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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### zip

*n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

*synonym*: fastener, postcode, slide

(1) **zip** code, (2) **zip** file

She put her phone in the **zip** pocket of her backpack.

### Sodom

*n.* a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men

(1) **Sodom** and Gomorrah, (2) the city of **Sodom**

The term "**Sodom**" has become synonymous with acts of homosexuality and is used as a derogatory term for gay people.

### heal

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

*synonym*: recover, bring around, mend

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

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

## AI

*n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

*synonym* : robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

## specialize

*v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

*synonym* : narrow down, particularize

(1) **specialize** in child care, (2) **specialize** in market research

The restaurant has chefs who **specialize** in beef.

## bass

*n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

*synonym* : low-pitch, resonance

(1) **bass** guitar, (2) **bass** fisherman

The **bass** in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

## daisy

*n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead

*synonym* : marguerite, bellis, chrysanthemum

(1) **daisy** chain, (2) lawn **daisy**

She picked a blue **daisy** from the meadow and placed it in her hair.

## 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.

## porch

*n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards

*synonym*: veranda, balcony, deck

(1) **porch** light, (2) a glass **porch**

The old rocking chair on the **porch** creaked as he sat down to read his book.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym*: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## plow

*n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

*synonym*: plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

## tobacco

*n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine

*synonym*: smoking, nicotine, cigar

(1) **tobacco** industry, (2) a mild **tobacco**

**Tobacco** product is a leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide.

## mule

*n.* a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build

*synonym*: donkey, burro, hinny

(1) load the **mule**, (2) **mule** caravans

The stubborn **mule** refused to move until it was rewarded with a carrot.

## outhouse

*n.* a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine

*synonym* : latrine, privy, lavatory

(1) wooden **outhouse**, (2) disused **outhouse**

The **outhouse** behind the cabin was a rustic alternative to indoor plumbing.

## mad

*adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

*synonym* : crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

## lick

*v.* to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat

*synonym* : taste, moisten, sweep

(1) **lick** a teaspoon, (2) **lick** its wounds

She **licked** the envelope to seal it before mailing it.

## miller

*n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

*synonym* : grinder, pulverizer, crusher

(1) **mill**er flour, (2) water **mill**er

The **millers'** work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.

## devil

*n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

*synonym* : demon, fiend, satan

(1) **devil's** advocate, (2) **devil** horns

There are various ways to ward off the **devil**, including prayer and holy water.

## notion

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

*synonym* : idea, concept, belief

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

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

## banjo

*n.* a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound

(1) famous **banjo** player, (2) **banjo** music

The musician played the five-string **banjo** as part of his folk ensemble.

## thanksgiving

*n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

*synonym* : gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade

My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

## blackjack

*n.* a gambling card game in which players try to accumulate cards with a total value as close to 21 as possible, without exceeding it; a type of club or baton, typically made of heavy, flexible material, used as a weapon

*synonym* : baton, sap, cosh

(1) **blackjack** dealer, (2) **blackjack** strategy

After a long night at the casino, he won much money playing **blackjack**.

## creative

*adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

*synonym*: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

## biology

*n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

## bluegrass

*n.* a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing

(1) **bluegrass** music, (2) **bluegrass** festival

The band played a lively **bluegrass** tune that got everyone dancing.

## concert

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

*synonym*: gig, musical, show

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

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

## claw

*n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

*synonym*: paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

## clinch

*v.* to settle or finalize decisively; to secure or grasp firmly; to make certain or confirm beyond doubt; to secure a victory or success by a decisive action or effort

*synonym* : secure, settle, nail

(1) **clinch** a playoff spot, (2) **clinch** a victory

She managed to **clinch** the deal by offering a competitive price and excellent customer service.

## mount

*v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

*synonym* : climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

## airy

*adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth

*synonym* : fluffy, breezy, ethereal

(1) **airy** fairy, (2) **airy** dress

The room felt **airy** and spacious with its high ceilings and large windows.

## fin

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

*synonym* : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

## degree

*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

*synonym* : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

## 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.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager  
*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

## mentor

*n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school  
*synonym*: adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**

As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

## hint

*n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

*synonym*: clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

## folk

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

*synonym*: community, family, person

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

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

## medley

*n.* a mixture or assortment of different things, often of different types or genres, presented in a single performance, arrangement, or collection; (of swimming) a race in which competitors use different strokes or events

*synonym*: mixture, assortment, potpourri

(1) seafood **medley**, (2) **medley** of emotions

The singer performed a **medley** of their greatest hits during the concert.

## ray

*n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

*synonym*: beam, light, glimmer



(1) opaque to X- **rays**, (2) effect of cosmic **rays**  
Gamma **rays** penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

## **pas**se

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

*synonym* : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **pas**se entertainment, (2) **pas**se trend

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

## **ta**le

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

*synonym* : canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **ta**le, (2) **ta**le of horror

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

## **ja**ck

*n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

*synonym* : lever, crank, wrench

(1) a **ja**ck of all trades, (2) a line-in **ja**ck

He used a **ja**ck to lift the car to change the tire.

## **electrify**

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

*synonym* : wire, amaze, astonish

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

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

## **bun**ch

*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

*synonym* : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bun**ch of trees, (2) a **bun**ch of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bun**ch.

## instrument

*n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

*synonym* : apparatus, tool, device

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

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

## bow

*v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

*synonym* : bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave

She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.

## definitely

*adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

*synonym* : absolutely, certainly, indeed

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

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

## string

*n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

*synonym* : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

## fancy

*v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

*synonym* : imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

## stick

*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing

and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

*synonym* : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

## gut

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

*synonym* : belly, abdomen, courage

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

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

## deed

*n.* something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it

*synonym* : act, stunt, doing

(1) **deed** of assignment, (2) do good **deeds**

There was a significant difference between word and **deed**.

## daring

*adj.* brave and taking risks

*synonym* : audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

## scout

*n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

*synonym* : scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

## rebel

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

*synonym*: insurgent, dissenter, mutineer

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

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

## yank

*v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement

*synonym*: draw, jerk, tug

(1) **yank** out a tooth, (2) **yank** at a rope

He tried to **yank** the memories from his brain.

## grocery

*n.* a shop that sells food and other household items

*synonym*: foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

## surround

*v.* to be all around something or somebody

*synonym*: encircle, encompass, envelop

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

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

## acre

*n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

(1) half- **acre** parcel, (2) an **acre** of forest

The farm covers over 200 **acres** of land.

## cotton

*n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

## refuse

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

*synonym*: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company  
My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

**jar** *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials  
*synonym*: container, vessel, pot  
(1) a **jar** of jam, (2) a water **jar**  
He placed the coins in a **jar** to save for a trip.

**captain** *n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft  
*synonym*: boss, director, leader  
(1) the **captain** of an opposing team, (2) **captain** of industry  
The **captain** ordered the troops to fire.

**midnight** *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day  
*synonym*: middle of the night, witching hour  
(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift  
I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

**decode** *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand  
*synonym*: decipher, translate, interpret  
(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences  
The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

**buddy** *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team  
*synonym*: mate, peer, associate  
(1) my golf **buddy**, (2) **buddy** movie  
He was the first **buddy** in the military training camp.

**steppe** *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil

and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

*synonym*: prairie, savannah, grassland

(1) **steppe** climate, (2) barren **steppe**

The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast **steppe**.

## standing

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

*synonym*: upright, vertical, (noun) position

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

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

## grab

*v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

*synonym*: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

## march

*v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

*synonym*: parade

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

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

## foreman

*n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court

*synonym*: supervisor, manager, overseer

(1) **foreman** position, (2) **foreman** duties

The **foreman** on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.

## sack

*v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place;  
(noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such

as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

*synonym* : discharge, remove, (noun) bag

(1) **sack** an employee, (2) a sleep **sack**

He was **sacked** from his job for stealing company property.

## sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

*synonym* : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

## robe

n. a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire

*synonym* : gown, cloak, dress

(1) silk **robe**, (2) velvet **robe**

The wizard's **robe** was embroidered with golden stars and moons.

## heaven

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

*synonym* : paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

## 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.

## chariot

n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

(1) **chariot** builder, (2) **chariot** race

The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating **chariot** races.

## complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

*synonym* : gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently

Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

## weep

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

*synonym* : cry, sob, mourn

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

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

## moan

v. to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something

*synonym* : groan, sigh, lament

(1) **moan** the current situation, (2) **moan** with pleasure

She **moaned** in pain as the doctor examined her injury.

## wade

v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

*synonym* : paddle, trudge, slish

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork

I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

## quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

*synonym* : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.



- 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.
- eye-opener**
- n.* something surprising or enlightening, making one more aware of something previously unknown or misunderstood
- synonym* : revelation, eye-catcher, enlightening experience
- (1) **eye-opener** experience, (2) **eye-opener** book
- The documentary was an **eye-opener** about the effects of climate change on our planet.
- bale**
- n.* a large bundle of goods such as cotton, hay, or paper; a bundle of goods used to weigh a product, especially wool, hay, etc
- synonym* : bundle, package, shipment
- (1) square **bale**, (2) **bale** of cotton
- The farmer stacked the hay **bales** in the barn to keep them dry.
- crow**
- n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
- synonym* : tiara, headdress, royalty
- (1) the imperial **crow**, (2) the **crow** and throne
- The bishop bestowed the golden **crow** on the king.
- aft**
- adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
- (1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view
- The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

## steel

*n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

*synonym* : iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

## origin

*n.* the first existence or beginning of something

*synonym* : root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

## broth

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

*synonym* : bouillon, consomme, soup

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

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

## metal

*n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes

*synonym* : alloy, metalloid

(1) **metal** fabrication, (2) precious **metal**

The construction worker used a **metal** saw to cut through the stubborn sheet metal.

## cone

*n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end

(1) traffic **cone**, (2) ice cream **cone**

**Cone-shaped** cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.

## slide

*v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

*synonym* : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance  
If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

## accident

*n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

*synonym*: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

## unbelievable

*adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

*synonym*: unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

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

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

## grief

*n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

*synonym*: anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**

Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

## abyss

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

*synonym*: chasm, cavity, gulf

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

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

## award

*n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

*synonym*: prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

## daffodil

*n.* a type of spring-flowering plant that has yellow or white petals and a trumpet-shaped center; a symbol of rebirth and renewal

*synonym*: narcissus, jonquil, buttercup

(1) autumn **daffodil**, (2) blooming **daffodil**

The yellow **daffodils** in the garden signaled the arrival of

spring.

## **bloom**

*n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

*synonym*: blossom, flush, flower

(1) **bloom** in autumn, (2) black-and-white **blooms**

The cherry blossoms in the park were in full **bloom**.

## **mow**

*v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

*synonym*: cut, trim, clip

(1) **mow** the field, (2) **mow** a yard

My father likes to **mow** the lawn early on Saturday mornings.

## **hay**

*n.* grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass

*synonym*: straw, fodder, forage

(1) **hay** cube, (2) **hay** asthma

We sat on a **hay** bale and watched the sunset over the fields.

## **catching**

*adj.* attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling

*synonym*: contagious, alluring, captivating

(1) **catching** fire, (2) **catching** disease

The **catching** scent of freshly baked bread made my mouth water.

## **surf**

*v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

*synonym*: browse, scan, paddle

(1) **surf** the Internet, (2) **surf** the waves

I'll **surf** the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

## mud

*n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

*synonym*: muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

## lord

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

*synonym*: master, noble, peer

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

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

## bottleneck

*n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

*synonym*: blockage, obstacle, barrier

(1) performance **bottleneck**, (2) **bottleneck** in production

Memory bandwidth is a significant **bottleneck** in this computational simulation.

## blues

*n.* a style of music characterized by its melancholic and soulful qualities, often featuring vocals, guitar, or harmonica; a feeling of sadness or despondency

*synonym*: depression, sadness, melancholy

(1) post-holiday **blues**, (2) the **blues** genre

I love listening to the **blues** when I need to relax and unwind.

## snap

*v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

*synonym*: break, crack, fracture

(1) **snap** a whip, (2) **snap** judgment

She **snapped** a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

## 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.

## funk

*n.* a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B

*synonym* : melancholy, depression, gloom

(1) **funk** music, (2) get in a **funk**

When she heard about her friend's illness, she fell into a deep **funk** that lasted for days.

## mood

*n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

*synonym* : mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

## humming

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

*synonym* : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

## cigarette

*n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

*synonym* : smoke, cigar, tobacco

(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case

He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym* : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## loose

*adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

*synonym* : relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

## dose

*n.* a quantity or amount of medicine or a drug that is taken or administered at one time, typically measured out in specific units; a similar measure of exposure to a harmful substance or radiation

*synonym* : portion, amount, measure

(1) **dose** adjustment, (2) daily **dose**

She took the recommended **dose** of medication to treat her headache.

## 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**.

## gyroscope

*n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems

*synonym* : gyro, stabilizer, compass

(1) **gyroscope** sensor, (2) inertial navigation **gyroscope**

The **gyroscope** in the spacecraft helps to stabilize its orientation during the mission.

## patent

*n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

*synonym* : copyright, trademark, license

(1) **patent** application, (2) **patent** law

The company has filed for a **patent** to protect its new invention.

## animation

*n.* the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave

*synonym* : motion, movement, liveliness

(1) **animation** studio, (2) **animation** film

The **animation** of the characters in the movie was so realistic, and it was as if they were there.

## vacuum

*n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

*synonym* : void, emptiness, gap

(1) **vacuum** cleaner, (2) **vacuum** packing

Please use the **vacuum** to clean up the mess on the floor.

## tube

*n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

*synonym* : pipe, hose, duct

(1) a capillary **tube**, (2) a glass **tube**

The **tube** train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

## engineer

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

*synonym* : architect, creator, builder

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

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



## damn

*v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

*synonym*: curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

## pants

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

*synonym*: trousers, breeches, slacks

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

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

## wizard

*n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field

*synonym*: sorcerer, magician, alchemist

(1) a **wizard** at chess, (2) financial **wizard**

He was a **wizard** at solving complex mathematical equations.

## chemistry

*n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

(1) professor of **chemistry**, (2) the **chemistry** of soil

He is familiar with **chemistry** and biology.

## commerce

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

*synonym*: trade, transaction, dealings

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

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

## chemical

*adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;

*synonym*: chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

## sulfur

*n.* (also sulphur) a chemical element with the symbol S and atomic number 16, found in many minerals and sulfur compounds, often used in the production of fertilizers, rubber, paper, and other industrial applications

(1) **sulfur** dioxide, (2) **sulfur** mine

The **sulfur** emissions from the nearby factory caused the rotten egg smell.

## potassium

*n.* a chemical element with the symbol K, atomic number 19, that is essential for the functioning of living organisms

*synonym*: K, potash, potassa

(1) **potassium** rich, (2) **potassium** excretion

The patient's **potassium** levels were low, so they were advised to eat foods high in potassium, such as bananas and sweet potatoes.

## nit

*n.* the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

(1) **nit** in the dog's fur, (2) she is a little **nit**

Careful brushing can remove **nit**.

## charcoal

*n.* a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking

*synonym*: carbon, soot, black

(1) **charcoal** brown, (2) **charcoal** grill

The artist used **charcoal** drawing to create a realistic portrait of her subject.

## gunpowder

*n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive

*synonym*: ammunition, explosive, bullet

(1) **gunpowder** paper, (2) smokeless **gunpowder**

The invention of **gunpowder** revolutionized warfare.

## batch

*n.* a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process

*synonym*: group, lot, collection

(1) a **batch** of letters, (2) **batch** processing

I baked a **batch** of cookies for the office party.

## driveway

*n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles

*synonym*: entrance, access, approach

(1) long **driveway**, (2) snow-covered **driveway**

I accidentally backed into my wife's car while backing out of the **driveway** this morning.

## flare

*v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

*synonym*: blaze, ignite, light up

(1) **flare** up into a major crisis, (2) the **flare** of a match

The Sun **flared** and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.

## 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.

## cannon

*n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

*synonym*: artillery, gun, ordnance

(1) **cannon** salute, (2) **cannon** ball

The heavy **cannon** fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.

## garage

*n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

*synonym* : carport, shed, barn

(1) electrical **garage** door, (2) **garage** repair

He parked his car in the private **garage**.

## vice

*n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

*synonym* : corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

## screw

*v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

*synonym* : tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

## drill

*n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

*synonym* : exercise, routine, training

(1) the **drill** hit the well, (2) fire **drill**

Several military **drill** programs have become popular methods of exercise.

## cracker

*n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited

*synonym* : biscuit, hacker, banger

(1) cannon **cracker**, (2) computer **cracker**

I love having a cheese and **cracker** platter while watching a movie.

## **fuse**

*n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

*synonym* : (verb) melt, (verb) blend

(1) **fuse** blows, (2) **fuse** with one another

He has a short **fuse**.

## **bearing**

*n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

*synonym* : demeanor, posture, manner

(1) a thrust **bearing**, (2) a military **bearing**

The pilot had to adjust the plane's **bearing** to stay on course.

## **plywood**

*n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles

*synonym* : panel board, veneer panel, plyboard

(1) flexible **plywood**, (2) **plywood** furniture

Manufacturing companies use large sheets of **plywood** to make furniture and fixtures.

## **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.

## **backyard**

*n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house

*synonym* : courtyard, garden

(1) play in the **backyard**, (2) **backyard** barbecue

He grows vegetables in his **backyard**.

## **pacific**

*adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone;  
(noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's

oceanic divisions

*synonym* : calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean  
They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

## 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.

## melt

*v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

*synonym* : disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold  
Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

## rocket

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

*synonym* : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel  
The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

## fuel

*n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

*synonym* : energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**  
The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

## redo

*v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

*synonym* : revise, remake, rework

(1) **redo** a kitchen, (2) **redo** a project

I had to **redo** my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

## tin

*n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes

*synonym*: can, container, receptacle

(1) **tin** can, (2) **tin** foil

The roof of the old shed was made of rusty **tin**.

## eyelash

*n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

*synonym*: lash, cilium

(1) **eyelash** brush, (2) not bat an **eyelash**

An **eyelash** curler is a girl's best friend.

## welt

*n.* a raised ridge or bump on the surface of a material, such as fabric, leather, or skin; a strip of fabric or material used to reinforce or finish the edges of garments, cushions, or furniture; (verb) to strike or hit something or someone forcefully

*synonym*: wale, bump, bulge

(1) leather **welt**, (2) **welt** from a spanking

The runner had a large **welt** on her leg after the fall.

## cabinet

*n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister

*synonym*: cupboard, ministry, authority

(1) member of the **cabinet**, (2) the **cabinet** above the sink

The prime minister decided to reshuffle his **cabinet** to regain support.

## tuna

*n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as

a food source for humans and other animals

(1) **tuna** steak, (2) canned **tuna**

I made a **tuna** sandwich for lunch today.

## faint

*adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak

*synonym*: slight, vague, soft

(1) **faint** memory, (2) **faint** aroma of roses

She heard a **faint**, nearly invisible scream.

## hamstring

*n.* a group of three muscles located on the back of the thigh that are responsible for flexing the knee joint and extending the hip joint; (verb) to impair or disable someone or something by damaging their effectiveness, strength, or power, particularly in a way that restricts movement or agility

*synonym*: leg muscle, (verb) impede, (verb) hinder

(1) **hamstring** injury, (2) **hamstring** his effort

Physical therapy can be useful in rehabilitating a **hamstring** injury.

## rhythm

*n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

*synonym*: beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

## combine

*v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

*synonym*: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

## trigger

*v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

*synonym*: activate, spark, drive



(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation  
The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

**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**.

**suit**

*n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

*synonym* : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

**pedal**

*n.* a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument

*synonym* : treadle, accelerator

(1) clutch **pedal**, (2) piano **pedal**

He pressed the **pedal** with all his might, but the car still wouldn't start.

**solo**

*adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone

*synonym* : alone

(1) a **solo** vocal recital, (2) a **solo** flight

I would love to **solo** camping someday.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. mo\_\_t a counterattack  
*v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
2. bl\_\_\_\_\_ss festival  
*n.* a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing
3. st\_\_\_\_\_ng water  
*adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
4. post-holiday bl\_\_s  
*n.* a style of music characterized by its melancholic and soulful qualities, often featuring vocals, guitar, or harmonica; a feeling of sadness or despondency
5. de\_\_\_e a message  
*v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
6. So\_\_m and Gomorrah  
*n.* a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men

ANSWERS: 1. mount, 2. bluegrass, 3. standing, 4. blues, 5. decode, 6. Sodom

7. fo\_\_\_\_n position *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
8. wooden ou\_\_\_\_se *n.* a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine
9. the bl\_\_s genre *n.* a style of music characterized by its melancholic and soulful qualities, often featuring vocals, guitar, or harmonica; a feeling of sadness or despondency
10. gy\_\_\_\_pe sensor *n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems
11. f\_\_e blows *n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
12. not bat an ey\_\_\_\_h *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
13. gra\_\_\_\_ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
14. r\_\_o a project *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

ANSWERS: 7. foreman, 8. outhouse, 9. blues, 10. gyroscope, 11. fuse, 12. eyelash, 13. grandchild, 14. redo

15. f\_\_k music *n.* a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B
16. me\_\_\_r for life *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
17. co\_\_\_\_\_in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
18. ma\_\_h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
19. participation aw\_\_d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
20. hu\_\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
21. a flight of fa\_\_y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
22. no\_\_\_n of success *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
23. a capillary t\_\_e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
24. co\_\_\_\_\_e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 15. funk, 16. mentor, 17. complain, 18. march, 19. award, 20. humming, 21. fancy, 22. notion, 23. tube, 24. combine

25. fl\_\_e up into a major crisis      *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
26. irregular heart rh\_\_\_m      *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
27. a sleep s\_\_k      *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things
28. m\_w the field      *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
29. de\_\_l's advocate      *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
30. spe\_\_\_\_\_ze in market research      *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
31. ga\_\_\_e repair      *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
32. bl\_\_m in autumn      *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

ANSWERS: 25. flare, 26. rhythm, 27. sack, 28. mow, 29. devil, 30. specialize, 31. garage, 32. bloom

33. p\_\_w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
34. silk r\_\_e *n.* a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire
35. m\_\_n the current situation *v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
36. clutch pe\_\_l *n.* a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument
37. an\_\_\_\_\_on studio *n.* the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
38. ca\_\_\_\_\_ng disease *adj.* attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling
39. a cr\_\_y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
40. he\_\_\_n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

ANSWERS: 33. plow, 34. robe, 35. moan, 36. pedal, 37. animation, 38. catching, 39. crazy, 40. heaven

41. common in \_\_\_\_\_ on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
42. gu \_\_\_\_\_ er paper *n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
43. racial or \_\_\_\_\_ n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
44. sc \_\_\_\_\_ t troop *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
45. g \_\_\_\_\_ t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
46. a mild ci \_\_\_\_\_ te *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
47. effect of cosmic r \_\_\_\_\_ ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
48. su \_\_\_\_\_ nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
49. h \_\_\_\_\_ t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
50. a benefit co \_\_\_\_\_ t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

ANSWERS: 41. invention, 42. gunpowder, 43. origin, 44. scout, 45. gut, 46. cigarette, 47. ray, 48. surround, 49. hint, 50. concert

51. da\_\_\_g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
52. ch\_\_\_\_t builder *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
53. def\_\_\_\_\_ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
54. virtue and v\_\_e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
55. remove lo\_\_e hair *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
56. ascend to he\_\_\_n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
57. a s\_\_o flight *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
58. hu\_\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
59. l\_\_k a teaspoon *v.* to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat
60. en\_\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 51. daring, 52. chariot, 53. definitely, 54. vice, 55. loose, 56. heaven, 57. solo, 58. humming, 59. lick, 60. engineer



61. autumn da\_\_\_\_il *n.* a type of spring-flowering plant that has yellow or white petals and a trumpet-shaped center; a symbol of rebirth and renewal
62. ro\_\_\_t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
63. an a\_\_e of forest *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
64. w\_\_e through paperwork *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
65. w\_\_t from a spanking *n.* a raised ridge or bump on the surface of a material, such as fabric, leather, or skin; a strip of fabric or material used to reinforce or finish the edges of garments, cushions, or furniture; (verb) to strike or hit something or someone forcefully
66. a military be\_\_\_\_g *n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

ANSWERS: 61. daffodil, 62. rocket, 63. acre, 64. wade, 65. welt, 66. bearing

67. d\_\_d of assignment *n.* something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it
68. my golf bu\_\_y *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
69. electrical ga\_\_\_e door *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
70. in an ugly m\_\_d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
71. bu\_\_y movie *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
72. to\_\_\_\_\_o industry *n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
73. pa\_\_\_t law *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
74. seafood me\_\_\_y *n.* a mixture or assortment of different things, often of different types or genres, presented in a single performance, arrangement, or collection; (of swimming) a race in which competitors use different strokes or events
75. spe\_\_\_\_\_ze in child care *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

ANSWERS: 67. deed, 68. buddy, 69. garage, 70. mood, 71. buddy, 72. tobacco, 73. patent, 74. medley, 75. specialize

76. the ca\_\_\_\_n of an opposing team      *n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
77. cr\_\_\_\_ve writing      *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
78. cell and molecular bi\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
79. t\_\_a steak      *n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
80. group of re\_\_ls      *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
81. half-a\_\_e parcel      *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
82. velvet r\_\_e      *n.* a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire
83. sc\_\_w the cap      *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
84. a line-in j\_\_k      *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

ANSWERS: 76. captain, 77. creative, 78. biology, 79. tuna, 80. rebel, 81. acre, 82. robe, 83. screw, 84. jack

85. fo\_\_\_\_n duties *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
86. a bu\_\_h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
87. piano pe\_\_l *n.* a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument
88. pa\_\_e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
89. canned t\_\_a *n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
90. a j\_r of jam *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
91. h\_\_l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
92. load the m\_\_e *n.* a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build

ANSWERS: 85. foreman, 86. bunch, 87. pedal, 88. passe, 89. tuna, 90. jar, 91. heal, 92. mule



100. the city of So\_\_m *n.* a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men
101. v\_\_e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
102. r\_\_o a kitchen *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
103. ca\_\_\_\_\_n of industry *n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
104. interstate co\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
105. the in\_\_\_\_\_on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
106. a j\_\_k of all trades *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
107. y\_\_k at a rope *v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
108. pa\_\_\_\_\_c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

ANSWERS: 100. Sodom, 101. vice, 102. redo, 103. captain, 104. commerce, 105. invention, 106. jack, 107. yank, 108. pacific

109. h\_y asthma *n.* grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass
110. an\_\_\_\_\_on film *n.* the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
111. ha\_\_\_\_\_ng his effort *n.* a group of three muscles located on the back of the thigh that are responsible for flexing the knee joint and extending the hip joint; (verb) to impair or disable someone or something by damaging their effectiveness, strength, or power, particularly in a way that restricts movement or agility
112. fa\_\_t aroma of roses *adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
113. a glass po\_\_h *n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
114. pl\_\_\_\_\_d furniture *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
115. y\_\_k out a tooth *v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
116. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 109. hay, 110. animation, 111. hamstring, 112. faint, 113. porch, 114. plywood, 115. yank, 116. excite

117. play in the ba\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
118. a ba\_\_h of letters *n.* a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process
119. a\_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
120. a f\_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
121. me\_\_\_\_al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
122. the local chamber of co\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
123. above p\_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
124. bl\_\_\_\_ss music *n.* a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing
125. pa\_\_e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
126. 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: 117. backyard, 118. batch, 119. aft, 120. fin, 121. medicinal, 122. commerce, 123. par, 124. bluegrass, 125. passe, 126. hop



127. cannon cr\_\_\_\_r                    *n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited
128. st\_\_\_e climate                    *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
129. long dr\_\_\_\_ay                    *n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles
130. vague no\_\_\_n                    *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
131. flexible pl\_\_\_\_d                    *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
132. da\_\_y chain                    *n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead

ANSWERS: 127. cracker, 128. steppe, 129. driveway, 130. notion, 131. plywood, 132. daisy

133. bot\_\_\_\_\_ck in production *n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry
134. tha\_\_\_\_\_ing parade *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
135. performance bot\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry
136. s\_\_p judgment *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
137. magnetic st\_\_l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
138. a\_\_y fairy *adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth
139. a mild to\_\_\_\_\_o *n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine

ANSWERS: 133. bottleneck, 134. thanksgiving, 135. bottleneck, 136. snap, 137. steel, 138. airy, 139. tobacco

140. ha\_\_\_\_\_ng injury      *n.* a group of three muscles located on the back of the thigh that are responsible for flexing the knee joint and extending the hip joint; (verb) to impair or disable someone or something by damaging their effectiveness, strength, or power, particularly in a way that restricts movement or agility
141. mi\_\_\_\_\_ht shift      *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
142. s\_\_k an employee      *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things
143. sn\_\_k out of danger      *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
144. or\_\_\_\_n of information      *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
145. ch\_\_\_\_\_al brown      *n.* a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking
146. va\_\_\_\_m cleaner      *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
147. a lo\_\_e tongue      *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

ANSWERS: 140. hamstring, 141. midnight, 142. sack, 143. sneak, 144. origin, 145. charcoal, 146. vacuum, 147. loose

148. f\_\_k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
149. b\_\_s fisherman *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
150. get in a f\_\_k *n.* a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B
151. culture of co\_\_\_n *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
152. st\_\_k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
153. b\_w and greet *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
154. a lot of gr\_\_f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
155. st\_\_l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
156. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 148. folk, 149. bass, 150. funk, 151. cotton, 152. stick, 153. bow, 154. grief, 155. steel, 156. AI

157. pr\_\_\_\_le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
158. gets m\_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
159. financial wi\_\_\_\_d *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
160. m\_\_t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
161. injury in a car ac\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
162. mi\_\_\_\_r flour *n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
163. s\_\_f the Internet *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
164. a water j\_r *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
165. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
166. the ch\_\_\_\_ry of soil *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

ANSWERS: 157. probable, 158. mad, 159. wizard, 160. melt, 161. accident, 162. miller, 163. surf, 164. jar, 165. bunch, 166. chemistry

167. fashion me\_\_\_r *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
168. m\_\_e caravans *n.* a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build
169. biomass f\_\_l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
170. ob\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
171. g\_\_b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
172. b\_\_s guitar *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
173. w\_\_p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
174. call and co\_\_\_\_in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
175. barren of cr\_\_\_\_ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
176. helpful h\_\_ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
177. 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.

ANSWERS: 167. mentor, 168. mule, 169. fuel, 170. obvious, 171. grab, 172. bass, 173. weep, 174. complain, 175. creative, 176. hint, 177. hop

178. precious me\_\_l *n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes
179. co\_\_\_\_\_e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
180. re\_\_\_e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
181. ca\_\_\_\_\_ng fire *adj.* attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling
182. cl\_\_\_h a playoff spot *v.* to settle or finalize decisively; to secure or grasp firmly; to make certain or confirm beyond doubt; to secure a victory or success by a decisive action or effort
183. pr\_\_\_\_\_le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
184. fire dr\_\_\_l *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
185. aw\_\_d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
186. a ci\_\_\_\_\_te case *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
187. s\_\_k a lot of capital *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: 178. metal, 179. combine, 180. refuse, 181. catching, 182. clinch, 183. probable, 184. drill, 185. award, 186. cigarette, 187. sink



188. w\_\_e down a street      *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
189. s\_\_p a whip      *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
190. d\_\_n the consequences      *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
191. the blind g\_t      *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
192. the f\_\_k songs of a particular district      *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
193. the fl\_\_e of a match      *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
194. snow-covered dr\_\_\_\_ay      *n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles
195. ey\_\_\_\_h brush      *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

ANSWERS: 188. wade, 189. snap, 190. damn, 191. gut, 192. folk, 193. flare, 194. driveway, 195. eyelash

196. s\_w with thread      *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
197. cause unb\_\_\_\_\_ble damage      *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
198. cl\_\_\_h a victory      *v.* to settle or finalize decisively; to secure or grasp firmly; to make certain or confirm beyond doubt; to secure a victory or success by a decisive action or effort
199. co\_\_\_n cloth      *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
200. eye\_\_\_\_\_er experience      *n.* something surprising or enlightening, making one more aware of something previously unknown or misunderstood
201. a m\_d person      *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
202. professor of ch\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
203. ma\_\_h east      *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
204. black-and-white bl\_\_ms      *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
205. a ch\_\_\_\_\_al compound      *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
206. she is a little n\_t      *n.* the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

ANSWERS: 196. sew, 197. unbelievable, 198. clinch, 199. cotton, 200. eye-opener, 201. mad, 202. chemistry, 203. march, 204. bloom, 205. chemical, 206. nit



215. sn\_\_k a cigarette      *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
216. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process      *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
217. f\_\_e with one another      *n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; *(verb)* to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
218. 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
219. b\_\_y in the earth      *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
220. l\_\_k its wounds      *v.* to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat
221. say def\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
222. traffic c\_\_e      *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
223. ca\_\_\_n ball      *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

ANSWERS: 215. sneak, 216. electrify, 217. fuse, 218. sink, 219. bury, 220. lick, 221. definitely, 222. cone, 223. cannon

224. po\_\_\_\_\_um rich *n.* a chemical element with the symbol K, atomic number 19, that is essential for the functioning of living organisms
225. ch\_\_\_\_\_al grill *n.* a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking
226. lawn da\_\_y *n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
227. b\_\_y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
228. run a gr\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
229. s\_\_f the waves *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
230. end of the first qu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
231. make a da\_\_\_\_g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
232. eye\_\_\_\_\_er book *n.* something surprising or enlightening, making one more aware of something previously unknown or misunderstood
233. a fairy t\_\_e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
234. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 224. potassium, 225. charcoal, 226. daisy, 227. bury, 228. grocery, 229. surf, 230. quarter, 231. daring, 232. eye-opener, 233. tale, 234. aft

235. tha\_\_\_\_\_ing traditions *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
236. ability to de\_\_\_e the differences *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
237. evolutionary bi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
238. de\_\_\_e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
239. g\_\_b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
240. m\_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
241. bachelor's de\_\_\_e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
242. an ab\_\_s of hopelessness *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
243. mi\_\_\_\_\_ht snack *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

ANSWERS: 235. thanksgiving, 236. decode, 237. biology, 238. degree, 239. grab, 240. mud, 241. degree, 242. abyss, 243. midnight

244. su\_\_\_r mine *n.* (also sulphur) a chemical element with the symbol S and atomic number 16, found in many minerals and sulfur compounds, often used in the production of fertilizers, rubber, paper, and other industrial applications
245. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
246. a young l\_\_\_d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
247. boy sc\_\_\_t *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
248. t\_n foil *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
249. ro\_\_\_t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
250. t\_\_e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
251. square b\_\_e *n.* a large bundle of goods such as cotton, hay, or paper; a bundle of goods used to weigh a product, especially wool, hay, etc

ANSWERS: 244. sulfur, 245. excite, 246. lord, 247. scout, 248. tin, 249. rocket, 250. tale, 251. bale

252. m\_\_n with pleasure *v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
253. z\_p file *n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently
254. leather w\_\_t *n.* a raised ridge or bump on the surface of a material, such as fabric, leather, or skin; a strip of fabric or material used to reinforce or finish the edges of garments, cushions, or furniture; (verb) to strike or hit something or someone forcefully
255. the ca\_\_\_\_\_t above the sink *n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister
256. apply AI technology to art *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 252. moan, 253. zip, 254. welt, 255. cabinet, 256. AI



257. a glass t\_\_e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
258. bl\_\_\_\_\_ck strategy *n.* a gambling card game in which players try to accumulate cards with a total value as close to 21 as possible, without exceeding it; a type of club or baton, typically made of heavy, flexible material, used as a weapon
259. a qu\_\_\_\_\_r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
260. cr\_\_y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
261. inertial navigation gy\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems
262. ice cream c\_\_e *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
263. smokeless gu\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
264. fa\_\_y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

ANSWERS: 257. tube, 258. blackjack, 259. quarter, 260. crazy, 261. gyroscope, 262. cone, 263. gunpowder, 264. fancy

265. s\_\_t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
266. disused ou\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine
267. do good d\_\_ds *n.* something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it
268. c\_\_w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
269. su\_\_\_\_r dioxide *n.* (also sulphur) a chemical element with the symbol S and atomic number 16, found in many minerals and sulfur compounds, often used in the production of fertilizers, rubber, paper, and other industrial applications
270. po\_\_h light *n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
271. the ab\_\_s of time *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void

ANSWERS: 265. suit, 266. outhouse, 267. deed, 268. claw, 269. sulfur, 270. porch, 271. abyss

272. w\_\_p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
273. d\_\_e adjustment *n.* a quantity or amount of medicine or a drug that is taken or administered at one time, typically measured out in specific units; a similar measure of exposure to a harmful substance or radiation
274. m\_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
275. me\_\_\_y of emotions *n.* a mixture or assortment of different things, often of different types or genres, presented in a single performance, arrangement, or collection; (of swimming) a race in which competitors use different strokes or events
276. cause an ac\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
277. musical ins\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
278. have gr\_\_f and sorrow *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
279. b\_\_e of cotton *n.* a large bundle of goods such as cotton, hay, or paper; a bundle of goods used to weigh a product, especially wool, hay, etc

ANSWERS: 272. weep, 273. dose, 274. mud, 275. medley, 276. accident, 277. instrument, 278. grief, 279. bale

280. deeply p\_\_w the soil                    *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
281. pajama pa\_\_s                         *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
282. m\_w a yard                            *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
283. mo\_\_t a hill                          *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
284. tr\_\_\_\_r a biochemical response   *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
285. de\_\_l horns                          *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
286. l\_\_d of castle                         *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

ANSWERS: 280. plow, 281. pants, 282. mow, 283. mount, 284. trigger, 285. devil, 286. lord

287. woolly pa\_\_s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
288. bl\_\_\_\_\_ck dealer *n.* a gambling card game in which players try to accumulate cards with a total value as close to 21 as possible, without exceeding it; a type of club or baton, typically made of heavy, flexible material, used as a weapon
289. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
290. a stone wall su\_\_\_\_\_nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
291. si\_\_e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
292. h\_\_l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
293. blooming da\_\_\_\_\_il *n.* a type of spring-flowering plant that has yellow or white petals and a trumpet-shaped center; a symbol of rebirth and renewal
294. tense piano st\_\_\_\_gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
295. not up to p\_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
296. si\_\_e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

ANSWERS: 287. pants, 288. blackjack, 289. engineer, 290. surround, 291. singe, 292. heal, 293. daffodil, 294. string, 295. par, 296. singe

297. retie the st\_\_\_g and make it strong     *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
298. pa\_\_\_t application     *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
299. the imperial cr\_\_\_n     *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
300. remains of br\_\_\_h     *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
301. po\_\_\_\_\_um excretion     *n.* a chemical element with the symbol K, atomic number 19, that is essential for the functioning of living organisms
302. sl\_\_\_e a glance     *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
303. m\_\_\_t down gold     *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
304. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship     *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
305. surgical ins\_\_\_\_\_nts     *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

ANSWERS: 297. string, 298. patent, 299. crown, 300. broth, 301. potassium, 302. slide, 303. melt, 304. grandchild, 305. instrument

306. re\_\_l uprising *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
307. back f\_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
308. the cr\_\_n and throne *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
309. toxic ch\_\_\_\_als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
310. ch\_\_\_\_t race *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
311. ca\_\_\_n salute *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
312. sl\_\_e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
313. ba\_\_\_\_rd barbecue *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
314. t\_n can *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
315. d\_\_n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

ANSWERS: 306. rebel, 307. fin, 308. crown, 309. chemical, 310. chariot, 311. cannon, 312. slide, 313. backyard, 314. tin, 315. damn

316. chicken br\_\_h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
317. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
318. fa\_\_t memory *adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
319. unb\_\_\_\_ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
320. the m\_\_d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
321. z\_p code *n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently
322. ba\_\_h processing *n.* a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process
323. smokeless f\_\_l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
324. member of the ca\_\_\_\_t *n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister

ANSWERS: 316. broth, 317. obvious, 318. faint, 319. unbelievable, 320. mood, 321. zip, 322. batch, 323. fuel, 324. cabinet



325. barren st\_\_\_e *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
326. the Pa\_\_\_\_c Ocean *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
327. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
328. n\_t in the dog's fur *n.* the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person
329. a\_\_y dress *adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth
330. a female sc\_\_w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
331. in samba rh\_\_\_m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
332. re\_\_\_e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 325. steppe, 326. pacific, 327. electrify, 328. nit, 329. airy, 330. screw, 331. rhythm, 332. refuse



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It seems \_\_\_\_\_ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.  
*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
2. It will take time for her mental scars to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ partially destroyed my vehicle.  
*n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
4. The farmer stacked the hay \_\_\_\_\_ in the barn to keep them dry.  
*n.* a large bundle of goods such as cotton, hay, or paper; a bundle of goods used to weigh a product, especially wool, hay, etc
5. The stubborn \_\_\_\_\_ refused to move until it was rewarded with a carrot.  
*n.* a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build
6. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in \_\_\_\_\_ class.  
*n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
7. I'll \_\_\_\_\_ the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.  
*v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
8. I love listening to the \_\_\_\_\_ when I need to relax and unwind.  
*n.* a style of music characterized by its melancholic and soulful qualities, often featuring vocals, guitar, or harmonica; a feeling of sadness or despondency

ANSWERS: 1. probable, 2. heal, 3. accident, 4. bales, 5. mule, 6. biology, 7. surf, 8. blues

9. The bishop bestowed the golden \_\_\_\_\_ on the king.
- n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
10. The children tried to \_\_\_\_\_ out and eat the candy.
- v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
11. I made a \_\_\_\_\_ sandwich for lunch today.
- n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
12. The invention of \_\_\_\_\_ revolutionized warfare.
- n.* a mixture of substances, including sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter, that is used as a fuel or explosive
13. The documentary was an \_\_\_\_\_ about the effects of climate change on our planet.
- n.* something surprising or enlightening, making one more aware of something previously unknown or misunderstood
14. He won the \_\_\_\_\_ for best actor at the film festival.
- n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
15. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

ANSWERS: 9. crown, 10. sneak, 11. tuna, 12. gunpowder, 13. eye-opener, 14. award, 15. plow

16. 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

17. The deep sea is an \_\_\_\_\_ of mystery and discovery.

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

18. She \_\_\_\_\_ the envelope to seal it before mailing it.

- v.* to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.

- n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

20. The \_\_\_\_ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

- n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

21. She managed to \_\_\_\_\_ the deal by offering a competitive price and excellent customer service.

- v.* to settle or finalize decisively; to secure or grasp firmly; to make certain or confirm beyond doubt; to secure a victory or success by a decisive action or effort

22. She \_\_\_\_\_ to the audience after her performance.

- v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

23. He drinks an \_\_\_\_\_ amount of beer.

- adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

ANSWERS: 16. sew, 17. abyss, 18. licked, 19. miller's, 20. mud, 21. clinch, 22. bowed, 23. unbelievable

24. The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating \_\_\_\_\_ races.
- n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
25. If necessary, you can \_\_\_\_\_ the front seats forward.
- v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ train was packed with commuters during rush hour.
- n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
27. The singer performed a \_\_\_\_\_ of their greatest hits during the concert.
- n.* a mixture or assortment of different things, often of different types or genres, presented in a single performance, arrangement, or collection; (of swimming) a race in which competitors use different strokes or events
28. She put her phone in the \_\_\_\_\_ pocket of her backpack.
- n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently
29. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
30. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered \_\_\_\_\_ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
- adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 24. chariot, 25. slide, 26. tube, 27. medley, 28. zip, 29. electrify, 30. passe

31. Some seaweed was used as \_\_\_\_\_ medicine in ancient times.
- n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
32. After a long night at the casino, he won much money playing \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a gambling card game in which players try to accumulate cards with a total value as close to 21 as possible, without exceeding it; a type of club or baton, typically made of heavy, flexible material, used as a weapon
33. The patient's \_\_\_\_\_ levels were low, so they were advised to eat foods high in potassium, such as bananas and sweet potatoes.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol K, atomic number 19, that is essential for the functioning of living organisms
34. The construction worker used a \_\_\_\_\_ saw to cut through the stubborn sheet metal.
- n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the spacecraft helps to stabilize its orientation during the mission.
- n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems
36. The room felt \_\_\_\_\_ and spacious with its high ceilings and large windows.
- adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth
37. There are various hypotheses concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 31. folk, 32. blackjack, 33. potassium, 34. metal, 35. gyroscope, 36. airy, 37. origin

38. There was a significant difference between word and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it
39. The incident \_\_\_\_\_ a political controversy.  
*v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
40. The paper is \_\_\_\_\_ worth reading thoroughly.  
*adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
41. The company's poor financial performance is likely to \_\_\_\_\_ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.  
*v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
42. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
43. The shark's powerful \_\_\_\_\_ allowed it to swim at high speeds.  
*n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
44. She \_\_\_\_\_ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.  
*v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
45. \_\_\_\_\_ product is a leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide.  
*n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine

ANSWERS: 38. deed, 39. triggered, 40. definitely, 41. damn, 42. bunch, 43. fins, 44. snapped, 45. Tobacco



46. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.
- n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
47. I baked a \_\_\_\_\_ of cookies for the office party.
- n.* a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process
48. As a \_\_\_\_\_ he helped me realize my career.
- n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
49. He felt like \_\_\_\_\_ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.
- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
50. He told me a \_\_\_\_\_ truth about my parent's death.
- n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
51. The \_\_\_\_\_ ordered the troops to fire.
- n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
52. The wizard's \_\_\_\_\_ was embroidered with golden stars and moons.
- n.* a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire

ANSWERS: 46. foreman, 47. batch, 48. mentor, 49. heaven, 50. gut-wrenching, 51. captain, 52. robe

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

*v.* to be all around something or somebody

54. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

*n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

55. The \_\_\_\_\_ scent of freshly baked bread made my mouth water.

*adj.* attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling

56. The \_\_\_\_\_ behind the cabin was a rustic alternative to indoor plumbing.

*n.* a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine

57. Gamma \_\_\_\_\_ penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

*n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

58. Hydrogen and oxygen \_\_\_\_\_ to form water.

*v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

59. He parked his car in the private \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

60. Please use the \_\_\_\_\_ to clean up the mess on the floor.

*n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

61. The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

ANSWERS: 53. surround, 54. bass, 55. catching, 56. outhouse, 57. rays, 58. combine, 59. garage, 60. vacuum, 61. steppe

62. Careful brushing can remove \_\_\_\_.

- n.* the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

63. He lit a \_\_\_\_\_ and leaned against the wall.

- n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

64. The price of raw \_\_\_\_\_ continued to rise.

- n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

65. His gaffe spoiled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dinner party.

- n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

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

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

67. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the memories from his brain.

- v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement

68. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would \_\_\_\_\_ in sympathy if I saw that movie.

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

69. The prime minister decided to reshuffle his \_\_\_\_\_ to regain support.

- n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister

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

- adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 62. nit, 63. cigarette, 64. cotton, 65. mood, 66. par, 67. yank, 68. weep, 69. cabinet, 70. crazy

71. The musician played the five-string \_\_\_\_\_ as part of his folk ensemble.
- n.* a musical instrument with a long neck and a circular body covered in parchment or plastic, which is plucked or strummed to produce a twangy, resonant sound
72. They \_\_\_\_\_ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.
- v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
73. I accidentally backed into my wife's car while backing out of the \_\_\_\_\_ this morning.
- n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles
74. I will go to the \_\_\_\_\_ store to buy food for dinner.
- n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
75. The \_\_\_\_\_ concert was packed with fans.
- adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
76. He placed the coins in a \_\_\_\_ to save for a trip.
- n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
77. Six \_\_\_\_\_ are awaiting trial or verdict.
- n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

ANSWERS: 71. banjo, 72. mounted, 73. driveway, 74. grocery, 75. standing, 76. jar, 77. suits

78. He was the first \_\_\_\_\_ in the military training camp.

*n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team

79. He was \_\_\_\_\_ from his job for stealing company property.

*v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

80. Ghosts in folk \_\_\_\_\_ are almost always malicious.

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

81. I stayed up until \_\_\_\_\_ watching my favorite movie.

*n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

82. This artist always packs the \_\_\_\_\_ halls.

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

83. The troops \_\_\_\_\_ shoulder-to-shoulder.

*v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

84. I love having a cheese and \_\_\_\_\_ platter while watching a movie.

*n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited

85. She took the recommended \_\_\_\_\_ of medication to treat her headache.

*n.* a quantity or amount of medicine or a drug that is taken or administered at one time, typically measured out in specific units; a similar measure of exposure to a harmful substance or radiation

ANSWERS: 78. buddy, 79. sacked, 80. tales, 81. midnight, 82. concert, 83. marched, 84. cracker, 85. dose

86. He grows vegetables in his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
87. Our users are often \_\_\_\_\_ about the slow application.
- v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
88. The \_\_\_\_\_ launch platform is visible from this hill.
- n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
89. The heavy \_\_\_\_\_ fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.
- n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
90. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ at solving complex mathematical equations.
- n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
91. The \_\_\_\_\_ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
- adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
92. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
93. The band played a lively \_\_\_\_\_ tune that got everyone dancing.
- n.* a genre of American traditional music originating from the Appalachian region, typically characterized by lively tempo, acoustic instruments such as banjo, fiddle, and guitar, and close-harmony singing

ANSWERS: 86. backyard, 87. complaining, 88. rocket, 89. cannon, 90. wizard, 91. aft, 92. excited, 93. bluegrass

94. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
95. When she heard about her friend's illness, she fell into a deep \_\_\_\_\_ that lasted for days.
- n.* a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B
96. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
97. My initial reaction was to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
98. The runner had a large \_\_\_\_\_ on her leg after the fall.
- n.* a raised ridge or bump on the surface of a material, such as fabric, leather, or skin; a strip of fabric or material used to reinforce or finish the edges of garments, cushions, or furniture; (verb) to strike or hit something or someone forcefully
99. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the characters in the movie was so realistic, and it was as if they were there.
- n.* the technique of photographing successive drawings or positions of puppets or models to create an illusion of movement when the film is shown as a sequence; enthusiasm and energy in the way you look or behave
100. The company sent a \_\_\_\_\_ to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.
- n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

ANSWERS: 94. invention, 95. funk, 96. stick, 97. refuse, 98. welt, 99. animation, 100. scout

101. The \_\_\_\_\_ emissions from the nearby factory caused the rotten egg smell.
- n.* (also sulphur) a chemical element with the symbol S and atomic number 16, found in many minerals and sulfur compounds, often used in the production of fertilizers, rubber, paper, and other industrial applications
102. I always add a bit of \_\_\_\_\_ to my soup to give it more flavor.
- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
103. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
104. The bear used its \_\_\_\_\_ to catch a fish in the river.
- n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
105. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.
- v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
106. She \_\_\_\_\_ in pain as the doctor examined her injury.
- v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
107. There was no \_\_\_\_\_ of a problem.
- n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
108. The company has filed for a \_\_\_\_\_ to protect its new invention.
- n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

ANSWERS: 101. sulfur, 102. broth, 103. obvious, 104. claw, 105. bury, 106. moaned, 107. hint, 108. patent



109. My family gathers together every year for \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.
- n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
110. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.
- n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
111. Physical therapy can be useful in rehabilitating a \_\_\_\_\_ injury.
- n.* a group of three muscles located on the back of the thigh that are responsible for flexing the knee joint and extending the hip joint; (verb) to impair or disable someone or something by damaging their effectiveness, strength, or power, particularly in a way that restricts movement or agility
112. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.
- v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
113. Her resistance \_\_\_\_\_ under his persuasion.
- v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
114. The farm covers over 200 \_\_\_\_\_ of land.
- n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
115. The roof of the old shed was made of rusty \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes

ANSWERS: 109. thanksgiving, 110. grandchild, 111. hamstring, 112. screw, 113. melted, 114. acres, 115. tin

116. This company has invested heavily in Internet \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
117. This bridge is the third largest \_\_\_\_\_ bridge in the world.
- n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
118. She received her \_\_\_\_\_ in psychology from the university.
- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
119. My father likes to \_\_\_\_ the lawn early on Saturday mornings.
- v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
120. She heard a \_\_\_\_\_ nearly invisible scream.
- adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
121. Manufacturing companies use large sheets of \_\_\_\_\_ to make furniture and fixtures.
- n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
122. \_\_\_\_\_ cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.
- n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
123. Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 116. commerce, 117. steel, 118. degree, 119. mow, 120. faint, 121. plywood, 122. Cone-shaped, 123. grab

124. There are various ways to ward off the \_\_\_\_\_ including prayer and holy water.
- n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
125. The Sun \_\_\_\_\_ and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.
- v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
126. The feudal \_\_\_\_\_ had ruled the land for many years.
- n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
127. The term " \_\_\_\_\_ has become synonymous with acts of homosexuality and is used as a derogatory term for gay people.
- n.* a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men
128. He was \_\_\_\_\_ with joy to see the results.
- adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
129. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.
- v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
130. 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

ANSWERS: 124. devil, 125. flared, 126. lord, 127. Sodom", 128. mad, 129. wade, 130. sink

131. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and \_\_\_\_\_ my dress.  
*v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
132. They adopted a \_\_\_\_\_ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.  
*adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
133. The \_\_\_\_\_ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector  
*n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
134. He beat out a jazz \_\_\_\_\_ on the cajones.  
*n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
135. The restaurant has chefs who \_\_\_\_\_ in beef.  
*v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
136. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ of pearls around her neck.  
*n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
137. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
138. The old rocking chair on the \_\_\_\_\_ creaked as he sat down to read his book.  
*n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards

ANSWERS: 131. singed, 132. pacific, 133. fuel, 134. rhythm, 135. specialize, 136. string, 137. creative, 138. porch

139. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

140. The pilot had to adjust the plane's \_\_\_\_\_ to stay on course.

*n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

141. Cats hate dogs and \_\_\_\_\_ versa.

*n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

142. He is familiar with \_\_\_\_\_ and biology.

*n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

143. An \_\_\_\_\_ curler is a girl's best friend.

*n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

144. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

145. 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.

146. He pressed the \_\_\_\_\_ with all his might, but the car still wouldn't start.

*n.* a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument

ANSWERS: 139. humming, 140. bearing, 141. vice, 142. chemistry, 143. eyelash, 144. engineer, 145. hopped, 146. pedal

147. The \_\_\_\_\_ fought against the government for their independence.  
*n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
148. Each person has a unique \_\_\_\_\_ experience.  
*n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
149. I always wear \_\_\_\_\_ when I go outside, even in the summer.  
*n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
150. I would love to \_\_\_\_\_ camping someday.  
*adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
151. Her choices become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ and creative.  
*adj.* brave and taking risks
152. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
153. This electronic \_\_\_\_\_ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.  
*n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
154. She picked a blue \_\_\_\_\_ from the meadow and placed it in her hair.  
*n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead

ANSWERS: 147. rebels, 148. grief, 149. pants, 150. solo, 151. daring, 152. AI, 153. instrument, 154. daisy

155. The \_\_\_\_\_ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

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

156. He has a short \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

157. He used a \_\_\_\_\_ to lift the car to change the tire.

- n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

158. Memory bandwidth is a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in this computational simulation.

- n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

159. The yellow \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden signaled the arrival of spring.

- n.* a type of spring-flowering plant that has yellow or white petals and a trumpet-shaped center; a symbol of rebirth and renewal

160. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

- v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

161. The firm has grown into a large \_\_\_\_\_ manufacturing.

- adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;

162. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ acting in such an important role.

- v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

ANSWERS: 155. notion, 156. fuse, 157. jack, 158. bottleneck, 159. daffodils, 160. redo, 161. chemical, 162. fancy

163. The software could \_\_\_\_\_ the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

- v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

164. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

165. The unemployment rate in the first \_\_\_\_\_ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

166. The inspector discovered \_\_\_\_\_ bolts under the fuel rods.

- adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

167. The cherry blossoms in the park were in full \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

168. We sat on a \_\_\_\_\_ bale and watched the sunset over the fields.

- n.* grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass

169. Several military \_\_\_\_\_ programs have become popular methods of exercise.

- n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

170. The artist used \_\_\_\_\_ drawing to create a realistic portrait of her subject.

- n.* a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking

ANSWERS: 163. decode, 164. medicinal, 165. quarter, 166. loose, 167. bloom, 168. hay, 169. drill, 170. charcoal



ANSWERS: