

*synonym*: editorial, opinion, column

(1) **op-ed** section, (2) **op-ed** columnist

The **op-ed** piece offered a unique perspective on the political situation.

## column

*n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

*synonym*: line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

## uncertain

*adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose

*synonym*: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

## principle

*n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

*synonym* : rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business  
Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

## probable

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

*synonym* : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire  
It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

## amuse

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

*synonym* : entertain, delight, divert

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

## unlimited

*adj.* without any limits or restrictions

*synonym* : unrestricted, boundless, limitless

(1) **unlimited** liability, (2) **unlimited** resources  
An **unlimited** data plan is a popular option for heavy internet users.

## timid

*adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk

*synonym* : shy, bashful, nervous

(1) **timid** tone, (2) **timid** handshake  
The **timid** dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.

## hapless

*adj.* having no luck; unfortunate

*synonym* : unfortunate, unlucky, pitiable

(1) her **hapless** fate, (2) **hapless** situation  
The **hapless** victim had no way to defend themselves.

## dodo

*n.* a flightless bird that was endemic to the island of Mauritius, characterized by its stout body, small wings, and hooked beak; an extinct bird species that was last seen in the late 17th century

*synonym* : extinct bird, flightless bird

(1) **dodo** population, (2) extinct **dodo**

The last known sighting of a flightless **dodo** was recorded in the late 17th century.

## extinct

*adj.* no longer in existence

*synonym* : dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

## rational

*adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking

*synonym* : logical, reasonable, sensible

(1) **rational** decision, (2) the **rational** faculty

The **rational** approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.

## explanation

*n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

*synonym* : description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**

The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

## eudaimonia

*n.* a state of happiness, prosperity, and well-being, often considered to be the ultimate goal in ancient greek philosophy

*synonym* : happiness, well-being, flourishing

(1) the fruit of **eudaimonia**, (2) the path of **eudaimonia**

The concept of **eudaimonia** has been influential in shaping the idea of well-being in Western philosophy.



## hygiene

*n.* the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness

*synonym*: cleanliness, health, sanitation

(1) **hygiene** practices, (2) public **hygiene**

Good **hygiene** is important for preventing the spread of illness.

## horrible

*adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

*synonym*: dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

## electrical

*adj.* relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

## rump

*n.* the hindquarters of an animal or the lower part of a person's torso; (of politics) the most conservative faction of a party

*synonym*: butt, rear, posterior

(1) **rump** steak, (2) **rump** roast

The politician's **rump** speech aroused strong emotions among her supporters.

## decrepit

*adj.* weakened or worn out by old age, illness, or hard use; in a state of disrepair and likely to collapse or break down

*synonym*: dilapidated, run-down, rickety

(1) **decrepit** building, (2) **decrepit** furniture

The **decrepit** old house was in desperate need of repair.

## palace

*n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

*synonym*: mansion, manor, castle

(1) a **palace** garden, (2) ancestral **palace**

The imperial **palace** is currently undergoing reforms.

## paranoid

*adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

(1) **paranoid** about issues, (2) **paranoid** disorder

A **paranoid** person may have delusions that people want to harm.

## chart

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

*synonym*: diagram, graph, map

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

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

## smack

*v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

*synonym*: hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

## flee

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

*synonym*: exit, escape, run away

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

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

## innocent

*adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

*synonym*: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

## elegant

*adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

*synonym*: refined, sophisticated, graceful

(1) **elegant** design, (2) write **elegant** sentences

She wore an **elegant** evening gown to the gala.

## butterfly

*n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

## displacement

*n.* the act of forcing someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

*synonym*: eviction, exile, exodus

(1) **displacement** camp, (2) a car with 1800 cc

### **displacement**

The **displacement** of the residents was a consequence of the construction of the new highway.

## pogrom

*n.* an organized massacre or persecution of a minority group, especially Jews

*synonym*: persecution, massacre, violence

(1) the **pogrom** against a minority, (2) ethnic **pogrom**

The Jewish community was the victim of a **pogrom** in the early 20th century.

## shack

*n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

*synonym*: shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

## woods

*n.* a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver

*synonym*: forest, woodland, timberland

(1) mystery **woods**, (2) deep **woods**

The **woods** behind the house are a great place to hike and explore.

## 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.

## whatsoever

*adv.* not at all; no matter what

*synonym*: in any way, at all, in any respect

(1) **whatsoever** it be, (2) without impact **whatsoever**

He refused to do anything **whatsoever** to help her.

## banish

*v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

*synonym*: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

## miracle

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

*synonym*: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

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

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

## lexicon

*n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

*synonym*: glossary, dictionary, vocabulary

(1) Greek-English **lexicon**, (2) **lexicon** of business phrases

This bilingual **lexicon** was essential for his language improvement.

## hell

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

*synonym*: inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose  
The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

## impossibility

*n.* the state or condition of being impossible; something that is not possible or cannot be done

*synonym*: impracticality, infeasibility, impossibleness

(1) **impossibility** theorem, (2) **impossibility** of performance  
According to the laws of physics, an event happening before its cause is a logical **impossibility**.

## conjure

*v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

*synonym*: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision  
The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

## refreshing

*adj.* providing a sense of renewal, revitalization, or invigoration; pleasantly rejuvenating or reenergizing; offering relief or respite from fatigue or monotony

*synonym*: stimulative, invigorating, revitalizing

(1) **refreshing** drink, (2) **refreshing** shower

Sipping an ice-cold lemonade on a hot summer day is a **refreshing** experience.

## caption

*n.* a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document

*synonym*: heading, subheading, title

(1) **caption** text, (2) social media **caption**

The **caption** on the photograph helped to explain the image's content.

## lean

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

*synonym*: skinny, slender, (verb) slant

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

**Lean** operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

## anguish

*n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony

*synonym*: distress, torment, agony

(1) **anguish** and pain, (2) emotional **anguish**

She suffered from a deep sense of **anguish** following the loss of her loved one.

## console

*v.* to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone; (noun) a type of table that is meant to be displayed against a wall; a control panel or unit that houses the controls for a particular piece of equipment

*synonym*: soothe, calm, pacify

(1) **console** her for the loss of her son, (2) **console** the spirits of the victims

She **consoled** her crying friend with words of encouragement.

## staircase

*n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

*synonym*: stairway, stairwell

(1) spiral **staircase**, (2) beetle up the **staircase**

She walked urgently down the emergency **staircase**.

## fake

*adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

*synonym*: affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

## quote

*v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

*synonym*: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

## labor

*n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

*synonym*: toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

## devotion

*n.* great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something

*synonym*: dedication, faith, adherence

(1) **devotion** for Buddhism, (2) selfless **devotion**

Their **devotion** to each other was beautiful.

## genius

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

*synonym*: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

## destine

*v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

*synonym*: ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

## extinction

*n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth  
*synonym*: disappearance, eradication, annihilation

(1) **extinction** prevention, (2) brink of **extinction**

The **extinction** of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

- tap**
- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
- synonym* : knock, exploit, use
- (1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger  
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.
- miserable**
- adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
- synonym* : unhappy, wretched, cheerless
- (1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience  
She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.
- kitty**
- n.* a sum of money or a collection of funds that is pooled together by a group of people for a specific purpose, usually for a common expense, such as a shared meal, gambling, or other group activities
- synonym* : pot, pool, jackpot
- (1) vacation **kitty**, (2) secret **kitty**  
We put ten percent of our earnings into our home improvement **kitty** every week.
- treasure**
- n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
- synonym* : hoard, fortune, gem
- (1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island  
The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.
- moss**
- n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
- synonym* : plant, foliage, greenery
- (1) green **moss**, (2) **moss** garden  
**Moss** grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.



## dated

*adj.* having a style or quality that is no longer fashionable or relevant; old-fashioned; belonging to a particular time period in the past

*synonym* : outdated, antiquated, obsolete

(1) **dated** technology, (2) **dated** fashion

The documents were difficult to read due to their **dated** language.

## bury

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

*synonym* : entomb, sink, forget

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

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

## cemetery

*n.* a burial ground or graveyard; a place where dead bodies are buried

*synonym* : graveyard, burial ground, memorial park

(1) **cemetery** plot, (2) historic **cemetery**

We visited the **cemetery** to pay our respects to our deceased loved ones.

## absolute

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

*synonym* : complete, infrangible, indisputable

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

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

## icing

*n.* a sweet, often sugary, mixture used to cover or decorate cakes, pastries, or desserts; a thin layer of ice formed on a surface, often caused by freezing rain or excessive condensation

*synonym* : frosting, glaze, topping

(1) smooth **icing**, (2) cake **icing**

My mom baked a delicious cake with chocolate **icing** for my birthday.

## mausoleum

*n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground

*synonym* : tomb, sepulcher, crypt

(1) visit a **mausoleum**, (2) marble **mausoleum**

The imperial **mausoleum** was built to honor the late king.

## sink

*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

*synonym* : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

## photograph

*n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

*synonym* : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

## packet

*n.* a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials

*synonym* : package, parcel, bundle

(1) **packet** delivery, (2) **packet** data network

I need to buy a **packet** of biscuits from the store.

## bagel

*n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices

*synonym* : roll, doughnut, bialy

(1) freshly baked **bagel**, (2) **bagel** with cream cheese

I prefer a toasty **bagel** with bacon and eggs for weekend brunch.

## supple

*adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

*synonym* : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

## salesperson

*n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

*synonym* : dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

## alike

*adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance

*synonym* : similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done them.

## contest

*n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

*synonym* : battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

## sew

*v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

*synonym* : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

## cantata

*n.* a vocal composition with an instrumental accompaniment, typically including solos, choruses, and recitatives

*synonym* : vocal work, musical composition, song

(1) church **cantata**, (2) **cantata** composer

A choir of fifty voices performed the **cantata**.

## utterly

*adv.* completely or absolutely

*synonym* : absolutely, completely, perfectly

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

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

## discuss

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

*synonym* : talk about, converse, debate

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

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

## Session 2: Spelling

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. the morning se_____n           | <i>n.</i> a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity |
| 2. economic mi_____e              | <i>n.</i> an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God                |
| 3. sm__k on the lips              | <i>v.</i> to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke                              |
| 4. f__e abroad                    | <i>v.</i> to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger   |
| 5. the form of a di_____ue        | <i>n.</i> a conversation in a book, play, or film  |
| 6. ethnic po___m                  | <i>n.</i> an organized massacre or persecution of a minority group, especially Jews  |
| 7. an ele_____al storm            | <i>adj.</i> relating to electricity  |
| 8. a weather ch__t                | <i>n.</i> a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea           |
| 9. right to col_____ve bargaining | <i>adj.</i> done or shared by every member of a group of people  |
| 10. cr__y about cars and racing   | <i>adj.</i> stupid or not sensible; very angry   |
| 11. a listening com_____ion test  | <i>n.</i> the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience                                |

ANSWERS: 1. session, 2. miracle, 3. smack, 4. flee, 5. dialogue, 6. pogrom, 7. electrical, 8. chart, 9. collective, 10. crazy, 11. comprehension

12. pa\_\_\_t delivery *n.* a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials
13. su\_\_\_e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
14. an in\_\_\_\_\_nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
15. surface po\_\_\_h *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
16. da\_\_d technology *adj.* having a style or quality that is no longer fashionable or relevant; old-fashioned; belonging to a particular time period in the past
17. technical dr\_\_\_\_\_g *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
18. r\_\_p steak *n.* the hindquarters of an animal or the lower part of a person's torso; (of politics) the most conservative faction of a party
19. de\_\_\_\_\_it furniture *adj.* weakened or worn out by old age, illness, or hard use; in a state of disrepair and likely to collapse or break down
20. de\_\_\_\_\_it building *adj.* weakened or worn out by old age, illness, or hard use; in a state of disrepair and likely to collapse or break down

ANSWERS: 12. packet, 13. supple, 14. innocent, 15. polish, 16. dated, 17. drawing, 18. rump, 19. decrepit, 20. decrepit

21. the in\_\_\_\_\_on of new techniques      *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
22. pa\_\_\_\_\_ze a city      *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
23. natural el\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner
24. mass of hu\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
25. long-ex\_\_\_\_\_t volcano      *adj.* no longer in existence
26. extinct d\_\_o      *n.* a flightless bird that was endemic to the island of Mauritius, characterized by its stout body, small wings, and hooked beak; an extinct bird species that was last seen in the late 17th century
27. pa\_\_\_\_\_id about issues      *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
28. ig\_\_\_e a ban      *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
29. the at\_\_\_\_\_t to rescue the hostages      *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
30. d\_\_o population      *n.* a flightless bird that was endemic to the island of Mauritius, characterized by its stout body, small wings, and hooked beak; an extinct bird species that was last seen in the late 17th century

ANSWERS: 21. invention, 22. paralyze, 23. elegance, 24. humanity, 25. extinct, 26. dodo, 27. paranoid, 28. ignore, 29. attempt, 30. dodo

31. a fa\_\_\_\_us price *adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
32. l\_\_t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
33. all in a sw\_\_t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
34. wha\_\_\_\_er it be *adv.* not at all; no matter what
35. po\_\_\_\_h finishing *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
36. economic wre\_\_\_\_ess *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
37. ba\_\_\_\_h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
38. ut\_\_\_\_y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
39. ill\_\_\_\_ion artist *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
40. ensure a smooth tra\_\_\_\_on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
41. do aw\_\_l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
42. austere el\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner

ANSWERS: 31. fabulous, 32. lift, 33. sweat, 34. whatsoever, 35. polish, 36. wretchedness, 37. banish, 38. utterly, 39. illustration, 40. transition, 41. awful, 42. elegance



43. y\_\_l as loud as we can      *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
44. the mental process of day\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
45. sw\_\_t bath      *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
46. Greek-English le\_\_\_\_n      *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
47. cr\_\_k handle      *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
48. a fa\_\_\_\_\_ic dress      *adj.* extremely good; excellent
49. secret ki\_\_y      *n.* a sum of money or a collection of funds that is pooled together by a group of people for a specific purpose, usually for a common expense, such as a shared meal, gambling, or other group activities
50. s\_\_d castle      *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
51. fl\_\_k a job interview      *v.* to fail a test, examination, or course; to perform poorly or not meet the required standard

ANSWERS: 43. yell, 44. daydreaming, 45. sweat, 46. lexicon, 47. crank, 48. fantastic, 49. kitty, 50. sand, 51. flunk

52. dis\_\_\_\_\_ent camp *n.* the act of forcing someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
53. not up to p\_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
54. the po\_\_\_m against a minority *n.* an organized massacre or persecution of a minority group, especially Jews
55. am\_\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
56. busy int\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
57. st\_\_n the carpet *v.* to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove
58. a China-based jou\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
59. ha\_\_\_\_\_s situation *adj.* having no luck; unfortunate
60. ho\_\_\_\_\_le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
61. gr\_\_\_\_\_r checker *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
62. f\_\_e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

ANSWERS: 52. displacement, 53. par, 54. pogrom, 55. amazing, 56. intersection, 57. stain, 58. journalist, 59. hapless, 60. horrible, 61. grammar, 62. flee

63. ob\_\_\_\_e answer *adj.* not well known to many people
64. fo\_\_\_\_\_te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
65. w\_\_p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
66. de\_\_\_\_\_e us to meet again *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
67. cl\_\_\_\_\_r dishes in the sink *v.* to make a loud, rattling sound, often produced by objects repeatedly striking or colliding with each other; to create a noisy, chaotic disturbance
68. co\_\_\_\_\_ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
69. pa\_\_\_\_\_id disorder *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
70. mi\_\_\_\_\_le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
71. a bac\_\_\_\_\_nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
72. a w\_\_t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command

ANSWERS: 63. obscure, 64. fortunate, 65. wrap, 66. destine, 67. clatter, 68. convinced, 69. paranoid, 70. miserable, 71. background, 72. writ

73. attempted mu\_\_\_r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
74. an\_\_\_\_\_h and pain *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
75. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
76. a ge\_\_\_s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
77. t\_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
78. w\_\_p nest *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
79. with a certain und\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* an expression that describes something as less important or serious than it really is
80. co\_\_\_t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
81. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
82. sc\_\_e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
83. letters of an al\_\_\_\_\_et *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
84. cl\_\_\_\_\_r across the rooftops *v.* to make a loud, rattling sound, often produced by objects repeatedly striking or colliding with each other; to create a noisy, chaotic disturbance

ANSWERS: 73. murder, 74. anguish, 75. statistics, 76. genius, 77. tap, 78. wasp, 79. understatement, 80. commit, 81. obvious, 82. scare, 83. alphabet, 84. clatter

85. the major pr\_\_\_\_e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
86. im\_\_\_\_ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
87. detailed exp\_\_\_\_on *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
88. become increasingly com\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
89. beach sh\_\_k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
90. hu\_\_\_\_us movie *adj.* characterized by humor; funny, amusing, or entertaining; causing laughter or mirth
91. ev\_\_\_e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
92. an intentional in\_\_\_t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
93. pho\_\_\_\_ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
94. l\_\_t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 85. premise, 86. imaginary, 87. explanation, 88. complicated, 89. shack, 90. humorous, 91. evolve, 92. insult, 93. photograph, 94. lift

95. ad\_\_e the way she styles her hair      *v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
96. ca\_\_\_\_\_a composer      *n.* a vocal composition with an instrumental accompaniment, typically including solos, choruses, and recitatives
97. st\_\_\_e progress      *v.* to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement
98. biodegradable pa\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
99. developmentally im\_\_\_\_\_re      *adj.* not fully developed or grown; not fully mature
100. modern po\_\_\_y      *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
101. aboriginal tr\_\_e      *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
102. get inc\_\_\_\_\_ly insecure      *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
103. sim\_\_\_\_\_ded appearance      *adj.* tending to see things straightforwardly or naively; lacking mental complexity or sophistication

ANSWERS: 95. adore, 96. cantata, 97. stymie, 98. packaging, 99. immature, 100. poetry, 101. tribe, 102. incredibly, 103. simple-minded

104. my\_\_\_\_\_y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
105. thousands of in\_\_\_\_\_nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
106. ig\_\_\_\_e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
107. native to\_\_\_\_e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
108. pa\_\_\_\_\_ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
109. s\_\_d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
110. a good grounding in mat\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
111. call fo\_\_h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
112. the int\_\_\_\_\_ion of coordinate axes *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

ANSWERS: 104. mystery, 105. innocent, 106. ignore, 107. tongue, 108. paralyze, 109. sand, 110. mathematics, 111. forth, 112. intersection

113. a to\_\_\_\_\_e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
114. su\_\_\_\_\_d beyond expectations *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
115. have a whole m\_\_s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
116. imp\_\_\_\_\_ity theorem *n.* the state or condition of being impossible; something that is not possible or cannot be done
117. spiral st\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
118. b\_\_y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
119. de\_\_\_\_\_on for Buddhism *n.* great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something
120. sh\_\_r cliff *adj.* complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent
121. im\_\_\_\_\_ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
122. take an un\_\_\_\_\_in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose

ANSWERS: 113. torture, 114. succeed, 115. mess, 116. impossibility, 117. staircase, 118. bury, 119. devotion, 120. sheer, 121. imaginary, 122. uncertain



123. a wh\_\_\_\_\_al person *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason
124. ancestral pa\_\_\_e *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
125. co\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
126. st\_\_\_e plans *v.* to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement
127. un\_\_\_\_\_ed resources *adj.* without any limits or restrictions
128. ca\_\_\_\_\_n text *n.* a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document
129. unsolved my\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
130. a criminal bac\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 123. whimsical, 124. palace, 125. confer, 126. stymie, 127. unlimited, 128. caption, 129. mystery, 130. background

131. ob\_\_\_\_\_e artist *adj.* not well known to many people
132. bu\_\_\_\_\_ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
133. complete no\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
134. mat\_\_\_\_\_cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
135. not no\_\_\_\_\_ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
136. absolutely fa\_\_\_\_\_ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
137. s\_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
138. personal na\_\_\_\_\_ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
139. qu\_\_e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
140. emotional an\_\_\_\_\_h *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
141. a sal\_\_\_\_\_on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
142. su\_\_\_\_\_d academically *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

ANSWERS: 131. obscure, 132. butterfly, 133. normally, 134. mathematics, 135. normally, 136. fantastic, 137. sew, 138. narrative, 139. quote, 140. anguish, 141. salesperson, 142. succeed

143. emotional wre\_\_\_\_\_ess      *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
144. the exp\_\_\_\_\_on for the failure      *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
145. source of ins\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
146. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs      *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
147. vacation ki\_\_y      *n.* a sum of money or a collection of funds that is pooled together by a group of people for a specific purpose, usually for a common expense, such as a shared meal, gambling, or other group activities
148. 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
149. new design el\_\_\_\_\_ts      *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
150. h\_p from one place to another      *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

ANSWERS: 143. wretchedness, 144. explanation, 145. inspiration, 146. statistics, 147. kitty, 148. feminist, 149. element, 150. hop

151. write el\_\_\_\_t sentences *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
152. ex\_\_\_\_t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
153. common in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
154. e\_\_t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
155. truly ad\_\_e him *v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
156. tr\_\_\_\_\_re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
157. l\_\_n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
158. do\_\_\_e my way through life *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
159. red wine st\_\_n *v.* to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove
160. an instrument of to\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 151. elegant, 152. extinct, 153. invention, 154. edit, 155. adore, 156. treasure, 157. lean, 158. doodle, 159. stain, 160. torture

161. be de\_\_\_\_\_ed to become a great artist  
v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
162. sm\_\_k his knee  
v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
163. the court se\_\_\_\_\_n  
n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
164. e\_\_t a history book  
v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
165. le\_\_\_\_\_n of business phrases  
n. all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
166. beetle up the st\_\_\_\_\_se  
n. a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
167. an al\_\_\_\_\_et of manual signs  
n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
168. ti\_\_d tone  
adj. showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
169. co\_\_\_\_\_e a vision  
v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

ANSWERS: 161. destine, 162. smack, 163. session, 164. edit, 165. lexicon, 166. staircase, 167. alphabet, 168. timid, 169. conjure

170. without impact wha\_\_\_\_\_er *adv.* not at all; no matter what
171. h\_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
172. the ra\_\_\_\_\_al faculty *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
173. pr\_\_\_\_\_le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
174. a life of sim\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
175. an ab\_\_\_\_\_te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
176. spread of f\_\_e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
177. jou\_\_\_\_\_st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
178. co\_\_\_\_\_e her for the loss of her son *v.* to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone; (noun) a type of table that is meant to be displayed against a wall; a control panel or unit that houses the controls for a particular piece of equipment
179. gain ed\_\_\_\_\_al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
180. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 170. whatsoever, 171. hop, 172. rational, 173. principle, 174. simplicity, 175. absolute, 176. fake, 177. journalist, 178. console, 179. editorial, 180. norm

181. p\_\_m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
182. geographical bo\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
183. ut\_\_\_\_y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
184. cake ic\_\_g *n.* a sweet, often sugary, mixture used to cover or decorate cakes, pastries, or desserts; a thin layer of ice formed on a surface, often caused by freezing rain or excessive condensation
185. red c\_\_e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
186. Al\_\_\_\_er's brain *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
187. lo\_\_\_\_e broccoli *v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something
188. si\_\_e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
189. p\_\_t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 181. poem, 182. boundary, 183. utterly, 184. icing, 185. cape, 186. Alzheimer, 187. loathe, 188. singe, 189. plot

190. h\_\_l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
191. visit a ma\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
192. an am\_\_\_\_\_r magician *adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional
193. co\_\_\_\_\_e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
194. ba\_\_\_h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
195. phe\_\_\_\_\_lly quick *adv.* extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising
196. pu\_\_\_e sweet potatoes *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
197. co\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
198. ut\_\_\_r nonsense *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

ANSWERS: 190. hell, 191. mausoleum, 192. amateur, 193. compose, 194. banish, 195. phenomenally, 196. purple, 197. confer, 198. utter



199. de\_\_\_e on a course of action      *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
200. mu\_\_\_r in the second degree      *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
201. da\_\_d fashion      *adj.* having a style or quality that is no longer fashionable or relevant; old-fashioned; belonging to a particular time period in the past
202. tra\_\_\_\_\_on phase      *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
203. issue a w\_\_t      *n.* a written legal order or command
204. b\_\_y emotion      *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
205. music st\_\_\_o      *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
206. na\_\_\_\_\_ve poetry      *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
207. a judge's g\_\_n      *n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women
208. social media ca\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document
209. a person of ge\_\_\_s      *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

ANSWERS: 199. decide, 200. murder, 201. dated, 202. transition, 203. writ, 204. bury, 205. studio, 206. narrative, 207. gown, 208. caption, 209. genius

210. sardonic hu\_\_r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
211. p\_\_t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
212. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
213. an aw\_\_l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
214. young and old al\_\_e *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
215. inc\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
216. cr\_\_k caller *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
217. imp\_\_\_\_\_al treatment *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
218. op\_\_d columnist *adj.* denoting or relating to a piece of writing or article that expresses the author's opinion or point of view on a particular topic, usually published in a newspaper or magazine on the page opposite the editorial page

ANSWERS: 210. humor, 211. plot, 212. confuse, 213. awful, 214. alike, 215. incredibly, 216. crank, 217. impersonal, 218. op-ed

219. c\_\_e cod *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
220. freshly baked ba\_\_l *n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices
221. a go\_\_\_\_us meal *adj.* wonderful and attractive
222. ra\_\_\_\_al decision *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
223. central th\_\_e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
224. qu\_\_e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
225. master of und\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* an expression that describes something as less important or serious than it really is
226. co\_\_t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
227. di\_\_\_\_s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
228. com\_\_\_\_\_ion level *n.* the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 219. cape, 220. bagel, 221. gorgeous, 222. rational, 223. theme, 224. quote, 225. understatement, 226. commit, 227. discuss, 228. comprehension

229. ref\_\_\_\_\_ng shower *adj.* providing a sense of renewal, revitalization, or invigoration; pleasantly rejuvenating or reenergizing; offering relief or respite from fatigue or monotony
230. to\_\_\_\_e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
231. selfless de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something
232. pa\_\_\_\_\_ng materials *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
233. am\_\_e guests *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
234. co\_\_\_\_\_e the spirits of the victims *v.* to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone; (noun) a type of table that is meant to be displayed against a wall; a control panel or unit that houses the controls for a particular piece of equipment
235. co\_\_\_\_\_se the text *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
236. rhythmical pr\_\_e *n.* a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
237. ba\_\_l with cream cheese *n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices

ANSWERS: 229. refreshing, 230. tongue, 231. devotion, 232. packaging, 233. amuse, 234. console, 235. condense, 236. prose, 237. bagel

238. a reckless at\_\_\_\_t                    *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
239. ut\_\_r a big sigh                    *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
240. ig\_\_\_\_\_ce is bliss                    *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
241. pro\_\_\_\_\_nal athlete                    *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
242. a narrative p\_\_m                    *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
243. co\_\_\_\_\_e an essay                    *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
244. el\_\_\_\_\_t design                    *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
245. a com\_\_\_\_\_ed process                    *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
246. ho\_\_\_\_\_le smell                    *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

ANSWERS: 238. attempt, 239. utter, 240. ignorance, 241. professional, 242. poem, 243. compose, 244. elegant, 245. complicated, 246. horrible



256. mystery wo\_\_s *n.* a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver
257. pho\_\_\_\_\_ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
258. real es\_\_\_e transaction *n.* a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation
259. ig\_\_\_\_\_ce of the law *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
260. hy\_\_\_\_\_e practices *n.* the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness
261. a car with 1800 cc dis\_\_\_\_\_ent *n.* the act of forcing someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
262. the life cycle of a bu\_\_\_\_\_ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
263. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 256. woods, 257. photograph, 258. estate, 259. ignorance, 260. hygiene, 261. displacement, 262. butterfly, 263. possibility

264. Latin gr\_\_\_\_r *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
265. deep wo\_\_s *n.* a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver
266. r\_\_p roast *n.* the hindquarters of an animal or the lower part of a person's torso; (of politics) the most conservative faction of a party
267. es\_\_\_e agent *n.* a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation
268. bombs fell at ra\_\_\_m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
269. educational ill\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
270. marble ma\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground
271. col\_\_\_\_\_ve ownership *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people

ANSWERS: 264. grammar, 265. woods, 266. rump, 267. estate, 268. random, 269. illustration, 270. mausoleum, 271. collective



272. a ra\_\_\_m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
273. su\_\_\_e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
274. an ab\_\_\_d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
275. manual la\_\_r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
276. stimulate day\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
277. phe\_\_\_\_\_lly gifted *adv.* extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising
278. ev\_\_\_e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
279. the bo\_\_\_\_\_ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
280. ill\_\_\_\_\_te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
281. pr\_\_\_\_\_le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 272. random, 273. supple, 274. absurd, 275. labor, 276. daydreaming, 277. phenomenally, 278. evolve, 279. boundary, 280. illustrate, 281. probable

282. sl\_\_k back home *v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
283. k\_\_t a pair of socks *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
284. co\_\_\_\_\_e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
285. cultural n\_\_m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
286. mountain tr\_\_e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
287. an ed\_\_\_\_\_al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
288. church ca\_\_\_\_\_a *n.* a vocal composition with an instrumental accompaniment, typically including solos, choruses, and recitatives
289. pr\_\_\_\_\_le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
290. co\_\_\_\_\_ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
291. pr\_\_\_\_\_le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
292. make a pr\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

ANSWERS: 282. slink, 283. knit, 284. conjure, 285. norm, 286. tribe, 287. editorial, 288. cantata, 289. principle, 290. convinced, 291. probable, 292. premise

293. sim\_\_\_\_\_ded thinking *adj.* tending to see things straightforwardly or naively; lacking mental complexity or sophistication
294. book of po\_\_\_y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
295. su\_\_\_\_\_e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
296. sh\_\_r fabric *adj.* complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent
297. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
298. mi\_\_\_\_\_e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
299. a fa\_\_\_\_\_us monster *adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
300. seasonal la\_\_r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
301. run like h\_\_l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 293. simple-minded, 294. poetry, 295. suppose, 296. sheer, 297. obvious, 298. miracle, 299. fabulous, 300. labor, 301. hell



313. hu\_\_\_\_us remark *adj.* characterized by humor; funny, amusing, or entertaining; causing laughter or mirth
314. su\_\_\_\_e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
315. a statistical ch\_\_t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
316. pos\_\_\_\_ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
317. a l\_\_n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
318. Al\_\_\_\_er's risk factors *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
319. degree in ele\_\_\_\_al engineering *adj.* relating to electricity
320. ce\_\_\_\_ry plot *n.* a burial ground or graveyard; a place where dead bodies are buried
321. humble sh\_\_k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
322. the fruit of eud\_\_\_\_ia *n.* a state of happiness, prosperity, and well-being, often considered to be the ultimate goal in ancient greek philosophy

ANSWERS: 313. humorous, 314. suppose, 315. chart, 316. possibility, 317. lean, 318. Alzheimer, 319. electrical, 320. cemetery, 321. shack, 322. eudaimonia

323. a cr\_\_y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
324. public hy\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness
325. a photo st\_\_\_o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
326. less fo\_\_\_\_\_te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
327. pr\_\_e fiction *n.* a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
328. ref\_\_\_\_\_ng drink *adj.* providing a sense of renewal, revitalization, or invigoration; pleasantly rejuvenating or reenergizing; offering relief or respite from fatigue or monotony
329. Platonic di\_\_\_\_\_ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
330. sl\_\_k in the shadows *v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
331. above p\_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
332. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
333. a pa\_\_\_e garden *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
334. lo\_\_\_e violence *v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something

ANSWERS: 323. crazy, 324. hygiene, 325. studio, 326. fortunate, 327. prose, 328. refreshing, 329. dialogue, 330. slink, 331. par, 332. confuse, 333. palace, 334. loathe

335. co\_\_\_\_\_se water vapor      *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
336. a co\_\_\_\_n of water      *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
337. brink of ext\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
338. deep pu\_\_\_\_e      *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
339. al\_\_e in nature      *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
340. w\_\_p sting      *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
341. dr\_\_\_\_\_g for design      *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
342. th\_\_e park      *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
343. the path of eud\_\_\_\_\_ia      *n.* a state of happiness, prosperity, and well-being, often considered to be the ultimate goal in ancient greek philosophy

ANSWERS: 335. condense, 336. column, 337. extinction, 338. purple, 339. alike, 340. wasp, 341. drawing, 342. theme, 343. eudaimonia

344. get into a m\_\_s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
345. jo\_\_\_\_l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
346. t\_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
347. tr\_\_\_\_re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
348. y\_\_l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
349. w\_\_p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
350. smooth ic\_\_g *n.* a sweet, often sugary, mixture used to cover or decorate cakes, pastries, or desserts; a thin layer of ice formed on a surface, often caused by freezing rain or excessive condensation
351. vitreous hu\_\_r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
352. am\_\_e a baby with a rattle *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
353. s\_\_k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

ANSWERS: 344. mess, 345. journal, 346. tap, 347. treasure, 348. yell, 349. wrap, 350. icing, 351. humor, 352. amuse, 353. sink



354. mi\_\_\_\_\_le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
355. in\_\_\_t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
356. hu\_\_\_\_\_ty at large *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
357. 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
358. ab\_\_\_\_\_te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
359. ti\_\_d handshake *adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
360. go\_\_\_\_\_us sunset *adj.* wonderful and attractive
361. an am\_\_\_\_\_r musician *adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional
362. ill\_\_\_\_\_te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

ANSWERS: 354. miserable, 355. insult, 356. humanity, 357. feminist, 358. absolute, 359. timid, 360. gorgeous, 361. amateur, 362. illustrate

363. do\_\_\_e in a notebook *v.* to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
364. nonmetallic el\_\_\_\_ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
365. pa\_\_\_t data network *n.* a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials
366. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
367. numerous un\_\_\_\_\_in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
368. g\_\_n for the prom *n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women
369. fl\_\_k an exam *v.* to fail a test, examination, or course; to perform poorly or not meet the required standard
370. op\_\_d section *adj.* denoting or relating to a piece of writing or article that expresses the author's opinion or point of view on a particular topic, usually published in a newspaper or magazine on the page opposite the editorial page
371. scientific jo\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
372. imp\_\_\_\_\_al communication *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

ANSWERS: 363. doodle, 364. element, 365. packet, 366. decide, 367. uncertain, 368. gown, 369. flunk, 370. op-ed, 371. journal, 372. impersonal

373. un\_\_\_\_\_ed liability *adj.* without any limits or restrictions
374. ext\_\_\_\_\_on prevention *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
375. historic ce\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a burial ground or graveyard; a place where dead bodies are buried
376. her ha\_\_\_\_\_s fate *adj.* having no luck; unfortunate
377. si\_\_e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
378. k\_\_t my eyebrows *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine

ANSWERS: 373. unlimited, 374. extinction, 375. cemetery, 376. hapless, 377. singe, 378. knit

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was so ill-prepared that he \_\_\_\_\_ the driving test on his first attempt.  
*v.* to fail a test, examination, or course; to perform poorly or not meet the required standard
  
2. Foreign TV crews and \_\_\_\_\_ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.  
*n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
  
3. His \_\_\_\_\_ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.  
*n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
  
4. He refused to do anything \_\_\_\_\_ to help her.  
*adv.* not at all; no matter what
  
5. The high-rise office building had an \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.  
*adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
  
6. Take a right turn at the next \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
  
7. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior often gets him into trouble.  
*adj.* not fully developed or grown; not fully mature

ANSWERS: 1. flunked, 2. journalists, 3. insult, 4. whatsoever, 5. impersonal, 6. intersection, 7. immature

8. Many species have become \_\_\_\_\_ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

*adj.* no longer in existence

9. The public is \_\_\_\_\_ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

*adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

10. She works at a recording \_\_\_\_\_ in Los Angeles.

*n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

11. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.

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

12. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ dress to the party, which everyone admired.

*adj.* wonderful and attractive

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

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

14. She felt \_\_\_\_\_ after her dog passed away.

*adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

15. The nation's healthcare system is in \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment.

*n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.

*adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk

ANSWERS: 8. extinct, 9. convinced, 10. studio, 11. amazing, 12. gorgeous, 13. probable, 14. miserable, 15. transition, 16. timid

17. He did \_\_\_\_\_ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

*adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

18. This intriguing \_\_\_\_\_ mystery remains unsolved.

*n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

19. I regretted making an \_\_\_\_\_ mistake in my final exam.

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

20. I hope to \_\_\_\_\_ in my career and live a happy life.

*v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

21. We immediately rejected his \_\_\_\_\_ suggestion.

*adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

22. His \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

*n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

23. The baseball player \_\_\_\_\_ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

*v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

24. The last known sighting of a flightless \_\_\_\_\_ was recorded in the late 17th century.

*n.* a flightless bird that was endemic to the island of Mauritius, characterized by its stout body, small wings, and hooked beak; an extinct bird species that was last seen in the late 17th century

ANSWERS: 17. complicated, 18. murder, 19. awful, 20. succeed, 21. absurd, 22. ignorance, 23. smacked, 24. dodo

25. Thank you for inviting such a \_\_\_\_\_ party tonight.

*adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories

26. Natural selection is an essential \_\_\_\_\_ in Darwin's theory of evolution.

*n.* a fundamental or essential part of something

27. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

28. This pie \_\_\_\_\_ represents our market share.

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

29. The documents were difficult to read due to their \_\_\_\_\_ language.

*adj.* having a style or quality that is no longer fashionable or relevant; old-fashioned; belonging to a particular time period in the past

30. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

*n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

31. The fishing reel had a \_\_\_\_\_ that made it easy to reel in the catch.

*n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

32. Her \_\_\_\_\_ of the material was impressive for someone so young.

*n.* the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 25. fabulous, 26. element, 27. norms, 28. chart, 29. dated, 30. extinction, 31. crank, 32. comprehension

33. He made a frightful \_\_\_\_\_ in his room.

- n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

34. Their \_\_\_\_\_ to each other was beautiful.

- n.* great loyalty and love or deep consideration for someone or something

35. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the residents was a consequence of the construction of the new highway.

- n.* the act of forcing someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

36. The Jewish community was the victim of a \_\_\_\_\_ in the early 20th century.

- n.* an organized massacre or persecution of a minority group, especially Jews

37. They donated large sums of money for the development of \_\_\_\_\_.

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

38. The imperial \_\_\_\_\_ was built to honor the late king.

- n.* a large tomb or memorial building housing a burial chamber, typically above ground

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

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 33. mess, 34. devotion, 35. displacement, 36. pogrom, 37. humanity, 38. mausoleum, 39. decide, 40. condense



41. The thief tried to \_\_\_\_\_ away unnoticed, but the security guard caught him.  
*v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the book helped me understand the concept better.  
*n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
43. The third \_\_\_\_\_ was far more successful.  
*n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.  
*n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
45. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
46. We are \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to any form of terrorism.  
*adv.* completely or absolutely
47. Since independence, the area has been completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
48. A choir of fifty voices performed the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a vocal composition with an instrumental accompaniment, typically including solos, choruses, and recitatives
49. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.  
*n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

ANSWERS: 41. slink, 42. illustration, 43. attempt, 44. narrative, 45. invention, 46. utterly, 47. ignored, 48. cantata, 49. theme

50. The company's financial records \_\_\_\_\_ how successful it has been.

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

51. She was \_\_\_\_\_ about her friend's intentions.

- adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose

52. The \_\_\_\_\_ photographer captured some stunning shots during the sunset.

- adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional

53. I prefer a toasty \_\_\_\_\_ with bacon and eggs for weekend brunch.

- n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices

54. An \_\_\_\_\_ data plan is a popular option for heavy internet users.

- adj.* without any limits or restrictions

55. She suffered from a deep sense of \_\_\_\_\_ following the loss of her loved one.

- n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony

56. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and \_\_\_\_\_ it

- adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

57. Good \_\_\_\_\_ is important for preventing the spread of illness.

- n.* the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness

58. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.

- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 50. illustrate, 51. uncertain, 52. amateur, 53. bagel, 54. unlimited, 55. anguish, 56. faked, 57. hygiene, 58. confused

59. The battlefield became \_\_\_\_\_ on earth.

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

60. The experience was \_\_\_\_\_ and left a lasting impression.

- adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

61. Much of his painting has a \_\_\_\_\_ quality.

- adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

62. The imperial \_\_\_\_\_ is currently undergoing reforms.

- n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

63. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and \_\_\_\_\_ my dress.

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

64. The drought \_\_\_\_\_ the prices of grain globally.

- v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

65. He was pretty \_\_\_\_\_ to pass the exam.

- adj.* having good luck or lucky

66. Efficiency isn't an essential \_\_\_\_\_ here; fairness is.

- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 59. hell, 60. horrible, 61. whimsical, 62. palace, 63. singed, 64. lifted, 65. fortunate, 66. principle

67. The novel was written in \_\_\_\_\_ with no rhyme or meter.

*n.* a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme

68. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

*adv.* usually; under normal conditions

69. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach was warm and golden.

*n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

70. My husband was found \_\_\_\_\_ of any crime.

*adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

71. \_\_\_\_\_ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

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

72. In his speech, he \_\_\_\_\_ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

*v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

73. 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

ANSWERS: 67. prose, 68. normally, 69. sand, 70. innocent, 71. Lean, 72. quoted, 73. feminist

74. My mom baked a delicious cake with chocolate \_\_\_\_\_ for my birthday.

- n.* a sweet, often sugary, mixture used to cover or decorate cakes, pastries, or desserts; a thin layer of ice formed on a surface, often caused by freezing rain or excessive condensation

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

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

76. The book's \_\_\_\_\_ is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

- n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

77. He found \_\_\_\_\_ in the works of his favorite authors.

- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

78. Children seem to \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate ice cream no matter where they're from.

- v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence

79. He recorded the \_\_\_\_\_ at the time of the incident.

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

80. The \_\_\_\_\_ approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.

- adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking

81. He became \_\_\_\_\_ successful in the entertainment industry.

- adv.* extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising

ANSWERS: 74. icing, 75. collective, 76. premise, 77. inspiration, 78. adore, 79. dialogue, 80. rational, 81. phenomenally

82. When on the phone, he likes to \_\_\_\_\_ little sketches in the margins of his notepad.
- v. to draw or scribble absentmindedly or idly; to make aimless marks or designs
83. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.
- v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
84. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.
- n. the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
85. Gandhi had an \_\_\_\_\_ zeal for nonviolence.
- adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
86. 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
87. The \_\_\_\_\_ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
- n. a chance that something may happen or be true
88. The \_\_\_\_\_ chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.
- adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
89. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the photograph helped to explain the image's content.
- n. a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document

ANSWERS: 82. doodle, 83. bury, 84. packaging, 85. absolute, 86. confer, 87. possibility, 88. utter, 89. caption

90. My wife seems to be in ill \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

91. The two paintings looked \_\_\_\_\_ as if the same artist had done them.

*adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance

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

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

93. Parliament is now in \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

94. The \_\_\_\_\_ behind the house are a great place to hike and explore.

*n.* a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver

95. According to the laws of physics, an event happening before its cause is a logical \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the state or condition of being impossible; something that is not possible or cannot be done

96. The newspaper devoted several \_\_\_\_\_ to the affair.

*n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

97. Eyeless fish \_\_\_\_\_ in dark caves.

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

ANSWERS: 90. humor, 91. alike, 92. poetry, 93. session, 94. woods, 95. impossibility, 96. columns, 97. evolved

98. To expand the company, we must \_\_\_\_ new human resources.
- v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
99. This bilingual \_\_\_\_\_ was essential for his language improvement.
- n. all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
100. I need to buy a \_\_\_\_\_ of biscuits from the store.
- n. a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials
101. \_\_\_\_ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
- v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
102. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
103. The \_\_\_\_\_ victim had no way to defend themselves.
- adj. having no luck; unfortunate
104. The book delves into the \_\_\_\_\_ and misery of life in a war-torn country.
- n. the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
105. The new regulations will \_\_\_\_\_ the growth of small businesses in the area.
- v. to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement

ANSWERS: 98. tap, 99. lexicon, 100. packet, 101. Wrap, 102. background, 103. hapless, 104. wretchedness, 105. stymie



106. I need to \_\_\_\_ this document before submitting it to my boss.

*v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

107. His \_\_\_\_\_ approach to life allowed him to find joy in the smallest things.

*adj.* tending to see things straightforwardly or naively; lacking mental complexity or sophistication

108. The \_\_\_\_ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

*n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

109. We visited the \_\_\_\_\_ to pay our respects to our deceased loved ones.

*n.* a burial ground or graveyard; a place where dead bodies are buried

110. He was served with a \_\_\_\_ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

*n.* a written legal order or command

111. The politician's \_\_\_\_ speech aroused strong emotions among her supporters.

*n.* the hindquarters of an animal or the lower part of a person's torso; (of politics) the most conservative faction of a party

112. This information was primarily \_\_\_\_\_ in the first release.

*adj.* not well known to many people

113. Actuators convert \_\_\_\_\_ pulses into motion.

*adj.* relating to electricity

ANSWERS: 106. edit, 107. simple-minded, 108. plot, 109. cemetery, 110. writ, 111. rump, 112. obscured, 113. electrical

114. He wandered the \_\_\_\_\_ between life and death by gunfire.

*n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

115. We hit the ground to \_\_\_\_\_ out the rabbits.

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

116. The newspaper published an \_\_\_\_\_ on the current state of the economy.

*adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

117. The following \_\_\_\_\_ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

*n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

118. Her \_\_\_\_\_ anecdotes always left us laughing until our stomachs hurt.

*adj.* characterized by humor; funny, amusing, or entertaining; causing laughter or mirth

119. The queen \_\_\_\_\_ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

*v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

120. A giant \_\_\_\_\_ flew into the room, and everyone panicked.

*n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

121. He liked the car because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the design.

*n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

ANSWERS: 114. boundary, 115. scare, 116. editorial, 117. explanation, 118. humorous, 119. banished, 120. wasp, 121. simplicity

122. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
123. She \_\_\_\_\_ her crying friend with words of encouragement.
- v.* to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone; (noun) a type of table that is meant to be displayed against a wall; a control panel or unit that houses the controls for a particular piece of equipment
124. The concept of \_\_\_\_\_ has been influential in shaping the idea of well-being in Western philosophy.
- n.* a state of happiness, prosperity, and well-being, often considered to be the ultimate goal in ancient greek philosophy
125. The wealthy businessman left his entire \_\_\_\_\_ to his children when he died.
- n.* a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation
126. In several countries, child \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious social problem.
- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
127. The allegations of corruption \_\_\_\_\_ her reputation, and she struggled to regain public trust.
- v.* to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove

ANSWERS: 122. statistics, 123. consoled, 124. eudaimonia, 125. estate, 126. labor, 127. stained

128. A \_\_\_\_\_ person may have delusions that people want to harm.  
*adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
129. The magician \_\_\_\_\_ up a rabbit out of thin air.  
*v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
130. A great \_\_\_\_\_ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.  
*n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
131. There was a vast \_\_\_\_\_ between the two tribes.  
*n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
132. I used a special \_\_\_\_\_ to make my car's paint shine.  
*n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
133. The venom from the snake bite \_\_\_\_\_ his arm.  
*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
134. He received the title of the best \_\_\_\_\_ in all our branches worldwide.  
*n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
135. He enjoys collecting \_\_\_\_\_ specimens.  
*n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

ANSWERS: 128. paranoid, 129. conjured, 130. poem, 131. contest, 132. polish, 133. paralyzed, 134. salesperson, 135. butterfly

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

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

137. He strove to memorize the Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

138. She looked stunning in her long, flowing \_\_\_\_ at the formal event.

*n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women

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

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

140. She wore an \_\_\_\_\_ evening gown to the gala.

*adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

141. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

142. The military has \_\_\_\_\_ an abuse of human rights.

*v.* to do something illegal or wrong

143. The \_\_\_\_\_ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

*n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

144. Little children tend to have \_\_\_\_\_ friends.

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

ANSWERS: 136. par, 137. alphabet, 138. gown, 139. incredibly, 140. elegant, 141. obvious, 142. committed, 143. tongue, 144. imaginary

145. The grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ a warm sweater for her grandchild.

- v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine

146. The pirates searched for buried \_\_\_\_\_ in the dunes.

- n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

147. The \_\_\_\_\_ of her dress was breathtaking.

- n.* the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner

148. The abandoned ship slowly began to \_\_\_\_\_ into the murky waters of the harbor.

- v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

149. The \_\_\_\_\_ beauty of the sunset left us in awe.

- adj.* complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent

150. The fisherman lived in a small \_\_\_\_\_ by the lake.

- n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

151. He has a flair for \_\_\_\_\_.

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

152. She wiped the \_\_\_\_\_ off her forehead with a towel.

- n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

ANSWERS: 145. knit, 146. treasure, 147. elegance, 148. sink, 149. sheer, 150. shack, 151. mathematics, 152. sweat

153. Mozart was a musical \_\_\_\_\_.

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

154. Sipping an ice-cold lemonade on a hot summer day is a \_\_\_\_\_ experience.

*adj.* providing a sense of renewal, revitalization, or invigoration; pleasantly rejuvenating or reenergizing; offering relief or respite from fatigue or monotony

155. The rabbit \_\_\_\_\_ over the fence.

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

156. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and \_\_\_\_\_ at me.

*v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way

157. The \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

*n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

158. Some people believe that we are all \_\_\_\_\_ for greatness.

*v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

159. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

160. My grandmother has \_\_\_\_\_ disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

*n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

ANSWERS: 153. genius, 154. refreshing, 155. hopped, 156. yelled, 157. mystery, 158. destined, 159. crazy, 160. Alzheimer's

161. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?

*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

162. The plant has a stunning \_\_\_\_\_ blossom.

*adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue

163. My mother taught me how to \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

164. The structure is \_\_\_\_\_ of three main components.

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

165. The superhero wore a flowing \_\_\_\_\_ as part of their costume.

*n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

166. The \_\_\_\_\_ old house was in desperate need of repair.

*adj.* weakened or worn out by old age, illness, or hard use; in a state of disrepair and likely to collapse or break down

167. She walked urgently down the emergency \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

168. The \_\_\_\_\_ had distinctly defined gender roles.

*n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

ANSWERS: 161. suppose, 162. purple, 163. sew, 164. composed, 165. cape, 166. decrepit, 167. staircase, 168. tribe



169. The use of \_\_\_\_\_ is strictly prohibited under international law.

- n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

170. Mastering \_\_\_\_\_ takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

- n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

171. It is a basic instinct to \_\_\_\_\_ from a dangerous situation.

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

172. \_\_\_\_\_ grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

- n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

173. He has a \_\_\_\_\_ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

- adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

174. It's just a small fire, the firefighter said, in a classic \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* an expression that describes something as less important or serious than it really is

175. She is talented at \_\_\_\_\_ and has won several awards for her artwork.

- n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

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

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

ANSWERS: 169. torture, 170. grammar, 171. flee, 172. Moss, 173. professional, 174. understatement, 175. drawing, 176. amused

177. The physician is reading the \_\_\_\_\_ related to medicine
- n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
178. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
179. The doctors said that her recovery was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
180. We put ten percent of our earnings into our home improvement \_\_\_\_\_ every week.
- n.* a sum of money or a collection of funds that is pooled together by a group of people for a specific purpose, usually for a common expense, such as a shared meal, gambling, or other group activities
181. I often waste a lot of time \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
182. I absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ spiders and can't stand to be near them.
- v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something
183. The pots and pans \_\_\_\_\_ loudly as they were dropped into the sink.
- v.* to make a loud, rattling sound, often produced by objects repeatedly striking or colliding with each other; to create a noisy, chaotic disturbance
184. I pushed \_\_\_\_\_ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.
- adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

ANSWERS: 177. journals, 178. discuss, 179. miracle, 180. kitty, 181. daydreaming, 182. loathe, 183. clattered, 184. forth

185. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

186. The ballerina's \_\_\_\_\_ movements left the audience mesmerized.

*adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

187. The \_\_\_\_\_ piece offered a unique perspective on the political situation.

*adj.* denoting or relating to a piece of writing or article that expresses the author's opinion or point of view on a particular topic, usually published in a newspaper or magazine on the page opposite the editorial page

188. I found an old \_\_\_\_\_ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

*n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

189. The new amusement park ride was \_\_\_\_\_ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

*adj.* extremely good; excellent

ANSWERS: 185. random, 186. supple, 187. op-ed, 188. photograph, 189. fantastic,